

HACC Annual Meeting

July 2022

Deb called the meeting to order at 6pm

Introductions – 10 member businesses were in attendance and made introductions.

Agenda – Jamie made a motion to approve, seconded by Barb. Motion carried.

Member Benefits – Jamie presented on member benefits; website listing, member discounts on booth rentals for events, job postings, member mixer events, chamber business referrals, business updates to other members through email campaigns.

Event Updates and Volunteer Opportunities:

CCC – Successful again this year! Always looking for volunteers to get involved.

Ribfest – cancelled this year. We are considering making some changes to the events and hope to hold it next year.

Widows Weekend – Held over deer opener in November at the community center

Community Dinner

Guest Speakers:

Dawn from Pine Tax – Solar credits do carry forward. 26% through 2022 and in 2023 it will reduce to 22%. Geothermal tax credit is less than solar for commercial. Commercial rate for solar is the same as residential.

Kyle from City of Hinckley – Discussed Southbound ramp closing. Northbound will remain open. Traffic will be routed to highway 61 or county 15 to get South of town. Water tower project is nearly completed – cost was approximately \$850k for sandblasting and painting both.

Chris from D & E Heating and Geothermal – They install all forms of heating and have since 1996. Geo is coming back due to the rising cost of gas. It takes geo 15-20 years to pay for itself. Geothermal gives a tax credit and an electric rebate of \$400.

Pete and Rob from ECE – ECE provides rebates for nearly all types of energy efficient appliances, electric vehicles, solar and geothermal. They are also trying to get broadband to rural MN. Distribution would be the same way they distribute the electric. The project would be funded by substantial grants through Federal programs, which Ece has applied for.

Zach from Wolf River Electric – Electrical contractors specializing in solar installation. Zach discussed net metering and selling energy back to the utility, which happens at the going

market rate. They provide quotes and each are personalized to each customers specific energy usage and area available for installation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm