

# *South Platte United Chambers of Commerce*

December 11, 2012 South Platte United Chambers of Commerce Meeting

The Executive Committee and membership of the South Platte United Chambers of Commerce met December 11, 2012 at the Minden Opera House with approximately 40 people attending the meeting and the legislative forum. Following the social hour and dinner Senator Adams, Senator Carlson, Senator Christensen, Senator Seiler, and Senator Hadley spoke to the South Platte members and guests about legislative issues coming up in the 2013 legislative session.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Tom Hastings.

President Hastings called for additions to the agenda. The agenda was approved as read. Minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The South Platte United Chambers of Commerce Nov. 30 treasurer's report stated a balance of \$15,601.45. Bills were approved and paid.

President Hastings summarized some of the successes of the November Housing Conference. The South Platte United Chambers of Commerce and SCEDD were co-sponsors. President Hastings said that the conference was well received and attracted over 60 participants, and he concluded that the South Platte organization needs to organize future meetings with a similar broad appeal.

## Contract with Jean Issler

President Hastings asked Nancy Herhahn to consult with Jean Issler about tasks, time and monthly billing and to clarify the contract. Herhahn will report back to organization at the January meeting. Members of the South Platte spoke about their satisfaction with Jean Issler's work on the website, and they appreciate the meeting reminders. "Thank you, Jean!"

## Nominations for Officers in 2013

President Hastings read a resignation letter from Michelle Ehresman who is resigning her position with a resignation letter forthcoming. Treasurer Sharon Hueftle also is resigning due to the time commitment of the job. President Hastings said that he will be leaving office by March 1, 2013, and he asked for recommendations to fill the president, treasurer, and president-elect positions. Betty Sayers and Nancy Herhahn volunteered to step down from their shared position as secretary. They have held the position since 2010, and Nancy suggested that the secretarial role is one that offers an insider's view of the business and mission of the South Platte organization and will be an advantage to a future officer in the organization. All officers are willing to serve until the nominating committee can fill the positions hopefully by the end of the first quarter.

Tim Anderson volunteered to chair a search committee. Committee members include: Carol Schlegel, Dena Beck, Merrill Duntz.

## Planning Programs and Locations for 2013 Meetings

A noon planning meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013 at the Holdrege Country Club, starting at 11:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00. Please call Betty Sayers 308-995-4601 or email [bsayers@NebraskaRuralLiving.com](mailto:bsayers@NebraskaRuralLiving.com) for reservations.

#### Tri-City Legislative Luncheon Reminder

President Hastings announced the dates of the Tri-Cities Legislative Luncheons. All South Platte United Chambers of Commerce members are invited to participate. The Tri-City Legislative Luncheons take place in the State Capitol in Lincoln, Room 1126 between 12 and 1PM.

Dates of the Tri-Cities Legislative Luncheons:

February 27, 2012

March 27, 2012

May 1, 2012

Reservations are required. Contact Tom Hastings by telephone - (402) 461-8400 or email the Hastings Chamber office: [lschiefelbein@hastingschamber.com](mailto:lschiefelbein@hastingschamber.com)

#### Career Opportunities and Jobs Available in the South Platte region

Betty Sayers asked if the South Platte members would explore solutions to problems related to job recruitment in the South Platte region. Employers are advertising jobs and seeking suitable people to fill them. Currently, it seems more career opportunities than job seekers are available in the region. President Hastings suggested the organization members open this topic for dialogue at the January 2013 planning meeting and consider inviting representatives from the major employers in the region to an upcoming meeting in 2013, and ask them about recruitment needs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Sayers