

Pendleton Business Association

September 27, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jack Wilson, President at 5:40 p.m. Minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting were approved. The bank account balance was reported as \$7,326. The Town of Pendleton was identified as the only new member since our last meeting. Membership now totals 55.

Member Updates were given as follows:

1. Doug & JoAnn Owens announced that they had transferred ownership of the Depot Shops to Citizens Bank.
2. Mike Romack asked to discuss the proposed Riverfront District for member input. Several questions were asked regarding the proposal and the new TIF district expansion. Mike agreed to follow-up to make sure the proposed district map was on the Town's website. Bob Post mentioned that the Town's attorney also identified himself as the alcohol attorney for Ricker Oil. Ken Hoppes commented that he would like to see the TIF and the Riverfront Districts overlayed on a single map. Jack indicated that he has presented the PBA position to the Plan Commission as one urging that if the Riverfront District was implemented that it should not in any way damage the value of the asset investments currently in place by the existing license owners.

Bank representatives from Citizens Bank and BMO presented information on various forms of financing available to businesses and answered member questions. Many options were discussed and good information was brought by the banks.

Ralph Ridneour of R&R Market asked to address the crowd. He indicated that after operating in their location for 42 years, the Town had sent a letter to the school system essentially forcing them to stop leasing and make R&R tear down their greenhouses. Additionally, the outside storage (mulch, dirt, etc) would no longer be allowed. Much discussion ensued and all encouraged R&R to bring the issue into the public view. Ralph indicated that if the Town forces the issue they will likely have to close their business and in looking around would most likely move to Greenfield.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.