

**THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS**  
**FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

March 27, 2011

The Fourth Annual Meeting of THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS ["FCRTP"] was called to order at 2:25 pm, March 27, 2011, at The Carousel, located at the County Fairgrounds, Republic, WA, the place designated for such meeting. The meeting was called upon with sufficient notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting. The following Directors were present: Bob Whittaker, Sarah Spark, DiAnne Hewitt, Keith Bell, and Linell Harvey. Although a "head count" indicated about 60 people present, 34 folks signed the guest book (copy attached).

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND CHANGES TO AGENDA:** President Bob Whittaker welcomed everyone, and Keith Bell presented the Directors. An Agenda had been circulated for additions.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Spark gave a summary of last year's Minutes, which had been ratified by the Board of Directors at the meeting immediately following that meeting. She also reminded folks of our corporate status, our non-profit status under 501©(3), that the Corporate Record Book was available during meetings for review; and that, as of January 2009, all Minutes are being posted on our website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** DiAnne presented a FCRTP Treasurer's Report for 2010 (copy attached), with an ending balance of \$1,144.00. Thanks, DiAnne, for such generosity. DiAnne also introduced Linell as the new Treasurer, who reminded everyone of the fund raising options available, such as the t-shirts, totes, and the FCRTP's own "Locomotion" coffee blend.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Keith reported that FCRTP will again be a presence at some events, including the Conservation Fair on 4-16, the Health and Safety Fair on 5-21, Ferry County Fair the first weekend in September, and the Mountain Bike Festival the weekend of 9-23.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** DiAnne announced the decision by the Board to become a membership organization. The lifetime fee is \$25.00 and 25 members had already joined. She made a plea for donations and new members, indicating her personal pledge to match the first 20 new memberships!

**APPRECIATION OF DEPARTING DIRECTORS:** Bob informed the group that the Director position Judie Cribby had occupied had expired and she had resigned. Further, Melissa Rose had also resigned, leaving an unexpired one-year term on her position. Bob discussed the contributions by Melissa and Judie, expressing the Board's appreciation of their good works.

**EXPLANATION OF BOARD/DIRECTOR ROTATION, ELECTIONS:**

Spark explained how the Board had been created, each position's rotation schedule, and the history of not rotating. She then announced that this year would commence the election process as close to the Bylaws as possible, although the process had begun later than as defined therein. She then opened nominations for the two vacant positions, either by being nominated or by volunteering to serve. Bob nominated Keith Bell; Spark seconded; he agreed to be considered. Keith nominated Jerry Graser; Spark seconded; he agreed to be considered.

**BRIEF HISTORY, WHERE WE ARE, BIG STEPS FORWARD:** Bob discussed the status of efforts to date, defined our relationship with the Ferry County Rail Corridor Committee ("RCC"), explained the grants awarded and their processes, and the projects at present. It was explained that the main focus of the **RCC** will be to work with the National Parks Rivers and Trails Assistance staff and our community on creating a "Concept Plan". There were several questions, such as "what is the timeline for trestle work", to which Bob responded that we would probably not see work beginning this year; and if there was a deadline by which the monies must be used. Bob also discussed the ADA issues currently under scrutiny.

There being no further business to come, the meeting was officially adjourned by Linell, and Craig Hinman of the NE Wildlife Raptor Rehabilitation Society was introduced. The attendees stayed to enjoy his team's presentation with several birds, including a great horned owl, a barred owl, a peregrine falcon, and a merlin falcon.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING will be in March, 2012.

NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETING will be Thursday, April 21, at 6:00 pm, at the Ferry County Professional Building, across from the Courthouse. All were reminded that everyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings, which are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary