

**THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**February 26, 2009**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:18 pm, February 26, 2009, at the Old Republic 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: Bob Whittaker, Melissa Rose, Sarah Spark, DiAnne Hewitt, and Judie Cribby.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Spark presented a draft of Minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting. Corrections were made. Spark will prepare final Minutes for circulation and publication on our website.

Spark will also resend the Conflict of Interest document for the Board's review; endorsement will be done at the next meeting.

It was noted that, when revising the Bylaws, the post office box number needs to be changed to 3.

Spark informed the Directors that she would be out of town on a training for the Forest Service during the week of the next meeting date. It was decided to hold the next meeting one week later, on March 24, 2009. DiAnne requested that the meeting begin at 6:45, and it was agreed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Melissa, as Acting Treasurer, indicated that there had been no further activity since the Jan. 22 meeting. She also requested additional help with the position of Treasurer, and DiAnne agreed to do so. By consensus, it was agreed that DiAnne would be added to the bank account as a designated signee. Spark will prepare a special resolution to that effect for the bank.

It was decided, and resolution passed, to establish a checking account and to order checks in order to pay on accounts. Spark will include this resolution as part of the document for the bank for the Directors' signatures.

Melissa will also pay the post office box fee, and buy stamps and envelopes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Outreach:** Upcoming Speaking Engagements: Due to a calendar conflict on Wed., March 4, Bob and Judie will attend the Back County Horsemen's Assoc. and Melissa and Spark will attend the Curlew's Idea Team meeting regarding the "Safe Routes to School" program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Annual Meeting is still scheduled for March 29, from 2:30 – 4:00.

Conservation Fair has been confirmed for Saturday, April 18. Melissa attended a meeting on the Fair, was requested to help organize. We have been invited to attend, with the focus on natural resource management or education, as opposed to political. Judie and DiAnne will "sit" the booth, and Bob will do a multi-media presentation.

Thank You's: We had prepared a list of those to whom thank you notes should go, with several to be accompanied by small fossils from Stone Rose. Bob and Melissa will complete that job.

Update on Rail Trail/Advisory Committee by BOCC: The Commissioners' announcement for the advisory committee appeared in the newspaper (copy attached). After much discussion, it was decided that several Directors would apply to positions, in whatever and how many categories we can.

It was decided to send an "Alert Email" to our email list requesting their involvement by applying for positions on the advisory committee.

With new information, our "Update" has not been finalized nor sent. Melissa & Bob will update, then send to Spark for editing, and circulate to the rest of the Directors for finalization.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Letters to the Editors: There were 2 adversarial letters to the editor in the News Miner last week, one of which also appeared in the Omak Chronicle. Melissa presented a draft rebuttal, which we will offer our edits by 9:00 am tomorrow (Friday) so she can finalize and send for publication by the noon deadline.

The next meeting will be on March 24, 2009, at 6:45 at the Old Republic Fire Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary

**To Do:**

- Bob to buy fossils
- Bob to do comments for Scoping Notice
- Mel to re-edit & circulate Update/LTE
- Mel to order checks
- Mel to pay post office box fee
- Spark to finalize Minutes
- Spark to resend Conflict of Interest doc
- Spark to prep & circulate Resolution re DiAnne on bank account & estab. checking account
- Spark to begin Bylaw revision process
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