

**Cascade Chamber of Commerce (COC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 12:00, at Lakefront Bar & Grill**

**Call to order:** 17 people attended, Lakefront Bar & Grill

**Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Minutes from 3/12/24 meeting not available at this time.

**Treasurer Report: No report**

**Secretary Report:** Maria not present, Julie taking minutes.

**Welcome New Guests & Members:**

Matt Spelsberg representing the Community Impact Program Coordinator, BSU, [cip@boisestate.edu](mailto:cip@boisestate.edu), 208-426-6220, and Cascade Fire Community Fund, <https://www.cascadefire.org/>.

Cadey Mead from Rise Up 2 Thrive, Outreach & Volunteer Coord, [cmead@riseup2thrive.com](mailto:cmead@riseup2thrive.com), 208-382-5210.

Tai Asoua from Shaka Studios LLC, 208-559-2422, [info@shkastudios.net](mailto:info@shkastudios.net)

Petelo Tolua from Tolua Services LLC (handyman/plumbing), [petelotolua@toluaservicesllc.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:petelotolua@toluaservicesllc.onmicrosoft.com), 435-265-0375.

**Office & Communications – Julie**

**Roberta “Bobbie” Patterson** passed away on March 2nd. Bobbie was a key player throughout the Long Valley area. She worked for Idaho Dept of Commerce/Tourism for 30 years, she and her husband owned Arrowhead RV Park, and Bobbie was heavily involved with the ITC Grant program. Her celebration of life and burial took place on March 19th. The Cascade Chamber sent flowers (\$107.97) with a card message: Our hearts and prayers are with Bobbie and her family. We are forever grateful for Bobbie and her contributions to the Cascade Chamber and Cascade Community. We also shared news of Bobbie’s passing with The Star News for a feature story.

**Stibnite Foundation Grant Cycle opens April 1st.** The grant application portal will open April 1 and run through May 31, 2024. This grant program funds important community projects across Adams, Idaho and Valley County. “The Stibnite Foundation has given over \$190,000 dollars in grants over the past four years to organizations who make a positive difference in our communities.” said Julie Good, Media Representative for the Stibnite Foundation. The Stibnite Foundation was created in 2018 through the establishment of a community agreement between Perpetua Resources and eight cities and counties surrounding the proposed Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources is funding the foundation through a combination of cash and shares. Individuals and organizations who would like to apply for the Stibnite Foundation grant program are encouraged to visit [www.StibniteFoundation.com](http://www.StibniteFoundation.com). *Any Specific Questions, contact Julie Good, 208-315-0437, [juliegcitynm@gmail.com](mailto:juliegcitynm@gmail.com)*

**2024 Events Committee - Upcoming Events Coordination.** Jeff Gordon, Events Committee Lead. He is in the process of building a committee. Expressing the need to rejuvenate events. Determine how we want to be involved. Need a master calendar. Priority 1: Chamber members need to show support for revents. Event committee needs to reach out.

### **Open floor (Discussion)**

#### **Comments on Upcoming Events - Joe:**

Apr 25th - "Career Explorations at Cascade Schools". Attention all business owners, come share your profession, or business insights with students grades 6-12. Inspire the next generation. For Sign-up and Questions, contact Christine Swanson, [christine@cascadeschools.org](mailto:christine@cascadeschools.org), 208-630-6057 ext 2252.

May 3rd-5th - "Spring Fling" Craftsmanship & Creativity Celebration, 11am-4pm, at Riverside Pines Barn, 342 Carbarton Rd, Cascade. For more info and to sign up, contact Michele Lind, 208-408-9281.

May 4th - "Cinco de Mayo Celebration" at the American Legion. More details to follow. Contact Don Thies, [Post60commander@gmail.com](mailto:Post60commander@gmail.com), 208-315-7812, if you would like to help, sponsor, donate.

**RiseUp2Thrive - Cadey:** "Bowls of Hope" fundraiser taking place in Cascade on April 9th. <https://www.cascadechamber.com/cascade-events/bowls-of-hope/> . RiseUp2Thrive provides 24/7 service to domestic violence victims and works closely with the Valley County Sheriff Office. <https://riseup2thrive.org/> .

**Lake Cascade State Parks - Blake:** Open House/Public Meeting for proposed marina at Poison Creek, Lake Cascade, April 2nd, 6-8pm, at American Legion, 105 E Mill St., Speak with representatives of the Idaho Dept of Parks & Rec, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and Tamarack Resort about the proposal for up to 200 boat slips, on-site fuel sales, and a boat rental & retail facility. Public can submit written comments [sra-nepa-comments@usbr.gov](mailto:sra-nepa-comments@usbr.gov) or mail/hand deliver to Ms. Rochelle Ochoa, Natural Resource Specialist, BOR, Snake River Area Office, 230 Collins Rd, Boise, ID 83702. Comments due by April 17, 2024.

**Community Leadership Program - Matt:** BSU Community Leadership Program (CLP) - Rural Education with Dr. Jeremy Graves coming to Cascade. This **training is free** and seeks 10-15 students. This is an opportunity for local business leaders, local employees, local government employees and local nonprofit organizations. To sign up, contact Matt Spelsberg, (208)805-2460, [mattspelsberg@U.boisestate.edu](mailto:mattspelsberg@U.boisestate.edu) For an overview of the program, see <https://www.boisestate.edu/ruraleducation/>.

Joe Critchfield stated this is an opportunity for business owners and their employees. Joe expressed interest in helping Matt identify students for this training opportunity, Cindy Rich also offered to help.

**July 4th Krispy Kreme Donuts Fundraiser - Matt:** The Cascade Fire Community Fund will be selling donuts on Thursday, July 4th outside the Valley Club.

**Mayor:** The proposed Poison Creek Marina Project has been assigned much higher environmental impact requirements. She encourages folks to self-educate on the topic and get involved by providing public comment.

On March 25th, the City Council approved the "Raven Ridge" Development Agreement. A 56 lot housing development for modular homes "mini-mods" (smaller units for affordability) and single family vs duplex homes. Some lots have deed restrictions. Folks can come into City Hall and review the development agreement.

The Mayor is traveling to Washington DC in conjunction with a 200K grant award for Heating District Planning.

The City has received multiple grant awards to fund several projects. 1) FEMA StormWater Management planning (300K); Sidewalk project East side of ID-55 (500K); Sidewalk project West side of ID-55 (500K); completion of Strand paving project (500K). Also received LHTAC funding for installing Rapid Flashing Beacon at crosswalk on ID-55. Pothole problems on city streets are drainage related. Upcoming grading and chip seal projects will address drainage issues.

Meeting attendees requested the next meeting agenda include a presentation from Peppershock Media (where are our ITC marketing funds going?) and Perpetua Resources (update on Stibnite Project status).

Adjournment: 1:15pm.

Next meeting Noon, Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at Cascade Community & Senior Center, 409 School St.

Thank you.