

THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2009

The Meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:15 pm, January 26, 2009, at the home of Melissa Rose, Republic, WA, the place designated for such meeting. The meeting was called upon at least two days' notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting. The following were present: Bob Whittaker, Melissa Rose, Sarah Spark, and Judie Cribby. DiAnne Hewitt appeared by telecon for 7 minutes, and then arrived at 6:45.

WELCOMES, CHANGES TO AGENDA: Agenda was circulated and additions requested.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Spark presented the Minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting. A typographical error was located (Community Outreach: "Bok" for "Book"), Judie's name was spelled incorrectly throughout, and the location of the next meeting was incorrect (not to be at the Firehall as presented, but at the Rose home). With the correction of those items, the Minutes were approved. A Final version will be sent electronically to all, and Bob will see to their posting on our website.

The Resolution of December 19, 2008, wherein it was decided to add Judie Cribby's name to the bank account and removing that of Sherri Barcroft, was circulated for everyone's signature. Judie will take care of that action at the Credit Union.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Treasurer's report was given in light of the recent meeting on January 22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Outreach: It was decided to do a mailing to adjacent landowners, which would include an Update, the last Action Alert, and our letter of this date to the BOCC. The Update would include: (1) introducing our Board; (2) announcing that our Minutes will be posted at our website, beginning with January, 2009; (3) announcing our Annual Board/Membership meeting to be held March 29, 2-3pm, with a "walk about" thereafter; (4) giving an overview of today's BOCC meeting {that, at the meeting's end, nothing had been decided; that a RT advocacy committee is being formed and to watch the newspapers in order to apply for a position on that committee; and that various comments were made; and (5) requesting that anyone who has not already submitted their letter of support to the Commissioners for a non-motorized rail trail do so now

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Rail Trail/BOCC: Much discussion was held regarding the Commissioner's meeting and our presentation this afternoon. We have been receiving compliments and positive feedback

as being respectful yet remaining on point, and as truly portraying what is being relayed as the will of the people. We discussed our surprise at Comm. Miller's assertion that "no one is walking to school from south of Curlew", as well as the question, "Why the rush [to develop the trail]?" Melissa contacted the DOL in Olympia with regard to one comment that "there are 1,300 registered ATVs in Ferry County", and was informed by DOL clerk Rachel that there are, in fact, 267. There is no farm class indicated.

Jacob Tresham commented that "we may be getting the cart before the horse" because the insurance liability issues and costs associated with a motorized trail may prohibit that option. To that end, Spark circulated a draft letter to the BOCC requesting they have their risk manager investigate that issue. After discussion, it was decided that Bob would contact Jacob and discuss the matter with him further.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting: The date was set as March 29, with the meeting beginning at 2:30, lasting until about 3, with a possible "walk about" afterward. The "Update" to be sent to the adjacent landowners will be fine-tuned and submitted to the newspapers to invite folks to the meeting. Emails will be sent. Bob will give a multi-media presentation, refreshments will be served, and hopefully volunteers recruited and donations accepted.

Status of Directors' Terms: Discussion was held, and Bylaws consulted, regarding the rotation of our Board. It was determined that, when the Bylaws were constructed, we had expected to be further in the process of non-motorized rail trail development, with more individuals involved, a real membership defined and developed, and specific projects underway. Because of the lengthy time spent in getting the trail railbanked and the continued uncertainty of its designation between non-motorized or motorized, we have decided to maintain the status quo.

It was decided, by formal resolution, to postpone for one year the terms of Directors' vacancies, nominations and elections as defined in the Bylaws. We will maintain the present Board, with officers remaining in place, with the exception of attempting to expand our existing Board from 5 to 7. Melissa will notify Madilane Perry, our alternate, regarding this decision, as well as to notify her of the Annual Meeting date, time and place.

Conservation Fair: Bob has been in communication with Lloyd of the Ferry County Conservation District, who indicated that we were invited to attend a meeting February 4 to discuss having a Fair this year. Melissa will try to attend; the rest will check calendars for availability. It was decided that Melissa would offer to help with the Fair, while Judie and DiAnne agreed to host our booth, with Bob's multi-media presentation being offered. Spark will help, if available.

Conflict of Interest Document: Spark mentioned that our newer Directors need to sign a Conflict of Interest document, and will prepare one for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on February 19, 2009, at Melissa's home.

8:45. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary

To Do:

- Bob to post last meeting's Minutes
- Spark & Bob to create Update; Melissa to edit
- Melissa to contact Madilane Perry
- Spark to prepare Conflict of Interest doc
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