

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by President Danielle Kline.
2. **Thank you to NWTC for hosting:** Upcoming class offerings and community opportunities were presented.

3. **Introductions and Membership Updates:**

Chique Tousey-Tabar, **Machickanee X-C Ski Club:** April 20th garbage clean up

Carrie Hill, **Newcap:** various programs available to community members, contact Carrie Hill for more information

Alexa, **Encompass:** opening planned for June 10th, job postings are online, ribbon cutting is forthcoming in June, annual celebration in Green Bay is May 16th

Kevin Malnor, **Tri-County United Way:** Seeking Board members, Transporting Oconto County project work is being done

Ken Harter, **FFA Alumni/Oconto Falls School District/St. Anthony Parish:** CDE are going on for students; middle school is ahead of schedule and under budget; St. Anthony School Auction is April 6th, K of C Fish Fry March 22nd.

After many years on the Board of Education, this is Ken's last term. Congratulations and thank you for your years of service!

Ann Senn, **Keller Williams:** update on recent changes to real estate commissions

Emily Posusta, **Flagstar/Boy Scouts:** ribbon cutting coming up after rebranding, DEI grant money available; Girls can join scouting too! Female Eagle Scout is working on her project.

Ginny O'Harrow, **O'Harrow's Family Farm/HSHS St. Clare:** Please be patient on the roads as farmers begin spring work; Chris Brabant wishes to share that HSHS in Oconto Falls is going strong.

Danielle Kline, **New View Industries:** hiring summer help and full time positions

Ashley Bahrke, **Oconto Falls Lioness Club:** Registration and sponsorship opportunities are now available for the annual Dash O.F. Color event, The Lioness Club is seeking organizations or individuals to assist with the Avenue of Lights project.

4. **Reports**

- a. Secretary - no changes/additions/corrections
- b. Treasurer - report passed out, no changes/additions/corrections

Thursday, March 21st • 12:00 p.m. • NWTC, 649 Jackson Street, Oconto Falls

Board meetings: 2nd Wednesday 7:30 a.m., monthly **Membership meetings:** 3rd Thursday January – November (noon or 7:30 a.m.)

- c. Communications (website, newsletter, welcome signs, calendar, social media): To have items included on the Calendar, Newsletter, or Social Media submit information to the Chamber e-mail (ocountofallschamber@gmail.com). The welcome signs have been updated and will be taken care of by Scott. Any information you'd like on them should be sent to him at ocountofallsscott@gmail.com.
- d. Membership
 - i. Chamber Bucks – Sales are going well, and Chamber Bucks are available to purchase.
- e. City Administrator: Peter Wills advised that Memorial Field and beach improvements are being considered. The fire station should be finished in late May. There has been some residential and industrial development interest recently.

5. Events

- a. Concerts are all booked. Applications are available for groups/organizations to facilitate the 50/25/25 at the concerts. 50% goes to the winner, 25% each to the charity and the chamber.
 - i. Friday, June 28th: Adam Trask - Classic Rock
 - ii. Friday, July 26th: Breakfast Club - 80's Pop
 - iii. Friday, August 16th: The Drive West Band - Rock, R&B and Country
- b. Leadership Oconto County: The program group went to Madison in March to meet with local representatives and senators, as well as staff from the Governor's office and Justice Jill Karofsky. Next month's focus is industry and agriculture. It's time to think about signing up for LOC 2024-25!
- c. Community events: NEW Credit Union Easter Bunny event on March 29; Bluey Open House at St. Anthony School on April 12th; Election Day is Tuesday, April 2nd; WI Singers (OFHS) on April 6th; Nick Baumgartner at Oconto Falls Library on April 15; Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt on March 23rd at Fox Ridge Game Farm.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Membership Survey: Thank you to everyone who filled out the membership survey! The results indicate that morning and noon meetings are preferred. We will be adding in more morning meetings to meet this request. There is also a desire for social events, so watch for information on our first one coming up in April.

7. New Business

- a. Social Event: Thursday, April 11th from 6-8 PM at Salscheider's Antique Bar, bring coworkers, friends, and family. Light refreshments will be served along with a cash bar.
- b. Community Garden
 - i. Sponsorship: A motion was made by Chique, seconded by Carrie to donate \$1000 to the community garden. Motion carried.
 - ii. Adopt-A-Plot: Information was handed out for adopting a plot to assist with the area of the garden that benefits the Kingdom Come Food Pantry and Nurse's Nook. Please ask Angie or Ashley if you have questions about this program or are interested in volunteering.

Next Meeting:

**Thursday, April 18th at 12:00 PM hosted by Flagstar Bank,
held at Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main Street, Oconto Falls**