

**THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

**November 30, 2009**

The meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:32 pm, November 30, 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, Sarah Spark, DiAnne Hewitt, Judie Cribby (having arrived at 6:40), and Keith Bell (having arrived at 6:46) [both of whom were late, he having prepared 2 scrumptious pizzas and she the biggest apples-from-her-tree turnover EVER for Spark's birthday! THANK YOU, J & K!], with one guest.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The edits for the September 17 Minutes were confirmed, and Minutes for October 15 were read, having been previously circulated electronically. Edits were made and both sets of Minutes were approved. They will be posted on our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer DiAnne reported as follows: the bank reflects a monthly beginning balance of \$4,355.28 and ending balance of \$2,328.98, (\$484.24 in checking and \$1,894.74 in savings) with \$334.32 currently in the checkbook. Possible purchases were discussed, including the long-awaited folding display board and work party safety vests.

Keith said an IRS representative returned his call of inquiry on about November 5 to discuss the issue of whether or not this advisory ballot issue was a "legislative action." After a 20 minute discussion she admitted that she really did not have an answer and that anything she told me was in no way binding. She told me that the only way to get a definitive answer from the IRS is to request a private letter ruling or determination. She told me that the process is very involved. I told her that we would file our taxes based on our understanding of the law and we'd let the chips fall where they may. She agreed that would be the logical approach that most organizations in our position would take. My non-binding interpretation is that this is not a "legislative action"

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The only committee report was from the Trail Development Committee: Keith Wakefield is researching snow grooming for the trail.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bobbi Weller sent an update to the Recreation Trails Committee (RTC) dated today (copy attached) regarding the Commissioners announcing their decision regarding trail designation on December 21. After much discussion, it was defined that we must keep folks informed and educated as timely information becomes available. Therefore, it was decided to do an emailing to our lists, a mailing to the ALOs, and use that update as PR material. The content would include: a greeting, update on the RTC & Bobbi's memo, and announcing the RTC meeting of 12/3 and Commissioners' meeting of 12/21. Bob will begin crafting that document immediately, and circulate it for suggestions.

[at 7:17, Saints 3, Patriots 0, in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup>]

Judie gave an update on the RTC meeting she attended as Bob's alternate, citing agricultural use, funding, and parallel trail as the discussed issues. There was also much discussion in anticipation of certain of those issues.

Regarding the east side's KRRTC, Bob reported that the word from Grand Forks' Jennifer Wetmore is that it is "still in talks"; no action to report.

Regarding CNMRT, Keith will remind them to do "thank you" cards.

[at 7:38, Saints 24, P's 17 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter w/ 10:24 sec to go]

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on December 17, 2009 at The Old Fire Hall in Republic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm to enjoy yummy treats.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary

TO DO:

- Spark to finalize last month's Minutes; Bob to post once finalized
- Bob to craft update ASAP
- All to respond to edit requests; get mailings out pronto
- All to attend RTC mtg 12/3
- All to attend Comms' mtg 12/21
- Keith: CNMRT's thank you's