

**ROANOKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Minutes of Chamber Board Meeting  
July 12, 2007

President Dave Harris called a regular board meeting of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, to order at 6:35 a.m. on Thursday July 12, at Joseph Decuis Corporate Offices, Main Street, Roanoke, Indiana. Dave Harris, John Klingenberger, June Ball, Jim Warner, Jodie Hunnicutt, and Chris Jensen were in attendance.

Dave Harris opened the meeting by asking all attendees to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There was no discussion regarding the June minutes. John Klingenberger motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Jodie Hunnicutt seconded. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT – DAVE HARRIS – CHAMBER PRESIDENT**

Dave reported HCUED has retained the Thomas Miller consulting firm to assist with the preparation of a strategic plan for all communities in Huntington County. Dave felt that the strategic plan for Roanoke would be a great tool for future members of the Roanoke Chamber Board. The plan could be used as a road map for continued un-interrupted Roanoke development as the Chamber board experiences the change of board members at the end of each calendar year. John Klingenberger noted that Sherry Rose is the Economic Development Director for the Wabash Valley Power Association. Sherry has put together strategic plans for surrounding counties. After some discussion the board decided to invite Sherry to attend the August board meeting. The goal would be to develop a Roanoke strategic plan using our own local resources. The Roanoke strategic plan could then be given to HCUED to integrate into the larger Huntington County plan.

Dave informed the group that Michelle Schwieterman, Chamber Vice President, would not be able to fulfill the position of Chamber President at the end of his term. After some discussion, June Ball nominated Chris Jensen to be Michelle’s replacement as the Chamber President for the 2008 term. Dave Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dave asked each member to bring the name of a potential candidate who would be interested in serving on the Chamber Board starting in 2008.

Dave noted, that in the future, the Roanoke Chamber would be responsible for providing a chairperson for the Fall Festival committee. The Chamber bylaws may need to be updated to reflect this change.

Dave handed out the monthly activity report for the *discoverroanoke.org* website.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A copy of the Treasurer's Report for the month of June was distributed along with monthly profit and loss statements. Jim Warner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jodie Hunnicutt seconded. Motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Membership Committee - Jim Warner – Chairperson

1. Jim reported that the Chamber membership is currently at 72 members.
2. June Ball suggested that potential new members be allowed to join for half price for the remainder of the year. All agreed that would be a great incentive to continue to grow our membership.

Farmer's Market – Dave Harris - Chairperson

Dave reported that a press release with the schedule of events had been released to 16 publications. There would also be a note included in the July utility bills for Roanoke.

Media Relations – June Ball - Chairperson

1. John Klingenberg reported that the Herald Press has new ownership. The new editor is considering the idea of getting Roanoke in the paper on a regular basis.
2. Dave Harris is working with John Nelson to include available commercial properties, in the Roanoke area, on the [discoverroanoke.org](http://discoverroanoke.org) website.

General Membership Meeting

1. The next general membership meeting was scheduled for September.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday August 9, 2007 at 6:30 a.m. at Joseph Decuis Corporate Offices, Main Street, Roanoke, Indiana.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

June Ball made a motion to adjourn. Jim Warner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jensen, Secretary