

## **Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Regular Meeting**

**July 29, 2025**

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on July 29, 2025 at the Tin Cupboard along with the Fort Recovery Merchant Association.

**Members Present:** Mandy Wendel, Nikki Kremer, Holly Bihn, Maria Bruns, Judy Wood, Laura Wenning, Eric Brackman, Shawn Robinson, Aaron Rengers, Janelle Braun, Jill Andrews, JoAnne Glentzer

**Secretary Report:** Janelle made a motion to approve the previous month meeting minutes, seconded by Laura.

**Chamber Treasurer Report:** Presented by Eric

Checking Account Beginning Balance:	\$8,369.44
Disbursements:	\$3,989.85
Receipts:	\$2,375.00
Checking Account Ending Balance:	\$6,754.59
Cash On Hand:	\$0

(\$5 Additional PO Box Renewal Fees)

Scholarship Fund:	\$9,695.18
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<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$16,454.77</b>
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Nikki made motion to approve, seconded by Maria.

**Merchants Treasurer Report:** Not available

## **Old Business:**

### **Chamber:**

- Golf Outing - Held July 10<sup>th</sup> – Raised \$2,800 for future Chamber donations
- Chamber/Merchant Renewals - Please return to PO Box 671 or Eric Brackman

## **New Business:**

### **Chamber:**

- Banquet Planning
  - o Looking to move banquet to a weekday in March (9, 10 or 11<sup>th</sup>?)
  - o Looking at using Legion if held on a weekday – more information to come
- 2025-2027 Officers
  - o VP – Looking for a volunteer- Thomas Shaw may be willing to serve as VP

### **Merchants Association:**

- Tractor Pull Follow-up: Looking to sell pints of ice cream – more information will be posted.
- Planning a Fall Open House on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Looking to do punch cards to encourage visiting every participating business. Golden Hour Gathering
- Fall Fest following Hallowen Parade – October 26<sup>th</sup>. Looking to do scarecrow judging contest during the week. Businesses can sponsor a scarecrow and sign up to help with games.
- WOW Stand - Looking for volunteers to fill the 5:30 – 9 & 9-Close Shift on Saturday. Contact Maria if you're able to help work a shift!
- Super Soccer Sunday – discussed offering slushies

**Village:**

- Speaker Project – Materials are in, Brandon will start installing. Mike Caldwell may assist
  - o Looking for donations to cover the uncovered cost.
- Stop Light – Target date of August 15<sup>th</sup> to install the stop light at Wayne & Butler.
- Water Tower – In-service now. Waiting on electric to finish project up
- Fiscal Officer Trainee – Position was posted for Village fiscal officer. Bert plans to retire mid-June of 2026.
- Well Drilling at Community Park - Will resume drilling in hopes of finding more pressure
- Community Reinvestment Act - Ask Aaron Rengers if you have any questions on this
- Income Tax Levy - Ask Aaron Rengers if you have any questions. Will remove real estate taxes and switch to income tax
- Digital Sign - Donated by Jim Cooper - Looking to install in VanTrees park to serve the town

**Opera House:**

- New facade hoping to be installed in the next few weeks

**Ambassadors:**

- Tractor pulls past weekend
- Looking at ideas to fundraise for new bridge, lunch stand & bathrooms up top

**Project Recovery:**

- Christmas Lights Update: Historical Society will take care of Log Cabin, Museum will pay for the Museum, Wendel Family Foundation Funds will pay for monument,
  - o Looking to cover the downtown trees expense

**Historical Society:**

- Planning for America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Looking to form committee to plan celebration.

**Other Notes/Business Updates:**

- Jodi Grover, CNP of Mercer Health has returned to Fort Recovery office 3 days a week

**Upcoming Events:**

- 08/03 @ 7 PM No Fences (Garth Brooks Tribute) Hein Ampitheater
- 08/22 & 08/23 WOW Super Raffle

Janelle made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 AM at the Tin Cupboard.