

CCC Meeting
Minutes
2/20/2015
Pepper Jacks
Grand Coulee, WA

Present: Tim Alling- Chair, Mark Amara-1st V Chair, Ken Caylor-2nd V Chair, Barb Caylor-Treasurer/acting Secretary, Birdie & Lowell Hensley, Denis Felton, Rick Heiberg, Dale Anderson, Roger Krug, Susie Barr, Luke Kooistra, Marlene Oddie, Tom Poploski, and Lonna Bussert

Meeting called to order by Chair, Tim Alling at 12 pm (noon).
Introductions were made.

The Secretary position is still open. Will take volunteers until we find someone to fill the position. Barb Caylor will take minutes for this meeting.

Rick Heiberg reported that the new Mayor and a councilmember of Coulee City proceeded to have some trees at the park cut down. The cutting was stopped by the Bureau of Reclamation, then continued. The Mayor says the park is not making money. Rick (when Mayor) said it was a moneymaker, taking care of most of the city's infrastructure.

Mark reported that he finished the Byway Beat. Also stated that the Master Gardeners are doing Eco Gardening. Anyone interested may sign up.

Ken Caylor reported that Marla Bennett from the Columbia Wildlife Refuge in Othello, is retiring. Don't know of any big changes out there right now. The basalt columns that were pledged to the Coulee Corridor are being relocated on the refuge.

Denis reported that the Dry Falls Visitor Center will open March 1. It will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Barb Caylor reported that the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival will be March 27, 28, and 29 in Othello. The Coulee Corridor will have their booth set up again.

Luke Kooistra, with 21st Century Kids, would like to partner with different groups and give presentations at events.

Roger Krug said the cranes and upland birds are around Connell.

Marlene Oddie reported on charging stations. Strategy is needed on site locations. The fiber plant has the first one in Grant County. The West side of the state has many in different areas.

Tim Alling reported the Balde Eagle Festival is being held today, Feb. 20, 9 am-4 pm. There are about 150 school children involved.

A motion was made by Mark Amara to accept the minutes of Jan. 16, 2015. Ken Caylor seconded that motion. It was approved to accept the minutes as written.

The agenda was modified by adding the article 'Re-establishing our tourism story'. Birdie Hensley made a motion, Mark Amara seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Approved

Barb Caylor reported there is \$4297.31 in the account with everything to date being paid. Asked for approval to write checks for printer ink (less than \$25.00), Corporations Annual Report (\$10.00), Buttonit invoice for ad graphic designer (\$519.00) and NSB Foundation membership (\$150.00). Denis Felton made a motion, Ken Caylor seconded to approve the checks. Approved

Tim Alling talked about the FSI rack-card. 10,000 copies were made. Grant County Tourism was the main financial partner. Tim distributed them at the Sportsman Show in Puyallup that he attended in Jan. He showed the FSI T-Shirts and Caps. Prices are \$22.00 for the shirts and \$20.00 for the caps.

Lonna Bussert asked if the signage at Devil's Bowl could be replaced. After discussion, it was decided to look into finding how we could replace it.

The 2005 Grant Committee is focused on the Community Kiosks. They are working on getting photos for the cookie-cutter side of the kiosk. They have 3-4 photos out of 5-6 needed. They are also working on the contract with Gray & Osborne which expired Dec. 31, 2014. Working on filling out papers needed. Soap Lake is very active and working on their text for the kiosk. The Steering Committee will meet on the 25th. Birdie will attend that meeting. Coulee City is moving along on their kiosk. North Dam is working on theirs with Birdie and her committee.

Tourism is the fourth largest industry in Washington. It has been slow since the shutdown of the tourism office in 2011. Washington Tourism Alliance is working to revive the office by assessing individual businesses annually. That brings up questions. Where will the money go? Who will benefit? What representation will we have on this side?

Tim Alling talked about the 1912 Geological Excursion, showed pictures of the cars, and before and after pictures of the area around Steamboat Rock. He is also working on putting together a display for the Grand Coulee Dam Visitors Center.

Roger Krug renewed his membership today.

The meeting was adjourned.

Barb Caylor, Acting Secretary

MEETING SCHEDULE;

March 20, 2015—Hartline—Library in Old School

April 17, 2015—Othello--Senior Center

May 15, 2015—Moses Lake

June 19, 2015--Connell