COULEE CORRIDOR CONSORTIUM

MEETING MINUTES

RED DOOR CAFÉ

MOSES LAKE, WA

11-16-2018

Those present were: Tim Alling, Chair; Mark Amara, 1st V Chair; Ken Caylor, 2nd V Chair, Barb Caylor, Treasurer; Denis Felton, Leslie Kliphardt and Fritz Kliphardt.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tim Alling at 12:19 pm.

Barb Caylor agreed to record the minutes.

The 2005 grant was added for discussion on loop and trailblazer signs being done at the same time.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with amendments by a motion from Mark Amara and seconded by Denis Felton.

State Parks visitors are way down. However, due to the popularity of the Dry Falls State Park, funds have been secured to keep the Dry Falls Visitor Center open on weekends through the year. Typically, it closes for the season in October and does not open again until March. Now it will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays even during the off-season. The Interpretive Specialist there will make presentations to schools or provide school activities on Mondays and Thursdays. The Capitol Budget allowed for upgrades to buildings and rock wall improvements at Dry Falls. Future monies to be spent on trails

The Grant County Tourism Commission is publishing a Grant County Trail and Hiking Guide Book. Our Mark Amara is working on 5 trails for the book.

Grant County Historical Society has fixed up their buildings and have recognized the Coulee Corridor National Scenic Byway since they are on a loop of the byway.

Spokane teacher and historian Jack Nisbet has a new book out about John and Carrie Leiberg, who arrived in the Idaho Panhandle in 1885 and homesteaded on the southern tip of Lake Pend Oreille. The book is ‘The Dreamer and the Doctor’.

The Othello Sandhill Crane Festival is on track with speakers lined up and the poster is coming along. The date for the festival is March 22-24, 2019 at the Othello High School.

Ken and Barb Caylor attended the Lind Solar Farm dedication. Ken Caylor presented a proposal for the new Connell-Warden loop to the Governor. It now goes to WSDOT for further approval.

The Treasurer reported there is $5129.55 in the corridor checking account. There is one invoice to NW Weekend Getaways to be paid for $1000.00 for advertisement. Denis Felton moved, Mark Amara seconded to pay the invoice. It was passed. Ken Caylor moved to accept the treasurers report. Mark Amara seconded that motion. It was passed.

The 2005 Grant Committee is waiting on WSDOT. Construction on the kiosks could be Spring, depending on weather.

Denis Felton located original letters to cities on the amounts each pledged for the kiosks.

A park location error on the Othello Map Panel was corrected.

The Othello Kiosk might have lighting from a streetlight being put in by the Othello Beautification Committee along Main Street.

Denis Felton will activate the new Coulee Corridor phone number. It is 509.634.1528.

Mark Amara added a new paragraph about the kiosks in the Eastern WA Travel Planner.

Nominations are open for 1st V Chair and Secretary. Elections will be at December meeting in Ephrata.

2019 Hotel/Motel Grant Applications are in for Grant County Tourism and Othello. Connell and Soap Lake are due in January. Ken Caylor will check with Othello Adams County Commissioners.

The Adopt-A-Highway cleanup was done on October 27, 2018. The next pickup will be April 19, 2019 at 9:30 am.

Mark Amara is doing a newsletter as soon as he gets articles for it.

The next meeting will be at the Time Out in Ephrata on December 21 at noon.

The meeting was adjourned around 1:20 pm.

Submitted by

Barbara Caylor, Acting Secretary