

THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2009

The Meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:15 pm, April 16, 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: 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 the Minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting, which were approved, with corrections. Spark will forward a final version to everyone, and Bob will see that it is posted on our website.

Spark's portion of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting have been completed and forwarded to Melissa for her portion. Once completed, Melissa will forward that "Draft #1" to everyone for their edits, which are to be returned to Spark for finalization.

The calendar was circulated for everyone's entries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: DiAnne reported that, per resolution, we now have a checking account with the Coulee Dam Credit Union. She presented a financial statement, which indicated savings deposits totaling \$76.00, for a checking balance to date of \$59.43, and a savings balance of \$1,892.00. A copy of that Statement is attached.

Melissa reported that Linell will prepare the IRS 990 (for non-profits with income under \$25,000).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Outreach: Regarding the Conservation Fair, DiAnne and Bob will be at the Fairgrounds to set up by 8:45 Saturday morning, Bob having selected the booth space Friday evening. DiAnne will provide slips/tickets for a drawing for a door prize.

Melissa reported on her attendance with the NE WA Forestry Coalition meeting of April 16, 2009. They, too, have confidentiality issues which were discussed, and also grapple with the topic of "what to put on their public website". Melissa shared that we have those same concerns. Commissioner

Bob Heath was at that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Adjacent Landowner Meeting: Everyone was encouraged by the meeting and the participants' comments and suggestions. The mailing list is now up-to-date. Melissa will resend the "returned" items, with apologies for the recipients not receiving the notice in due time. Melissa and Spark will compile comments and list of questions to be answered in "Update", which we'll send to AOLs.

Update on RT Adv. Committee: Judie announced that she withdrew her application to be on the committee. There is, to date, no new public information on this issue. Melissa and Bob will check the Commissioners' Agenda for Monday, when they may move to seat the committee. Melissa suggested we put in a request to be supplied the names of all applicants. Bob reported that Karen von Soust may serve as a non-voting facilitator, representing TEDD.

Board/Committee Members: Three names were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners' Addition of the Rail Corridor to ORV EIS: The Commissioners are positioning to adopt Option #6 (Lundimo Meadows Rd to Curlew). QCC will be doing an update within 24 hours. We will not respond at this time. A draft dated April 13 of the "Ferry County EIS for ORV/OHV Use" was circulated and is attached.

Board Housekeeping: Melissa commented that we need to be better prepared for all public meetings, and must make adequate time for such. There was discussion on how to support each other with our various tasks. We need to build in additional constructive preparation time for all tasks, including document preparation, editing and finalization.

Melissa attended a meeting with Gary Mitchell, "UCRC&D [Upper Columbia Resource Conservation & Development] Coordinator of NRCS, a branch of the USDA, who represents Ferry, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Whitman & Spokane counties. We are invited to become a member of that council. Gary agreed that we have to find a solution to this motorized vs. non-motorized debate and suggested we get the motorized to a roundtable. He offered to be a facilitator on weekdays.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on May 21, 2009, at The Old Fire Hall. Bob reported that we will have guest Michael Linde of a branch within the National Parks Service responsible for funding grass roots groups' planning, facilitating projects.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary

To Do:

- Bob & DiAnne to attend Cons. Fair
- Melissa to update AOL list, resend info
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