

Present:

Justin
Bristow
Amanda Milheim
Bryonna Barton
Chris Rupp
Heather Warren



Absent:

Tim Comer
Corey Cagle

Guests:

Mackenzie – Foster Coffee

Executive Director:

Vacant

**December 18, 2025 Meeting
Minutes**

Meeting call to order by Bryonna Barton @ 8 AM @ ERMC

Next meeting January 15, 2026 @ 7:30 AM @ ER City Hall

Secretary's Report

Amanda presented the meeting minutes from November's board meeting for review. ***A motion was made by Heather Warren to accept the meeting minutes as read. Justin Bristow seconded. Motion passed.***

Treasurer's Report

Justin presented the financial report to the board. Bryonna reported the sale of two Monopoly boards. A \$100 donation was received from a participant in the Christmas parade. Two new businesses joined the Chamber: Lake and Land Boat and RV Storage, and Top Notch Tree Care. The current balance is over \$9,000, with the Budget vs. Actual showing a surplus of \$696. ***A motion was made by Amanda Milheim to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Chris Rupp. Motion passed.***

Justin then presented the proposed 2026 budget and reviewed it in detail. ***A motion was made by Heather Warren to accept the new budget for 2026 and Just Bristow seconded. Motion passed.***

President's Report

The President Report was led by Bryonna Barton.

Hometown Family Christmas – The overall organization of the parade was well received. The email sent to participants, along with the parade map, was noted as very helpful. It was suggested to explore additional sound coverage for the parade, as well as improved sound support for the choir. A sound check with the DJ prior to the event was also recommended.

Executive Director Position – The board decided to table the position at this time and revisit the matter in the future. ***A motion to table the decision for consideration by a future committee was made by Justin Bristow and seconded by Chris Rupp. The motion passed.***

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The next Early RisERS is on Friday, January 23 at Foster Coffee

The Annual Chamber Board Retreat followed this meeting on December 18 at Eaton Rapids Medical Center at 9:45 AM

Meeting adjourned by Bryonna Barton at 9:36 AM

Submitted by: Amanda Milheim

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