

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 8:30 am
161 Building, Columbus, WI
Google meet: meet.google.com/qhb-mnaf-pvt
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The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am by Katie Nichols. Members present: David Bennett, Suzanne Walcott, Barbara Oelke, Nick Sharrow, and Tommy Kempfer.
Motion by Barbara Oelke, second by Nick Sharrow to approve the agenda. Carried

Minutes from June 6, 10, 2025 digital minutes and June 10, 2025 monthly were reviewed, motion by Katie Nichols, second by David Bennett to approve minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: Katie Nichols announced that she would not be seeking a second term on the chamber board but would be willing to assist with the Wine Walk and Holiday Hop. Suzanne Walcott mentioned that she would not be extending her time on the chamber board.

Katie Nichols mentioned that we still have two active websites, and the old one has not been redirected. She will contact Patti and Bob at Web Wisconsin about the issue.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled

Digital Report: Cheryl Besaw sent in a report and continues to make posts. Encourages all members to extend their "friends" and get the activities of the chamber and its businesses more views.

Old Business:

No Update on Red Bud Days

Website update: Web redirect needs to be completed as mentioned above. Minutes should be posted after approved by the board. We should only post the minutes from 2024 forward for now.

Handbook: We set up a committee meeting to complete the review of the Handbook. We will meet at Coffee Garage on July 15, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Need to get the additional membership tags delivered.

Ribbon cutting at Divinity Design went well and the business has already expanded into the other front section of 146 W Mill Street.

New Business:

Wine Walk is being moved to October 18th to try to include more businesses and crafters. Katie Nichol along with Cheryl Besaw will plan and coordinate the event.

Events.com, the platform for our community calendar and events, is updating the site with reverse publishing, taking calendar information provided and coordinating it on that platform. Because we have been with them for some time, there will be minimal monthly costs, and they will export weekly or biweekly. Before we make any final decisions, we need to evaluate the budget and look at the design.

Other Business: Prairie Ridge Health Center is holding a golf classic on August 8, 2025
Motion by Katie Nichol to sponsor up to \$250 for a team of two (\$125 each golfer).
Second by Nick Sharrow. Motion carried. Tommy Kempfer will represent the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion by Tommy Kempfer to adjourn, second by Nick Sharrow. Motion Carried

David Bennett will run the next meeting on August 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Walcott, Secretary