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Attendance: **Robert Woolf, Crop Innovations Inc.,** – President
Bobby Gathercole, Grassroots Realty South – 1st VP and Chair
Devin Phalen, ATB Financial – Treasurer
Yumara Coteron, Sunny South Lodge – Corporate Secretary
Daryl Tonin, Stop N’ Go – Director
Clayton Varjassy, Cottonwood Records – Director
Jack Penner, NAPA Auto – Director
Adam Price – Westland Insurance
Darlene Nieboer – DN Mortgages
Brad Sawka – Eden’s Funeral Home

Regrets: **Jack Van Rijn, 476380 Alberta Ltd.** – 2nd VP

Guests: Colleen Van Raalte – Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition or Deletions

MOTION

MSC: B. Gathercole/D. Phalen

BIMT the Board approves the agenda.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGM Meeting – March 19, 2025

MOTION

MSC: J. Penner/D. Phalen

BIMT the Board approves the minutes of March 19, 2025.

Carried

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

-Year in review

-Annual Awards and Appreciation banquet did well as our major fundraiser

-Job Fair is coming up on April 16, 2026

-Farmers’ Market is in the works to take place this summer. This is an exciting venture for the Coaldale Chamber to spearhead. Other participants include the Town of Coaldale and the Coaldale & District Agricultural society.

-We have seen growth in the Chamber with new membership. We are also looking for more members to sit with us on the board.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Presentation of the 2026 budget.
- First part of the document indicates our core operations and expenses.
- Second part of the document indicates our initiatives at the committee level.
- Some committees make more money, and some spend more as well.
- We balance all the committees together as one unit.
- The discretionary spending is based on funds generated by each committee.
- We budget low in the beginning.
- For the Farmers' Market committee, our goal is to run this initiative as cost neutral as we are hoping to secure external sponsorship.
- For the Elections committee, we ran two elections last year - Provincial and Municipal. We have set aside funds for any additional elections that may be called in the unforeseeable future.
- A question was raised as to whether the Chamber would participate in any future referendum initiatives. It was affirmed that the Coaldale Chamber would likely engage in this area as part of its political advocacy and engagement strategy. However, participation would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Presentation of the Coaldale Chamber of Commerce statement of financial position as of December 31, 2025.
- No more questions concerning the budget or financial positions were raised.

6. ELECTIONS

- The Board of Directors is structured with staggered terms to ensure a rolling turnover, with no more than half of the board changing in any given year.
- Current director terms that have expired are for Jack Panner, Daryl Tonnin, Clayton Varjassy and Yumara Coteron.
- We have a new member, Darlene Nieboer from DN Mortgages has indicated her willingness to participate at the board level.

MOTION

MSC: B. Gathercole / D. Phalen

BIMT Bobby Gathercole nominates Jack Panner, Daryl Tonnin, Clayton Varjassy, Yumara Coteron and Darlene Nieboer to serve as Directors on the Board of the Coaldale Chamber of Commerce. All members accept the nomination.

**BIFMT the Chamber members present support the nomination and election of Jack Panner, Daryl Tonnin, Clayton Varjassy, Yumara Coteron and Darlene Nieboer to serve as a Director on the Board of the Coaldale Chamber of Commerce for a two-year term.
Carried**

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- None at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

MC: J. Penner

BIMT the AGM meeting of March 4, 2026 is adjourned.