

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

**January 21, 2010**

The meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:35 pm, January 21, 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, and Keith Bell, with one guest.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The edits for the December 17 Minutes were made, one correction was identified, and the Minutes were then approved. The Minutes of the January 5 emergency meeting were also edited and approved, with one correction. They will be posted on our website.

Spark again reminded everyone to review the Bylaws, as they needed modifying. She will resend a copy with these Minutes.

There were many congratulatory emails and calls regarding the non-motorized designation by the FC Commissioners. The idea of a party on February 6 was discussed, but died from want of partiers.

Melissa indicated that she is developing an archive of various documents, which contain invaluable rail trail development information gathered throughout the last 4 years, among other topics. Once completed, this will be an important library for the Board to access.

Bob indicated he will be gone much of the month of April, specific dates to follow.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer DiAnne reported a total balance of \$2,077.45, which is \$182.71 in checking and \$1,894.74 in savings. Documents have been given to Linell for help with tax preparation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trail Surface Committee: Attached is an email from Keith Wakefield regarding pursuing funding for winter grooming.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Comms/Trail Designation/RTC: The Commissioners, with Comm. Heath abstaining, designated the trail non-motorized from Heron Creek north to the

Long Alec Creek Bridge. The area south of Heron Creek will be folded within the golden Tiger Pathway, with its same rules and regulations (e.g., motorized, multi-use). They agreed to retain the RTC, while reactivating the Golden Tiger Committee to oversee the motorized stretch from Heron Creek south.

An email of 1/21 from Bobbi Weller (attached) indicates that Gordon Strandberg gave a verbal resignation and Larry Hemming submitted one in writing. The Commissioners have run an ad in the local newspapers requesting letters of interest from those who wish to serve on the RTC. Bill Holmes has submitted such a letter, and we all encouraged Judie Cribby to also do so. Spark indicated she's considering it.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion regarding our now becoming a membership organization, and Keith agreed to create a membership/sponsorship form. Melissa will send to him the one that was already prepared.

It was also discussed that we should begin listing our meetings in the media, and Bob agreed to send out such notices from our email site. Participation in the Chamber of Commerce was discussed, and Spark offered to attend on our behalf, but that topic was tabled.

It was agreed to send out an "Update", which Keith agreed to draft, then send to Bob.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: It was announced that the Olympic Torch will be passing through Grand Forks on Sunday, January 24; ceremonies from 2-4pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on February 18, 2010 at The Old Fire Hall in Republic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary

#### TO DO:

- Spark to send Bylaws for edits
- Mel to send Membership form to Keith
- Bob to send meeting notice to paper from our email
- Keith to draft Update