

**Cowan Commercial Club, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**May 22, 2023**

**Minutes Presented By:**  
**Brian Judd**

Jarod Pearson, President, called to order with prayer at 5:35 pm, at the Firefly Ballroom in downtown Cowan. The following people were in attendance:

Amanda Wiseman- Vice-President

Ravyn Messenger- Treasurer

Stephen Feeley- At-Large Board Member

Rachel Thompson – At-Large Board Member

Others included: Tom Buck, Stephanie Council, Natalie Garner, Lauren Laurino, Lanise and Wesley Pope, Christopher Wiseman

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as presented. The treasury shows a balance of \$1098.98 in the special account and \$1126.59.

**Old Business:**

The May issue of the Cowan Clipboard was sent and returned a 51% readership.

Dianne Murray from Tennessee Backroads Heritage reached out to the Wartrace Chamber of Commerce and learned that the group is in transition at this time. We will stay in contact and revisit the idea of doing a field trip and/or workshop in the future.

Our brochure project for local businesses had a terrible setback – Jarod’s thumb drive crashed! Fortunately, we have a hard copy of the draft so we can try again to complete the project.

Flag Day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, at 5:00 p.m. Jarod and Amanda will finalize the program.

**Updates/New Business:**

The Spring Banquet for Tennessee Backroads Heritage is planned for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. in Bell Buckle. Jarod is planning to attend, and is hoping to have a good representation from Cowan at the event. The speaker will be the new president of Tennessee Walking Horse Association.

The members noted that Kline Apothecary will soon open and will include a kitchen with meal delivery service.

The members discussed upcoming events including the Keith Family Reunion, dance classes, and art receptions.

Amanda mentioned her work to procure a new couch for Cowan Police Department as part of Police Appreciation week. This will help make a pleasant space for interviews and to help families and

children in distress while investigations are under way. The members agreed to give \$25 from Commercial Club funds and encouraged others to give as well.

Rachel moved that we purchase 250 fans for Flag Day. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Christopher mentioned that WZYX Radio has a “You Oughtta Know” program on Friday’s between 9 and 12. Local businesses and events are encouraged to stop by, visit, and talk about things in our community.

Speaking of WZYX, the members also agreed that she we should reach out to our Congressman about concerns we share about the continuation of the AM radio band, which is essential in rural communities. Jarod agreed to reach out to our local Congressional office.

With no other business discussed, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jarod Pearson

(On behalf of Brian Judd, Secretary)