

Chamber Discusses Billboard

The quarterly meeting of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce was held on February 20 at the Information Center.

Reports were heard from representatives that were present:

- City – Airport upgrades are being made with financing of 90% federal, 5% state and 5% local. Additional hangers are being planned. Dollar General has plans to open in Eureka with construction of a 9,000 sq. ft. building. This will add new employment opportunities and the demolition of an old building. The city is advertising for a full-time city employee and a minimum of 3 lifeguards. A grant has been approved for street reconstruction near the school. In a recent Rural Development inspection, the bathrooms in the municipal building were determined to be lacking handicap accessibility and a solution is being sought. All contracts have been signed for the new well, but warm temperatures have created problems for moving heavy equipment to Eureka. Once it is here, it will take about 2 weeks to complete the project.
- ECDC – Austin Hoffman presented a seminar on Wills and Trusts, and since it was so well attended it will be presented again on Sunday, March 5 at 1:00 PM at the Information Center and it is free to the public. A 12-month training for the community will be beginning soon, and will be through Dakota Resources with Paula Jensen as the facilitator for Eureka. Everyone who has ideas for the future of Eureka will be asked to attend a large community meeting in late spring or early summer and details will be explained at that time. The annual meeting will be Friday, March 24 at 7:00 PM at the school lunchroom and speakers will be from local businesses.
- Schmeckfest – A new committee headed by Clyde Ottenbacher, Kaytlin Pelton, and Hunter Heinrich is making plans for the annual event. It will be held the third weekend in September in 2017, and events so far are a parade, meal, vendor fair, car show, and tractor show. The committee is planning to add more events for children and young-to-middle-aged people. They are just beginning their planning, so details will be made public as plans continue to be set.

Chamber will make a \$250 donation to the copier service provided by ECDC. The billboard by Bowdle is very faded and needs to be removed or repaired. Legalities and solutions will be worked on and discussed at the next meeting. There will also be an election of officers at the next meeting, which will be Monday, April 17 at 7:00 PM at the Information Center.

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