

Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce & Merchant Association Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on February 24 at The Tin Cupboard

Members Present: Aaron Rengers, Laura Wenning, JoAnne Glentzer, Shawn Robinson, Randy Diller, Ted Romer, Holly Bihn, Amy Wendel, Jill Andrews, Maria Bruns, Jenni Smith, Daisy Muhlenkamp, Lacey Heinrichs, Mandy Diller, Neil Spencer, Keshia Willmann

Secretary Report: Jenni made a motion to approve the previous month meeting minutes, seconded by Jill the January report (As no meeting)

Chamber Treasurer Report: Keshia made a motion to approve the previous month meeting minutes, seconded by Laura the January report (As no meeting)

Ted made a motion to approve the previous month meeting minutes, seconded by Maria the January report (As no meeting)

Merchants Treasurer Report: JoAnne read minutes, approved by Jill, seconded by Daisy

Chamber:

- Chamber Banquet is Monday, March 9th, 2026 at the American Legion, doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6 PM, awards to begin at 6:45 p.m.
 - All recipients have been notified!
- 2nd annual Golf outing – at Portland Country Club – looking for July 10th.

Merchants Association:

- Spring Open House – A Simple Touch will have some events going on, March 7th will be having candle making, sales the week of, any business is welcome to join and the Merchant and Chamber will help advertise sales, events, etc. Let Laura know
- March 21st will be having the bunny hop around town. Last year did an egg on the window and had those who wished to participate match up the egg on their paper and turn their participation paper in at the library for a chance to win a gift basket! – similar to last year. Please let Laura know if you would like to participate and/or give to the basket.

Village:

- Congratulations to Randy Diller, his last day will be 2/28/26. There will be an “Open House” Retirement party at the Copper Pavillion on Friday, 2/27 from 1-4 p.m. See attached.
- Amy Wendel and Shawn Thobe were appointed to the two vacant positions on Town Council

- There have been a couple new street lights installed on Boundary Street recently.
- The Taste of town will be June 18th, No Jubilee Bucks will accepted as this is going to be ran as separate event from the Jubilee.

School:

- Moana Jr, the high school play was put into production last week, it was a short, fun play, with lots of support from the community.
- FFA Week this week – tomorrow, 2/25 is the FFAC Breakfast from 6-8 AM in the commons
- Next week is right to read week, they will be having the Breakfast with Books for kids and parents/adult to come and read a book and enjoy a donut!
- Sports
 - o Boys Basketball will play, 2/26 for their tournament game
 - o Girls basketball and swim have wrapped their seasons up
 - o Boys and Girls bowling will be heading to state!! Thursday, there will be a send off!

State Bowling Send Off 25-26

Thursday, Feb. 26th, 2026

- 2:25 p.m.** Bowling teams will be dismissed from class.
Coaches meet in the HS Commons
- 2:30 p.m.** Fire truck and police will meet by the Commons. Bowlers will get on the Fire truck.
- 2:30 p.m.** Pictures in the commons (Lindsey R.)
- 2:38 p.m.** HS classes will begin exiting to the front of the school for Send Off.
- 2:40 p.m.** Fire truck will leave HS commons.
- 2:45 p.m.** EMS Classes out back for send off.
- 2:50 p.m.** Businesses on brick street come outside

Send Off Route- Leave HS commons, turn right on High street, head east on St Rt 119, turn south on Williams St, continue to the back of the EMS, head north on William St, head west on 119, turn right at the stop light and go down the brick street, turn right on St Rt 49, continue on St Rt 49, turn left on Fremont street and return back at the HS commons.

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- Coming up, the Athletic Boosters and the school are looking into improvement projects at the Football Field for the coming years.
- Currently looking into staffing for next school years students needs

Jubilee: always looking for volunteers and ideas, meetings have resumed, 2nd Wednesday of the month at Town Hall at 7 PM

- Jamie Fortkamp and Amy Wendel are going to have their donation garage sale again this year – see attached for information!

Community Foundation:

Grant Distribution request are due by March, reviewed and delivered in May

Project Recovery/Historical Society:

- All the plaques downtown are up now. Cora Pearson, as a Girl Scout project is looking to add a QR code to tell more about them. – working with Historical Society
- Christmas lights went over well, are all down and in storage
- Santa House is going to the shop to get a new roof and possibly some other upgrades
- One of a Kind Auction will be sometime in October, it's the 25th anniversary of the event. Mary and Randy last year to chair the event.
- Opera House is waiting on it's occupancy and some other loose ends. It's getting close!

Other Notes/Business Updates:

- Daisy said that Cardinal Waste Service contacted her about garbage disposal at her business, if you are interested, please contact Daisy with questions.
- TKN Enterprises is new Chamber Members
- As well as Carpet Clean Up and Tobe's Power washing
- The Fort Recovery Dairy sold – to Lydia Dippold and Jenny Dippold
 - o Thank you to the Abels' for the last 8 years!

Upcoming Events:

- Community garage sales – April 16 – 18th
- Sorority's Brick Street Market – April 25th from 10-2 on the Brickstreet, with kids corner, food trucks, Art Show, Puppet Show, Vendors and of course supporting our local businesses!
- Car Show
- Spring Cruise in: May 8th, 2026 (6 p.m. - 9 p.m.)
- Jubilee – June 19 – 21st
- Taste of Town – June 18th
- Bunny Hop – March 21st
- 250th American Celebration will be July 25th (more details to come!) see the attached for a yard sign promotion.

Ted made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 31st, at 7:45 AM at the Tin Cupboard.