

OHTAC Meeting

SEPT 7, 2014

Loren's notes

Council Members Present: Sam Woolsley, Jim Ford, Wendell Baskins, Glenn Harrison, Loren Irving, Lyndon Hilton. Absent: Billy Symms, Connie Colton, John Hayes

Call to Order: Meeting opened by Chair Sam Woolsley

Review /Approve Minutes from June 22, 2014 Meeting: Motion, Wendel Baskins, 2nd Loren Irving Approved

Review LaGrande Field Notes: Wendell reviewed. See Action Items below. Approved.

Treasurer's Report, OHTAC Finances Glenn

Glenn working on support for Marsha and Ann Rogers on the Santiam Wagon Road meeting. We will follow through with payment of honorarium and expenses.

OHTAC is choosing to request funds annually from the administration portion of the OCF account. Motion by Loren Irving, Seconded by Jim Ford. Motion approved. Wendell and Glenn will present guidelines options at the next meeting.

Old Business

-B2H Update: Glenn

Sept 10 2014 meeting coming up regarding programmatic agreements.

-Barlow Road Film Project and Grant: Glenn

OHTAC is applying to OCF for a grant. If successful OHTAC will open a new account to keep funds separate. OHTAC will need to be approve distributing funds for this grant account. Motion to approve Barlow Road Project. Wendell moved, Glenn seconded.

Motion: to set up a separate (Wendell and Jim) account if this grant is approved.

-2015 Field Trips and Dates Sam

April 24-26 Applegate Trail (Jim/Hugo) Base: Grants Pass

June 26-28 Fremont/Whitman/ Wyeth (Wendell/OCTA) Base: Lagrande

Sept 11-13 Barlow Road (the Dalles to Tygh Valley) (Wendell and OCTAand maybe Stafford) Base: The Dalles

-Future OHTAC Members Sam

Names considered: Erica Risberg, Pat Davis, Dick Seymour, Bobbi Connor, Umatilla, coordinated and had 3 people send in applications to the Governor. Decisions made by the Governors office based on geographical/ gender/ tribal. Glenn suggests he has a contact in the Appointment Secretary and will maintain the connection. Wendell will contact Dick Seymour. Lyndon will contact and review with Bobbi Connor. Bobbie Connor was one of the original members of OHTAC. We need representation from NE Oregon.

New Business

-Oregon Trail Monument at Biggs Sam

Monument is damaged and up ended and needs to be re set.
On ODOT land. Sam will contact Annie Von Domitz (Ex officio member) with OTE.

-West Road needs carsonite marker (above the rock quarry at Biggs where the OT descended) marker replaced via OCTA. Wendell to contact Henry Pittock with OCTA. The sign from 1959 was burned in a fire and the crossing needs a marker.

-Oregon State Library Glenn

Oregon History Section. Talking about moving much of the inventory to OHS. The public access portion will be reduced. Glenn met with head librarian and got their ok to retrieve some 200 books donated regarding history of Oregon Trail. Ohtac inventory of books is at the Archives.
Chair to write letter of support to maintain history collection at the Library with access by public.

-Benjamin Bonneville/ Cottonwood Canyon State Park Sam

Ohtac visited this site Sept 6, 2014. Tom Peterson with State Parks is open to helping tell the story and history Bonneville coming through. Suggestions include adding a "story board" to what already is in place. Bonneville first American to travel up the John Day. OHTAC will suggest some background and verbage suggestion: After the board that talks about Dock Spus and as the river is in first person talking..... On a board above this one the river could say something of the order "I greeted a group led by an American Officer Benjamin Bonneville, and should be written in the same manner as the existing.

- Motion to donate \$200 to Cotton Wood State Park moved by Jim then Wendell. Donation will mention in honor of Tom Petersen.

The Jedediah Smith Marker and Sign Wendell

OHTAC has been recommending an interpretive sign in detail regarding the "incident". WE recommended replacement at location out by 101 and then suggested the old weight station site. Jesse Debeers Umpqua group and Wendell worked on verbage of sign. Verbage is completed and Sign is done and Annie and A Dedication Event coming up late Sept. It will be placed in original location.

OHTAC will write a letter about the mass grave location and ask if it can be designated an historic mass grave site. We would like to see protection and signage of at area. List as contact of Jedediah Smith Society. Glenn Harrison is a member of Jedediah Smith Society and will work with Wendell and Wayne Knoutz in Stockton.

Summit Ridge Project Windfarm.

Does not appear that is in an area that has physical impact on either trail. In 2009 OHTAC had no issues with the project. OHTAC will acknowledge that at this time we have no objections to the project. Will reduce the turbines from 87 to 72. Will be 91 meters high.

The Chair with approval of council may assign volunteers that may include former members, or otherwise as needed. M

Ex-Officio Membership

The council will expand the membership of Ex-Offiicio members to include

New Treasurer needed for 2015

Thank you letter to be sent to Sherman County Museum letter of support.

Hugo Neighborhood is working on placing of signs on Applegate trail. Requesting a letter of support from OHTAC. OHTAC will provide a letter of support for more signage for Applegate Trail. Wendell moved, (who seconded?)

Sam reflected on his time on the Council as very positive and made positive personal comments. Wendell indicated his appreciation for serving on the council and will continue on a volunteer.