

Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of July 15, 2025

Present: Debbie Atkins, Amy McEathron, Robert Sligar, Faye Waterman, Nancy Rome, Rachel Vary, Stacy Faunce

Zoom: Jen Premo, Kristy O'Shaughnessy, Kelly Shanahan, Brittany Fults

Absent: Lydia Young, Derek Davis, Robert Kuklinca, Robert Hayes, Tiffany Queary, Jessica Bowline

Guests: Keith Gipson YMCA, Christine Bamberg Library (Summer Youth @ the library Kingston, Chase, Asher, Kennedy.)

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm by President Amy McEathron

Minutes could not be approved, at the time not enough members in attendance.

Presidents report:

Amy McEathron, just beginning this position not a lot to report other than the 1st Weather Camera is up and running!

Treasurer's report:

- Rob Sligar The Carthage Savings & Loan CD is 12 month was renewed June 26th. Our bank account looks great now, just remember a lot of our big bills get paid during the summer months, with the fireworks festival and the Sounds of Summer Concert Series. Along with the many tv 7 commercials.

Finance report:

- Profits and loss by the end of the season will be caught up.
- Membership dues are up from our goal, Great Job Deb
- Grants renewals were mailed July 1st. Net income is mainly dues, and we are in a good spot.

Everyone received report

Executive Director report:

See attached report.

Open Forum:

None

Old Business:

- Jefferson County Summer Youth employment – Zoey Schnapp is our intern this summer and she is working out GREAT.
- ASCAP licensing for live music is Completely caught up, reports were due from 2023, 2024 & 1st quarter of 2025.
- 1 Weather Camera has been installed on the IMEC building, the ITech Team is giving the chamber 4 total cameras for the \$2000.00 originally quoted.
- 37 Home Town Hero Banners have been received and will be placed in the Village of Carthage, Town of Wilna & Town of Champion next week.
- Fireworks Festival – Fireworks were amazing, there were 3 food trucks at Turning Point Park, 1 novelty vendor, 2 Farmers Market Vendors, and VFW Post 7227 had a table set up. Rob S. brought 2 blowup games and the CCS Pop Warner Cheer Team manned the games and sold bottled water. There was 1 food truck at the Carthage Hospitals office building in

W. Carthage and the Ice Cream Truck. Thank you cards will be sent to Jordan Johnson, CCS Cheer Team, Williamson Services and Brandon Fargo porta potties.

New Business:

- Secretary position is now open
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS -Committee sign up sheet is now available for all members to offer to be on an event committee.
- Block Party – Rob S. stated fireworks contract has been signed. Party date is August 22nd.
- Business Awards – a committee meeting will take place end of August, Business Person of the Year applications will be published by August 1st.

Ft. Drum:

- Looking for a liaison from Ft. Drum to be on the chamber board.

Carthage School:

- Summer based STEM program has seen 300 students!
- Close to scheduling the capital project again looking at the week of October 27th. They are looking to set up transportation, A possibility to do BAH on October 28th

Library: Christina informed the members of the upcoming July and August activities.

They have passes to sign out for a lot of local activities such as the wild center, Enchanted Forest, the library has 5 summer youth helpers this year, they have been helping at the Wednesday VFW Brunches. Christina has been scheduling dates to be at the Farmers Market to encourage the Story Walks, Brick Book Paintings, etc.

YMCA: Keith Gipson reported during end of July and August there is basement work being done. August 11 – 13 is Gymnastics camp.

Carthage Hospital:

Upcoming Community Activities: Elks Annual Golf Tournament to support the YMCE on July 19th. Debbie A will be sending via email info regarding a possible motivational speaker to come to Carthage, will also look at the Dueling Piano.

Next meeting Wednesday August 13, 2025 / noon/ Village of Carthage Board Room

No further business, all consented meeting closed, by Rob Sligar and 2nd by Stacy Faunce at 1:01pm

Submitted by
Deborah Atkins
Recording Secretary