

THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:36 pm, September 17, 2009 at The Old Fire Hall, 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: Directors Bob Whittaker, Melissa Rose, DiAnne Hewitt, Keith Bell and Judie Cribby. Committee member Nils Larsen was also present and one guest. Sarah Spark was absent and Judie Cribby will fill the secretary's position for this meeting.

WELCOME, CHANGES TO AGENDA: Agenda was circulated without any changes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Prior to her absence Spark had completed the minutes for August 17 and August 20. These minutes were circulated and edits were made and approved. They will be posted on our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: DiAnne reported as of 8/31/2009 there is \$1893.50 in savings, \$474.86 in checking with a total of \$2243.35. Melissa gave the treasurer correspondence from Washington State Department of Revenue to review with Linell Harvey. Also received was a letter stating we are no longer required to submit form 8734.

We are monitoring our status to make sure FC RTP expenditures do not exceed 20% of our annual income for lobbying due to our 501(c)(3). We are grateful to the formation of the Citizens for a Non-Motorized Trail since they have assumed the financial responsibility for the campaign. They have also shown to be a very strong and active working force for a non-motorized trail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Fair: Judie reported the booth at the fair was very successful.

Mountain Bike Fest: This event will take place 9/26. We are uncertain if we will have a representative. Nils will talk to Keith Wakefield.

There were not any other committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held on how to add names to the adjacent landowners list. Keith will check at the Treasurer's office.

It was decided the next first class mailing for adjacent landowners would be endorsed "Forwarding Service Requested" so we can keep our mailing list up to date.

Update on Ferry County Recreation Trail Advisory Committee: Randy Sage acted as a substitute for Stan Cristie. Roy Lammer gave a productive presentation regarding the signs he and Wanda purchased. They worked with the commissioners on wording.

A second field trip driving the corridor was scheduled for Saturday, September 26. Those planning on attending will meet at 8AM at the Danville Post Office.

Discussion was held on the verbiage of the election. Joe Bond stated the Commissioners will make a decision on the trail about two weeks after November 3, after the official tally. They will listen to the people and vote accordingly.

Bob brought up the adjacent landowner survey. Jacob Tresham had produced two versions and both were previously circulated. Jim Schumacher made a motion to table this and was seconded by Larry Hemming. Discussion was not allowed when Bob requested it, stating this was a simple vote. The motion passed. Bob and Landon were the only ones opposing.

Bob reported on a grant he worked on for \$414,000. The grant is from the Washington State Public Works Dept., and is intended specifically for rural communities that need job assistance. Primary components focus on creating jobs locally with public safety and recreation-related projects. He took it to the Commissioners who passed on it. The conservation district supported the grant and thereby has been submitted.

Ed Watt introduced Trails 101 and the issue of sound was discussed.

Citizen input was received and the meeting was adjourned.

CONTINUING WITH OLD BUSINESS:

The FC RTP decided to proceed on our own non biased survey of adjacent landowner. The survey simply asks for a check on either motorized or non-motorized.

Bob and Melissa attended a rail meeting September 16 in Stevens County. They reported it was a heavily attended meeting and the main tone of it was the BC Council members want to stop abandonment of the rails. The BC Council asked Bob to make a statement His comments were even though we are a trail developing organization we support their desires and don't want to see the rails abandoned. What may bring the demise is that there has been a 70% drop in export. Bob and Melissa will draft a memo to the BC Council members.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 6:30PM on October 15, 2009 at The Old Fire Hall in Republic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Judie Cribby

TO DO (9-17-09 Mins):

- Keith will check @ Treasurer's office on updating names of ALO's
- DiAnne will meet with Linell Harvey if extra instruction is needed on the letter from Wa State Dept of Revenue
- Nils will check with Keith W. on the Mnt Bike Fest
- All should encourage adjacent landowners to talk with the members of the FC Recreational Trail Advisory Committee when they have their field trip on the trail 9/26
- Bob and Mel will draft a memo to the BC Council