

**Vicksburg Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by President, Gary Gray. Meeting held at Longbranch Saloon.

Roll Call: Gary Gray, Dustin Morton, Kim Smith, Dave Downs, Joel Nelson, Joanne Craddock, Gregg Eicholtz, and Executive Director Jennie Holmes.

Not present- Bob Donelson, Lee Mortimer or Steve McCowen

Minutes from 8/10 and 9/29 approved.

No Treasurer's Report

No Marketing Report

Membership Report- motion by Dustin Morton seconded by Gregg Eicholtz to approve Kalplas Inc. d/b/a Accro-Seal as a new member. Motion carried.

Events- Jennie discussed the idea of Schoolcraft and Vicksburg working together on a Christmas Walk. Schoolcraft already does this and SCCS would like to get involved and make it a Schoolcraft/Vicksburg event with transportation between the two locations. We would support the event by helping with local advertising etc.

Economic Growth- Jennie reported that the new owner, Paul McCartney, of the old Marjos is working on the building and the new business name is The Old Village Inn. Frederick Construction has also opened shop in Vicksburg.

Executive Director Report- the Vicksburg Historical Society would like us to release the use of the depot in our logo since we are no longer using it. Jennie will take care of sending the release letter. Jennie is also working on new decals with our new logo and researching M2M discount cards.

Old Business:

Phone Issue- Joanne needs to be removed as the call taker. There was discussion and Dave Downs will check on getting a cell phone that will allow us to keep our number. Jennie would keep possession of the phone but other board members could take turns getting calls forwarded to them. Dave will follow up.

Map- Jennie is close to getting it to the printer for layout. There was more discussion on only putting Chamber members on the map. We will go this way on the first print option. It was in the paper that businesses could get on the map for a fee (or hopefully join the Chamber).

Member-2-Member Discounts- Jennie is working on updating the list. Businesses are starting to respond to the offer sent with the invoices. Jennie is researching new membership cards for the discount offers.

New Business:

Officer Elections- Dr. Dustin Morton elected President, Gregg Eicholtz elected Vice President, Dave Downs elected Secretary and the Treasurer position is still open. We will consult with board members not present. All motions approved.

Ice Festival:

The first committee meeting will be this Wednesday, October 14 at 5:30 pm. Jill Lindsley will chair the event again. Jennie will be meeting with her and all others are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Joanne Craddock, Outgoing Secretary*