

**Kountze Chamber of Commerce**  
**City Hall**  
**July 13, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Denise Duke (LifeShare), Kathy von Feldt (Benchmark Plumbing), D'Ann White (WhiteHall Crafts), Daniel White (FBC), David & Cindy Reed (Angel Gardens), ReJena Bolton (Health Dept.), and Elaine Allums

D'Ann White called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

D'Ann White acknowledged the need for a President Pro Tem, since Lauri Thompson was unable to attend. Lauri Thompson had recommended ReJena Bolton to fill in for her. Daniel White seconded the recommendation. All in favor, motion carried. ReJena Bolton would moderate the meeting.

There was some discussion of whether a quorum was present. It was established that since there were two officers and two board members present, thereby representing over half of the board, that there was indeed a quorum.

Invocation was led by Daniel White.

The Chamber welcomed Denise Duke as a new member.

Daniel White moved to accept minutes as presented by email. It was seconded by Kathy von Feldt. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Kathy von Feldt. The current balance is \$21,229.29. The fiscal year ended as of June 30, 2017 and she is currently working on the year end taxes.

Blueberry Festival Followup---Kathy von Feldt stated that there was an incident at the Festival and that someone broke the lid on the septic tank. She is asking the Chamber to consider repairing that for Angel Gardens. D'Ann White so moved, and Daniel White seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commercials---Daniel White moved to table discussion until August. David Reed seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Media Consultant---Denise Duke presented her proposal to help the Chamber maintain an online presence. There will be a six month consulting retainer of \$250 per month (for a total of \$1500), for ten hours per month. This would include maintaining the website (including the event page, membership page, and contact info), and connecting with social media (including posting pictures). She stated that the price could be renegotiated after six months and then set to a maintenance fee. She has consulted for ten years, working with small business. She suggested the Chamber may want to consider selling banner ads for the website to potentially offset the costs involved in maintaining the website. ReJena Bolton offered to send something food related from the Health Department to add to the website monthly. D'Ann White moved to accept the proposal. Kathy von Feldt seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Member Nomination---Larry Shows has moved, and his vacant board member position needs to be filled. Kathy von Feldt suggested approaching a large business owner to join the board as a mentor to small businesses. It was agreed by general consensus to pursue this.

It was decided by general consensus to send an email poll to try to determine a meeting time where more people could attend. Options to be given: breakfast, noon, or evening meetings.

The Alabama Coushatta Leader was unable to attend the meeting.

ReJena Bolton gave a short program for the Health Department about adult immunizations and ImmTrac.

Elaine Allums mentioned that several people have asked about a community cleanup. Daniel White suggested that we maybe plan for October but to table any discussion until August. It was decided by general consensus to table until August.

Kathy von Feldt moved to adjourn. Daniel White seconded. All in favor, motion carried.