COULEE CORRIDOR CONSORTIUM

MEETING MINUTES

MICHAEL JAY’S RESTAURANT

CONNELL, WA

10/19/18

Those present were Chair Tim Alling, 1st V Chair Mark Amara, 2nd Vice Chair Ken Caylor, Treasurer Barb Caylor and Larry Julius.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Alling at 12:18 pm.

Barb Caylor agreed to record the minutes.

**CCC Minutes**. The Minutes from the September meeting were amended with recommendations from Mark Amara. A motion was made by Mark Amara and seconded by Ken Caylor to accept them with amendments. It was passed.

**Eastern Washington Travel Planner.** The Eastern Washington Vacation & Travel Planner will distribute 85,000 copies in 2019. It was discussed whether we should keep our ad in the magazine. Barb Caylor motioned to continue our ad this year. Mark Amara seconded that motion. It was passed. The consortium will talk about any changes to be made.

**Coulee Corridor – New Loop.** The group talked about getting the paperwork done and lobbying the state legislature to formalize the new Coulee Corridor loop from Connell to Warden. That way we can help promote the Solar Farm at Lind and the Wind Farm South of Ralston along that route.

**Partner Reports.** The Moses Lake Farmers Market will continue until the end of October.

**Treasurers Report.** The Treasurer’s report stated there is $5129.55 in the Corridor checking account after a check for $500 was written to Conservation By Design for graphic design work. There were no invoices to be paid. Mark Amara motioned to accept the treasurer’s report. Ken Caylor seconded the motion. It was passed.

**Kiosk Bid Opening.** Larry Julius, Gray & Osborne, Inc., reported on the 2005 Grant Kiosk Project Bid Opening. There were five companies that bid on the project. The low bidder is Ridge2River Construction from Soap Lake, WA. at $77,688.00. The work may start this fall depending on the weather or next Spring.

Mark Amara, with guidance from Larry Julius, made the following motion seconded by Ken Caylor: We, the Coulee Corridor Consortium, move to award the Coulee Corridor Consortium Kiosk construction project to Ridge2River Construction, LLC, in the amount of $77,688.00, which includes State Sales Tax, contingent on concurrence on the award from WSDOT and State Parks. The motion was approved.

A second motion was made by Mark Amara, seconded by Ken Caylor: We, the Coulee Corridor Consortium, move to coordinate with WSDOT in the manufacturing and installation of the Trailblazer signs along designated routes. The motion was approved.

The Othello Beautification Committee is in the process of putting streetlights on Main Street. One block is where the kiosk for the Coulee Corridor National Scenic Byway will be. We will see if we can put a light at the Othello kiosk location so it will illuminate it on both sides.

**New Grant Requests.** The grant application meeting will be held Monday, October 22 at Denis Felton’s State Park Office at 9:30 am. The Othello 2019 application for funds was submitted. Connell’s is due in January. The committee will discuss the other city applications at the meeting and fill them out.

**Signage.** A road sign at Mardon is in need of repair and there is a group working on it. We have not talked to them since our last meeting. The Mullan Trail sign near Benge needs work done on it. There is a version of the wording from a historian at Washtucna. There may be monies available to help with restoration. We will check it out.

The Othello and Omak Coulee Corridor National Scenic Byway Gateway signs need something on the back of them. It was suggested to put ‘Thank You-Come Again’ on them. Ken will check with Signs Now! And get cost estimates from other vendors. Maybe some decals will work.

The **Adopt-A-Highway** cleanup is October 27. Meet at the Lake Lenore restroom parking lot at 10am. Denis Felton will be getting the equipment for us. There was discussion about holding the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup Monday, October 22 rather than Saturday as scheduled though it may be contingent on learning from Denis Felton if equipment has been secured already. Tim Alling agreed to follow up with Denis.

The **Adams County Visitors Guide** magazine for 2018-2019 put the Coulee Corridor page ad in without seeking our concurrence or contacting us. We will see if they send a bill or not.

The next CCC meeting is at the Red Door Café, 202 W. Third Ave, Moses Lake on November 16, 2018 at 11:30am. Hope to see you there.

This meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Acting Secretary,

Barb Caylor