

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

August 31, 2009

The Emergency Meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:33 pm, August 31, 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, Sarah Spark, DiAnne Hewitt, Judie Cribby, and Keith Bell; and Visitors.

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

NOVEMBER BALLOT: The proposed ballot was the main item to be discussed, and Keith and Spark reported on their respective research regarding whether we, as a non-profit corporation, can participate in lobbying, affecting legislation, etc. Of concern is what percentage of our budget and activities are allocated to lobbying, and the various processes required depending upon the answer.

Of those visitors present, several decided to form a group, "Citizens for a Non-Motorized Rail Trail" ("CNMRT"), using a Public Disclosure Statement as their vehicle for forming and defining the group. Their goal will be to win the ballot measure. It was decided that Joe Abraham will be President; Betty Buckley, Vice President; Katherine Meade, Treasurer; and Deborah Ramsey, Secretary. Their address is PO 71, Curlew, WA 99118, phone 779-4411. They will have a new email and minimal website shortly.

They defined tasks as follows:

- Letter to editor announcing group; Fair presence: they can put a sign in our booth
- Fund raising: they'll need a minimum of \$3,000
- Doorbelling is the best asset for getting the word out, influencing folks to vote
- Business cards with talking points, contact and donation information
- Signs/posters: burgundy background with white lettering
- Signs: 3x5 or 4x8
- PR/Media: Republic, Omak & Colville newspapers, radio spot on Omak station
- Weekly meetings: there are only 6 weeks until ballots are mailed!

They selected and divided tasks as follows:

- Katherine will arrange poster, and will get it to Joe, who will have BearPaw do a large sign, hopefully by the Fair this weekend;
- Betty will complete Public Disclosure Statement;
- Betty and Katherine will do business cards;
- Joe will open bank account at Coulee Dam Credit Union, with he and Katherine authorized to sign;
- Bob offered to help with getting the new email and website; and
- SOMEONE needs to get on the Commissioners' Agenda for Monday to introduce the new group and to request ballot wording.

The CNMRT will meet every Monday evening at 6:30. Bob has offered the use of the Firehall until they find another meeting place. Most of the CNMRT members then left the meeting.

BALLOT WORDING UPDATE: Bob gave an update on the ballot wording. A draft had been circulated to the FC Recreational Trail Committee from the Commissioners, with the caveat not to share the wording, and with the comments that it was completed, no changes necessary, etc. Four committee members notified the Commissioners that they found the verbiage confusing and misleading, and not as recommended by the Committee. It is expected that this item will be on Monday, September 7th Commissioners' Agenda.

EAST SIDE UPDATE: Bill Holmes gave an update on how that new group was doing: they have established 5 officers; the name, mission statement and bylaws will be done at their next meeting on Wednesday.

FAIR SCHEDULE: Bob will secure a booth on Wed.; DiAnne and Spark will join him in setting it up at 6:30 that night. A schedule was created for coverage 9-5 Fri-Sun. Bob will create talking points.

THANK YOU CARDS: Judie will get either our regular receipt book, or a newly purchased one, to Melissa. Spark will coordinate with Melissa to help get the cards out.

GRANT UPDATE: Bob reported that the Conservation District will sign on.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary

To Do:

- Bob to help CNMRT by setting up email & website
- Bob to create talking points for cards & Fair
- Everyone to do everything all the time!!