

**BIG BEND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Meeting called to order:**

6:14 pm

**JULY 10, 2025 MEETING**

**Directors present:** Karen Drinkard, **Katheran Crawford**, Donnie **Daniels**,  
**Mackenzie** Brooks, Mike Minnick, Chris **Tschacher**, Arick Sandman, **Amy Law**.

**Members and Guests:** Shawn Shields, Rick Gupman,  
**Alex Manona**

**Presentation of Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting was emailed and reviewed, Arick made a motion to accept the minutes, Donnie seconds, all in favor, minutes are accepted **President report:** A Selection/Nominating

Committee is needed for the next board, requirements are approaching different local individuals responsible to strengthen business in the community and review the bylaws, Katheran is looking for a volunteer to chair this committee, Karen volunteered to chair with help from all board members

Treasurer report: **Membership** account

\$21,717.37

**HOT** account \$17,861.87 prior to committed fund requests

**Social Media:** Shawn reported spending \$50.00 to Facebook for promotion of 4th of July event which brought in some followers, Instagram gained new followers, she also added the minutes to the website and posted the agenda on Facebook

**Membership report:** Donnie reported that Lajitas and Tolbert paid dues, Donnie is chairing the membership committee, BBCC is transitioning to an automated system for dues, sent out the 15 of the month and due by end of month, it does not matter when it is paid, the annual membership is due according to the date on file

**BBNP:** Rick reported summer visitation is down (as expected) for the summer but still up from last year, Basin restaurant and hotel are still closed for planned construction, BBNP is reducing services still, next week is on site visit for bidders for the construction project, rain and flooding has closed Santa Elena

Canyon, elevated roadway construction **is planned** for **Santa Elena this fall**, Hot Springs is also closed **and will** need work to the **trails** due to **the** flooding of the river  
**BBRSP: Alex reported Saucedo is** closed for **the** summer **due to** flooding, TXDOT is working to regrade **the** roads, boat ramps **are** still not in good condition and cannot be repaired until October, Upper Madera construction **begins mid September**,  
**BBRSP hiring: a seasonal** customer service representative at Barton Warnock posting in **September**, a maintenance **3** position, Superintendent at Saucedo, and a heavy machine operator at Saucedo, **BBRSP** has a **new** park police officer also, new concessions **contracts** being renewed **many** from Sul Ross

**Events Committee: Katheran presented** a report showing **this year** verses **last years** numbers from the 4th of **July parade** event for TFEMS, **the numbers** were down **this year**, **the** donations were down **significantly this year**, **Katheran proposes to round up** and use **difference** to contribute \$1,500.00 to TFEMS, **Karen motions to spend \$1,013.00 from Membership account** for TFEMS **donation** to bump **the** total donation up from **last** year, Chris seconds, Amy abstains, all others **in** favor, motion carries, **Budget Committee: An annual report was needed to give to the** county commissioners for HOT, **Katheran and Amy drew up a budget for 2025-2026 showing a breakdown of** expenses asking for \$50,000.00, **Karen motions to ask** the commissioners for \$50,000.00 **Arick** seconds, **all** in favor, motion

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**Advertising Committee: Shawn wants to put pictures from BBRSP for the advertisement with BigBend Mountain and Trails Magazine, she will take some pictures and email option for a vote, New Business: Membership plaques or some kind of membership appreciation token is still an ongoing idea, Karen will get with Donnie and Mackenzie and Devin for pricing and ideas to give to members at the September meeting,**

**Funds request: Request for funding for Firemen Ball being held 10/18/2025 needs to be received by 09/01/2025, asking \$4,000.00 for advertising, music, entertainment, etc. Karen motions to use \$4,000.00 from HOT to the Firemen Ball, Mike seconds, all in favor, motion passes, Tolbert is requesting monies for advertising for the chili cook off, Karen motions to use \$1,500.00 in HOT funds for advertising for Tolbert, Mike seconds, all in favor, motion passes**

**"Chamber Chatter" Shawn and Amy want to send another newsletter**

**out, they will meet to** get information and work on getting it done

**Next month meeting-** Thursday, **August 14, 2025, 6:00 pm** - Patillo

**Center, Study Butte Meeting Adjourned:** 7:15 pm /4