

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held February 10th, 2009

The February 10, 2009, Odessa Chamber meeting was held at Chief's Bar and Grill. President Jerry Schafer led the flag salute and the reading of the minutes followed.

Scotty Ossman began the meeting by giving an update on the "Welcome to Odessa" signs. She spoke with Mike Kuest and he gave her an estimate of \$3,500-\$4,500 for the iron work on 8 foot wide signs. Scotty is estimating a total cost of approximately \$10,000 for the four signs, pea gravel, and solar lights. Tom Clavel offered to look into the State regulations in regards to the placement of the signs. John Ossman also mentioned that the county will more than likely need to be notified regardless of whether or not the signs are placed on private property.

The nomination committee of Mike Wren, HP Carstensen, and Ed Hayden gave the following nominations for the 2009 officers:

President: Ed Hayden

Vice President: Scotty Ossman

Secretary: Aimee McKay

Treasurer: Melissa Schafer

Board Members (2 positions): Don Strebeck, Steve Braun, Ed Crosby, Scott Carroll, Vicki Iverson, and Landon Lobe

Marlon Schafer moved to close the nominations and Steve Braun seconded the motion. Officer elections will be voted on at the next meeting on February 24th.

It was also announced that a vote will take place at the February 24th meeting on whether or not to extend \$5,000.00 towards the Odessa Public Development Authority's proposal to pay for the services of a grant writer to benefit the community.

Michelle Melgren and Scotty Ossman volunteered to work together on a membership drive for the Chamber.

A discussion also took place regarding the Avista rate increases. The topic will be continued at the February 24th meeting.