Coulee Corridor Consortium

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2016

Othello Senior Center

Othello, WA

Those present were: Mark Amara, 1st V. Chair; Ken Caylor, 2nd V. Chair; Barb Caylor, Treasurer; Denis Felton, Birdie Hensley, John Moody, Jim Pritchard, Dee Caputo, Mark Zerfass, Travis Goddard and Amy Hurlbut.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Mark Amara at 12:08 pm.

Introductions were given.

Barb Caylor agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

The Sandhill Crane Festival will be at the Othello High School this weekend March 18-20. The tours are sold out. Lectures will be available all day. There will be wine tasting 2-6 pm at the Old Hotel. Vendors will also be available.

Dee Caputo is working with the City of Othello/Travis on the Comprehensive Plan Update Project which received funds from WA Dept of Commerce/CDBG grant. Dee was appointed National American Planning Association Planning Ambassador. Travis and Dee co-taught a days’ worth of classes in association with Barb Taylor, instructor at Othello High School to familiarize local High School students with land use planning in general and the current update project in particular. The Ambassador Project Report will be posted on the WA-Chapter APA web page (Youth in Planning) and will also be shared Nationally among planners as a result of the Ambassador Program. Dee attempts to educate and motivate jurisdictions along the Byway to consider including policies regarding Coulee Corridor work within local government comprehensive plans and related regulations, when needed.

The Comprehensive Plan for Othello is close to being done. They are working on signage on the main highways in the area.

The next play at the Masquers Theater begins April 22 and runs through Mother’s Day. It will be ‘Our Town’, a Pulitzer Prize winning play by Thornton Wilder. Website at [www.masquers.com](http://www.masquers.com).

The Lower Grand Coulee Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute is planning for trails in the Soap Lake and Ephrata area.

The Ice Age Floods Institute will have their informational display at the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival again this year. Their meetings are at 11 am each 2nd Saturday in the Senior Center, Soap Lake. An outing/hike follows each meeting to an ice-age flood feature in the area.

The Moses Lake Museum and Art Center is having Family Day at the Moses Lake Civic Center on May 7 is “Bird Day” co-hosted by the Central Basin Audubon Society. The ARK (Audubon Refuge Keepers) program is underway. Classroom sessions are set up in most 6th grade science classes at schools from Ephrata to Connell along the Coulee Corridor. Tours for students are set in April, May and early June to the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge.

The Othello Community Museum will be open during the Festival Fri-Sun 10 am-5 pm.

The Othello Sandhill Crane Festival Committee did stuff festival bags this week.

The Othello Port District will help with the Adams County portion of installing signs for the Coulee Corridor.

May 14, 2016 is the 50th Anniversary of the Dry Falls Visitor Center 11 am-10 pm.

The Grant County Conservation District and WSU Grant-Adams Master Gardener Program invites you to the 2nd Annual Columbia Basin Eco-Gardening Symposium on April 23, 2016, 9 am to 1 pm at the Technical Skills Center, 920 E. Yonezawa Blvd, Moses Lake, WA.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved by a motion from John Moody and a second from Denis Felton.

The meeting agenda had one correction made and was approved by a motion from Ken Caylor and seconded by Jim Pritchard.

The Treasurer reported there is $4687.58 in the Coulee Corridor checking account. No invoices to be paid. Ken Caylor motioned to approve the report, Denis Felton seconded. It was passed.

The 2005 Grant Committee has sent kiosk materials to the graphic designer. Should hear more news in April.

The Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup is set for April 16, 2016. Meet at the Lake Lenore restroom parking lot at 9 am.

Membership is at 17 members.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 15 in Omak at the Koala Street Grill, 914 Koala Ave . The meetings start at noon. The 2005 Grant Committee will meet at 11 am.

Future Meetings:

May 20, 2016 Red Door Café, 202 W. Third Ave, Moses Lake

June 17, 2016 Grand Coulee, Moose Lodge

July 15, 2016 Dry Falls

Aug 19, 2016 Warden

Sept 16, 2016 Mardon

Oct 21, 2016 Coulee City

Nov 18, 2016 Ephrata

Dec 16, 2016 Soap Lake

Submitted by

Barb Caylor

Acting Secretary