COULEE CORRIDOR CONSORTIUM

MINUTES

BEACHHOUSE RESTAURANT

 MARDON

9/21/2018

Those present were Chair, Tim Alling; 1st V Chair, Mark Amara; 2nd V Chair, Ken Caylor; Treasurer, Barb Caylor; Denis Felton, Larry Julius, Nell Kovach, John and Sharon Moody.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tim Alling at 12:13pm.

Barb Caylor agreed to record the minutes for the meeting.

Introductions were not needed as everyone knew each other.

The Minutes from the August meeting were approved with amendments by a motion from Ken Caylor and seconded by John Moody.

The agenda was approved by a motion from Barb Caylor and seconded by Ken Caylor.

The Quincy Farmers Appreciation Day was held with Ice Age Floods Institute, Columbia Basin Development League and the Raptors having a booth there. There were great speakers presenting programs with an all day trip around the area.

The Masquers Theater is presenting ‘The Unsinkable Mollie Brown’ for two weeks.

The Ice Age Flood Institute is having a meeting October 13 with an outing to see the leaf fossil

site at Douglas Creek in the Moses Coulee.

The Othello Sandhill Crane Festival will be March 22-24, 2019. They have chosen a theme and will be working on the posters to be out around December 1. Speakers have replied back to the group.

Soap Lake will be celebrating its 100th anniversary with a calendar, a class reunion and presentations during the celebration. For more information see the website at SL100.com. There is a new restaurant in town called La Cucina di Sophia. They serve a great pizza. The new owners are of Brazilian Italian descent.

The Audubon Society will be 30 years in January, 2019.

The Grand Coulee Chamber of Commerce had their festival September 14-16 with lots of turnout and vendors.

The Othello Fair was September 12-15 outside of Othello. The Coulee Corridor had a booth there. Lots of information and materials was passed out. The Omak Museum has the 1927 car featured in the Eastern Washington Travel Planner that was rebuilt by a gentleman who stopped by the Corridor booth.

Ephrata will have a Wine Walk September 28 through businesses in town, It is sponsored by the Rotary Club and the Chamber as a fundraiser for these organizations.

The Moses Lake Farmers Market will continue till the end of October. The Master Gardeners hold weekly plant clinic diagnosis sessions at each market. The Master Gardners also have an on line clinic where individuals can ask questions and get diagnoses on their samples or get help with their other gardening challenges. .

Ken Caylor made a presentation to the Othello City Council updating them on the Coulee Corridor National Scenic Byway kiosks, Wildlife loop, new Connell/Warden loop and Othello kiosk location permitting, if any. They did not give a definite answer on that. The new street lights on Main Street will provide some lighting on the kiosk.

Treasurer’s Report. The treasurer reported there is $5579.55 in the corridor checking account. All bills have been paid. There is a $50.00 check for deposit. John Moody motioned, Mark Amara seconded to accept the treasurer’s report. It was passed.

Kiosk Progress. Approval for the bids on the kiosks is done. The advertisement will go out next week for two weeks. It is a 3-4 week process. Contracts will be signed then the low bidder will be chosen. There is a time period of 7 weeks for the kiosk construction, 1 week per kiosk.

A specifications book was passed out by Larry Julius. The estimate is $77,000 for the kiosks, with $7000 set aside for the trailblazer signs. They are looking at an approximate October 15 bid opening date.

Denis Felton is looking to find the original letters of pledges for each city. The pledges were Coulee City $500, Othello $1200, Grand Coulee $1000, Warden $800 and Soap Lake $1000.

Denis Felton asked if the Coulee Corridor could send a check to the graphic designer for the last phase of her work to revise the content of the kiosk narratives to close out her contract. John Moody motioned, Mark Amara seconded to pay the graphic designer $500. It was passed.

Barb Caylor is checking on line for a new information display. She located just a frame for $200. The panels we have will fit it according to the dimensions. We can also get a whole new unit after the graphics are changed. That will run around $3000-5000 or more. The group decided to wait till February before doing anything. Our first use will be the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival in March.

Grant Applications. The Hotel/Motel Tax grant applications were looked over for deadlines to be filled out. Most are coming up soon.

Coulee Corridor Website. The website needs some up grading. Computer Solutions will do the changes for around $200. Mark Amara has outlined some areas that need to be addressed. Any suggestions can be sent to Mark Amara.

Denis Felton will get the Coulee Corridor telephone up and running soon,

The Mardon sign on the corridor needs some work done on it. We need a directional one at Rd 12 & ‘H’SE (Othello/Royal City). The Mullan Trail sign near Benge needs new verbage. Adams County Commissioners may be able to help financially. Will check with Signs Now! on verbage.

Mark Amara drafted a letter to US Bureau Of Reclamation about doing something with the buildings at US 2 & SR155. Ken Caylor motioned, Mark Amara seconded to approve and have Chairman, Tim Alling, send the letter written. It was passed.

The Coulee Corridor Adopt-A-Highway clean-up will be October 27, 10am at the Lake Lenore restroom parking lot. All are invited to participate.

The next meeting will be in Connell at Michael Jay’s Restaurant on October 19 at noon. Barb Caylor will make reservations.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.

Submitted by Acting Secretary

Barb Caylor