

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

February 18, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors for THE FERRY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL PARTNERS was called to order at 6:38 pm, February 18, , 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 January 21 Minutes were made, one correction was identified, and the Minutes were then approved. They will be posted on our website.

Spark again reminded everyone to review the Bylaws, which had been provided, and to be prepared to complete the Bylaw review and revision at the next meeting.

Bob reported an email (attached) received from Barry Bogart, a bicyclist from Vancouver BC decrying ATV use on the KVR trail, and the damage it has incurred, and suggesting no one organize events using the impassible trail.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer DiAnne reported a total balance of \$2,228.59, which is \$332.63 in checking and \$1,895.96 in savings. Reimbursements were approved as follows: Bill Coates, \$60.00 for ax; USPS, \$40.00 for post office box rentals; and Bob Whittaker, \$204.45 for five copies of the book Trails for the Twenty-First Century: Planning, Design, and Management Manual for Multi-Use Trails, for various local trail groups. Further, it was agreed that DiAnne need not request Board approval on all money transfers between accounts. Further, she is authorized to cover minor expenditures, particularly incidentals such as stamps, in an amount not to exceed \$50.00.

Having previously decided to buy a tri-folding display board, it was agreed that Bob should now pursue that purchase.

Linell is working on our tax filings.

Melissa, on behalf of the Ferry County Pride Month/Conservation Fair, requested sponsor funds. The sponsors are listed in a tri-fold calendar insert, and we agreed to donate \$50.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Outreach/Judie: Conservation Fair, April 17, 10-1: We agreed to have a booth; Judie will head that project; Keith offered to help. Emphasis is on Natural resource education. Application deadline is March 10. Spark reiterated her intent to regularly attend Chamber meetings on our behalf.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on RTC: Bob reported on the previous meeting, during which: Chair Bobbi Weller announced that the committee was renamed to the “Rail Corridor Committee” (“RCC”); she introduced the new members George Marco and Lloyd O’Dell; new Bylaws were approved; and George was elected to the vacated position of Secretary. They discussed where to meet, with the only action in that regard was to have Bobbi request guidance/suggestions from the Commissioners! She is on the Commissioners’ Feb. 22 agenda for 1:30, with the RCC on for 2:00. The next meeting is on Thursday, March 4, at 6:30, location to be announced.

Update on KRRTC: Their next meeting is on March 1, which will be a “combined trail meeting” with 4 entities represented (Kettle Falls to Colville Trail Committee, FC RTP, Grand Fords Community Trail Society, and KRRTC). Bob suggested as many as us as possible attend. Carpooling was discussed. This topic will now be removed as a standing Agenda item. (Tentative agenda attached)

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting will be held at the Fire Hall on Sunday, March 28, from 2-4. Bob will do email with announcement, we will meet at noon, and provide refreshments. Spark will prepare a draft Agenda. Having an additional Board meeting on March 11 was discussed, and ultimately, dismissed.

Election of New Board Members & Officers: The Board’s history of the decisions not to hold elections and to maintain the status quo was discussed. Spark then pointed out that, as of this date, we did not have time to properly hold elections, with nominations being accepted 45 days before the Annual Meeting and elections being announced at that meeting, in accordance with the Bylaws. A Special Election could be held, with nominations accepted at the meeting and results announced 45 days later. Judie made a motion to keep the present officers and directors, with the caveat that an action plan be developed how to expand. It passed.

Membership: Melissa reminded the Board that, having waited until the trail’s non-motorized designation, we should now work to become a membership organization. There was discussion about the annual meeting being a good place to initiate that idea. Keith had not yet created a membership form but said he would. Melissa will resend the one created some time ago. However, no decision was actually made.

Attorney Presentation re Rail Trail in Curlew: Melissa reported on that event, wherein these attorneys discussed lands granted under the 1875 National Trails Act. These attorneys, soliciting for a class action suit they are initiating, stated that compensation could be made to adjacent landowners under this Congressional Act, contingent upon the “granting” language.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None!

NEXT MEETING: It was decided to begin the next meeting at 6:00 pm on February 18, 2010 at The Old Fire Hall in Republic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K.W. Spark, Secretary

TO DO:

- Bob to find out & share location of RCC mtg
- Bob to purchase display board
- Melissa to follow up with our donation to FC Pride
- Judie to submit application re Conservation Fair
- Spark to draft Annual Meeting Agenda