# Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce

# Meeting Minutes

## January 21, 2021

## 7:30 A.M.

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly Board meeting for December

**Meeting Facilitator:** Scott Donihue, Vice Chair, Interim Board Chair

**Invitees:** Jim Taipalus, Sandi Miller, Scott Donihue, Deb Fasick, Amanda Honeywell, Mike Prince, Cyndi Young, Ciarra Rumph, Kelly LoPresto (guest), Sam Waldvogel (guest)

*\*Amanda Honeywell abstains from voting*

1. **Call to order:**
   1. Roll call: Jim Taipalus, Sandi Miller, Scott Donihue, Deb Fasick, Amanda Honeywell, Mike Prince, Cyndi Young, Ciarra Rumph, Kelly LoPresto (guest)
2. **Guest Opportunity to Speak:**
   1. Kelly LoPresto: Vacant building in downtown and vacant land. Gift card program-863 gift cards and $8630 back to the community.
   2. Sam Waldvogel: Absent
3. **Approval of Minutes / Amanda Honeywell:**
   1. Sandi Miller approved  
      Cyndi Young seconded  
      All approved.
4. **Discussion of Financials / Mike Prince:** 
   1. Still need to move savings over from CNB but checking is now at American 1 CU. Reports not available at this time.
5. **New business:**
6. **Old business:**
   1. Chamber Open Positions:
      1. Chairman: Letter of invite for board meetings is being sent out with invoices.
      2. Ambassador: Cyndi Young suggested Grace VanCamp from Flagstar bank as a good lead.
   2. Location / Scott Donihue
      1. Empty space between Dr. Ryan’s office. $10-15K to renovate space in exchange for rent. Get access and walk through it together.
         1. Cyndi Young Motioned  
            Deb Fasick Seconded  
            All in favor
   3. Chamber Operations:
      1. PO Box: Deb Fasick agreed to help with taking on the second key.
   4. Web Design Open Invoice / Amanda Honeywell:
      1. Cyndi Young Motioned  
         Scott Donihue Seconded  
         All in favor
   5. EIDL / Jim Taipalus
      1. Below is the link to the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) that we discussed at the end of today's meeting.  This is not a forgivable loan, but it is a 2.75% fixed 30-year loan that does not have to be paid on until 2022.  We do not qualify for the forgivable PPP loan as we did not incur any payroll expenses in 2020.  I believe this would be a good option if we are going to move forward with a building and a potential employee for the Chamber.  In my opinion this will allow us to put in place the necessary components to create a successful Chamber if the bylaws allow us to do so.  I am afraid if we wait until the next meeting to vote on this, we will miss the window for funding as these funds have depleted very quickly in the last round of stimulus money.  I recommend that if we find out that we can in fact move forward with borrowing the funds that we do an electronic roll call vote and apply asap.  <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/covid-19-economic-injury-disaster-loans>
7. **Adjournment: 8:12 am**