

BIG BEND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DECEMBER, 11, 2025 MEETING

- Meeting called to order @ 6:01 pm, noting all please sign in,
- Board members present: Karen Drinkard, Katheran Crawford, Donnie Daniels, Mike Minnick, Alison Weiss, Mackenzie Brooks (Zoom)
- Board members absent: Chris Tschacher,
- Members and guests present: Dale Weiss, Becky Kay, Alex Darschewski, Alex Mariana, Jude Swansiger
- The minutes from November meeting were presented and reviewed by all, Katheran motions to accept November's minutes, Karen seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
- President's report: Donnie reported he posted the social media position and received 7 applicants, he appointed Jude Swansiger who has been posting on Instagram and working on Facebook and trying to promote all our business members, the goal is posting/promoting each business member at least three hits, BBCC still needs a vice president, Donnie wants to stay in house with current members but will reach out for others if needed, please send any nominations or interests to him, Donnie went to Kaci Kothmann's "small business" meeting and reported there were a lot of ideas how to help the small local business in our area, the events committee needs to get together to continue our "spot light" events again.
- Treasurer's report: Katheran reported the county is holding the Q4 and Q1 2025-2026 HOT funding in regards to County Audit, Impact statements have been requested regarding expenditures which shows the county exactly how any funds we allot impacts the community, a few events from this year are in question, 2024-2025 activity from HOT usage was in question.
- Social media report: Jude, new hire, will report back next month, Donnie was able to pull stats from Facebook with views up 10% with 5.8K, interaction down 13% with 92 contacts, and down 33% with 12 new followers
- BBNP: No representative present
- BBRSP: Alex reported "First Day Hike" (7 mile hike in the Chinati Mountains State Natural Area 01/01/2026) raffle tickets are available until 12/13/2025, Frio in the Rio (Polar Plunge) at La Cuesta 12/31/2025 @ 11:00am, another "first day hike" not raffled at Hoodoos @ 10:00 am 12/31/2025 1 mile loop, quail hunt 01/05-08/2026 interior of park is closed, Big Bend Ultra (MLK weekend) racers coming in Friday before with the race Sunday @ 5am, Monday 02/19/2026 search and rescue training, all information is available on their website
- Events committee: Alison reported she collected \$600.00 in donations for Mingle and Jingle (Boathouse, Chili Pepper, Barbara Trammell, Ivey family, Starlight, Stardust-30 actual gifts to pass out to kids at event, Milky Way Treats- food, Rio Lemonade-drinks, Cottonwood-gift certificates, promissory Alison to pick up from Tanks a Lot), She would like help during the event to anyone who can attend, sellers @ community garden can get a table free all day 10:00am-closing, event and seasonal activities and live music from 4:00-6:00 with stations

throughout the ghost town, Starlight, porch and community garden, Alison has receipts for reimbursement for Mingle and Jingle

- Gala: the annual gala has been discussed and decided that this year BBCC will not have the “gala” as done in the past, will discuss alternate event that is inclusive to members.
- New business: Donnie wants to have a committee to review impact statements, fund requests and what the chamber means to members and report back.
- Old business: name tags and shirts have been approved, Donnie will get information
- There will not be meeting in January due to lack of quorum
- Meeting adjourned 7:03 pm