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**FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
June 10, 2019

The June 10, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Melissa Collins with 44 persons present. Renee Lindsay introduced guest Donna Wright, Eureka Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. Thomas Stratton, Humboldt County Fair Association, introduced himself as a guest.

Correspondence included the following announcements: Fortuna Chamber Board Nomination Ballot; The GLC, Fortuna Kiwanis Club; Redwood Coast Energy Authority program for LED lighting incentives; Ridgetop Café & Coffee Barn dinner menu; CR's free Sign Language Class; Fortuna Fireworks Festival; Wild Souls Ranch *Sip of Summer*; Eel River Brewing Company's *Shuck Yeah!*; North Coast Growers' Association Farmers' Markets; Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission *Movies in the Park*; Fortuna AutoXpo Calendar; Chili Cookoff Application; Fundraiser for Blaine Cezario; Breast & GYN Health Project *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Vacation Benefit Raffle*; County of Humboldt *Humboldt Wind Public Comment*; Wild Souls Ranch June Chamber Mixer; Planning Commission Agenda; and Rodeo Association Sponsorship opportunities.

Melissa Collins thanked C.C. Catering for lunch.

Renee Lindsay announced that the 2019-2022 Board Nomination Ballots were mailed out. The Board will tally the votes and announce the elected board members on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Monday Club. Eel River Brewing Company's Shuck Yeah! event will be Saturday, June 15 from 1-7:00 p.m. Be on the lookout for Membership Renewal letters in the mail. The Chamber has added some new sponsorship opportunities and membership enhancement packages.

Becky Giacomini announced the ribbon cutting at Left in Stitches immediately following the meeting. An Ambassador lunch will be held at Eel River Brewing Co on Wednesday, June 12 at 11:45 a.m. A ribbon cutting on Monday, June 17 for Humboldt Equity will take place at 1:15 p.m. Next week is the June Chamber mixer at Wild Souls Ranch.

Pat Whitchurch reported on the upcoming Rodeo and asked for Rodeo volunteers.

Dianna Rios gave a recap of Art & Wine in the Park. She reported that attendance had been great and that the vendors were happy. She thanked the sponsors of the "Sip and Create" activity: McLean Foundation, Redwood Capital Bank, US Bank, Coast Central Credit Union, and Mandi Ross Insurance Agency. The winners of the "beverage bucks" giveaways were Dr. Alan French, Karen Gardner, and Phillip Johnson.

Ray Lovell announced the Pancake Breakfasts during Rodeo Week and AutoXpo weekend.

Doug Floraday of Express Employment announced a free webinar on June 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. about creating an emergency action plan for the workplace.

Donna Wright invited Chamber members to come visit their new Biz HQ workspace at 612 G Street in Eureka. They have workspace rentals for as little as \$15 day. Come enjoy a free cup of coffee and see what they have to offer.

Sean Swanson from River Life Foundation announced a City clean up on Saturday, June 15 at 8:45 a.m. They'll meet at McDonald's. Lunch is included.

Thomas Stratton from the Humboldt County Fair Association handed out sponsorship packets for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Humboldt County Fair. He thanked Fortuna Grocery Outlet for being the first to sponsor. He also thanked Simon Rios of Lotus Mountain for designing this year's poster. He announced that you can now buy tickets online for the Fair.

**Guest Speaker: Natalynne DeLapp, Terra-Gen**

Natalynne DeLapp gave a brief overview of the proposed Humboldt Wind Project along Bear River and Monument ridge tops.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay  
Recording Secretary