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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
September 30, 2019***

The September 30, 2019, breakfast meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 17 persons present.

Correspondence included the following announcements: North Coast Growers' Association Farmers' Markets; Fortuna Senior Scene; Leadership Fortuna application; Gene Lucas Community Center; North Coast Otter Art Project; FBID board vacancy; Apple Harvest Vendor Application; Fortuna Chamber Ribbon Cuttings; Humboldt Sponsors Rummage Sale; Highway 36 Dinner; Breast & GYN Health Project Art Auction & Sale; Fortuna Community Health Center Health & Wellness Fair; Kiwanis 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business Women's Luncheon; and various articles by the Times Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked C.C. Catering for breakfast.

Laura Morris announced a ribbon cutting at EPT Physical Therapy today at 1:00 p.m. at their new Strongs Creek Plaza location. A new dedication plaque will be unveiled at the Dennis Wendt Memorial Trail on Friday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m. Horizon Business Products will be celebrating 40 years in business with a ribbon cutting on Friday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. The next Ambassador meeting is set for October 8 at 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Alan French announced a Highway 36 Association Dinner would be on Friday, October 18 at 6:30 at the Monday Club. Dinner tickets will be \$25.00 (wine included).

Seth McGrath reported they had 9 drivers for Saturday but could always use a backup. The work party on October 4 has lots of volunteers signed up so it should go really quick.

Guest Speaker: Patrick Higgins, Managing Director, Eel River Recovery Project  
The Eel River Recovery Project came about through community input. Citizens were worried about disappearing salmon and toxic algae (cyanotoxin). ERRP helps monitor water temperatures, soil erosion, conditions that foster toxic algae, flow depletion, wildlands protection, and aquatic life (native and non-native fish). They also work with public schools to engage students to interest them in natural resources career paths and to connect them to the Eel River so they will be better stewards as adults. You can reach Patrick at (707) 223-7200 or (707) 839-4987.

Respectfully Submitted,

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