



## **MINUTES**

### **Friday, March 22, 2024**

**Attendees:** Mike Burke, Leslye Wing, Deb Gray, Ron McMullin, Rene Burk. Karen Roberson and Midge McGinnis via phone. Absent – Steve Kennerly

#### **Sheepdog Event:**

More discussions are needed to determine what we might want to be involved with. (Food trucks, entrance fee for event, etc.). Suggested that board have a separate meeting to review this matter.

Amelia had voiced some concerns regarding financial tracking. It is felt that they should be their own entity. Friends are not interested in handling their income/expenses. We would only be involved in items like entrance fees (for event only which would be only source of income for Friends.)

Amelia was hopeful to have 'free' camping. County representatives did not feel this would be feasible and neither does Friends as this is one of the few sources of income for the park. The event will be held to right of Equestrian pavilion (between it and road).

#### **School Fence:**

Ron has done a great job of repairing the fence, however, it is probably NOT calf proof. He has also asked Dan & Sam (cattle folks) if they would replace fence with a woven wire fence. Have not heard back. Thought was that we hope for the best and do not pursue replacing fence unless a calf does breach the current fence. Ron will still ask Sam/Dan what their feeling is about replacing it.

#### **OED/Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce updates (from Deb):**

Are we interested in a geocache partnership with OED? The geocache group is going to put a peacock on the coin representing Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park. Jessica has given us information regarding May 18<sup>th</sup> date for unveiling of coin. We would want a presence at the event. PUBLICITY..Facebook page and whatever else can be arranged. Craig Riley at News Review.

#### **Orchard/Firewood – Campground:**

Ron has cut up the downed tree and piled limbs, etc. into a burn pile. In past county had not allowed burning, however, Kelly says that burning is okay. Additional idea is since County sells firewood permits, perhaps Friends purchases permit (\$25?) and Ron will cut it up. haul it off, does anyone burn wood in their homes? It is good to get the old dead wood out of the orchard. Rene

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

- Bridge – Kelly and Ron will do the work if county supplies materials. Ron estimates that they will need 4 posts at approximately \$36 per post. There is some wood in bark that could be used for railings. Karen has some 12' treated lumber. Budget Lumber may have 4x5" some. 8' board is #36. Ron will come up with an estimate for wood.
- Mission Statement. Current statement infers that while the county owns the park, Friends maintains it. That is not what was intended. There are a couple of different versions floating around. Midge will gather them all up and see what legally has to be done when changing. Ideally it will be greatly shortened and make it clear that county owns the property and Friends volunteers to help support it.
- PAB Meeting – per Karen they only hold PAB meetings once quarter. Next one will be in May. We would like someone to attend to bring up topics of water, cameras, bridge, rest rooms, etc.
- Bench plaques – Celia's is still there! Still need to obtain a new one for Wally's bench. Mike has volunteered to go to Valerie's Trophy Shop on Mossier Street.
- Water in day use area. Camp host states that someone has been working on the water, however, a setback occurred as a result of vandalism.
- Campground closed or not – confusion as to whether or not the campground is open?
- Trail Hike...only 3 folks showed up. Hiked up hill vs. trying to go around due to mud. (see item on trail condition below). (Park neighbors)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Citizen Award dinner – Jessica would like a Friends presence at dinner. Cost is about \$40. Deb is interested in going and so is Rene. Group felt Midge should go. Rene will go if the Group pays and Midge can't make it. Fee would be reimbursed for cost of ticket. (May 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Brochures – Deb needs to get more brochures printed. We are using a lot of them for displays at various events. Also given maps and brochures out at Park (Ron/Deb) to visitors they meet. Approved getting a bid on 500 brochures.
- County has voiced a concern that events are being held without advising county. What constitutes an 'event'. Is there a number of attendees or reserving the pavilion? County needs to let us know as we do not know what 'constitutes' an event. In meantime we will do our best to let county know what we are planning. Deb sent them the monthly event plans.
- Greater United Way – wants to help the park. Need ideas of what they could do: wood to clean up, planting flowers along roadway (Daffodils), bridge repair, oil/stain benches, clearing Nature Trail, trimming grass (ie: around school in particular)

### **Trail Collaboration**

Leslye attended Roseburg OET meeting. Good attendance (12+) and very enthusiastic group. She also rode out at the park and trails are in horrible condition (she took some photos). Cattle are not helping matters. In past we think cattle were moved out during winter. Do not know what current lease agreement is. Touchy issue as Cattle owners have been doing a great deal of work at the park so asking them to move cattle out in

winter may not be fair. Cattle are not only tearing up existing trails, but also creating numerous 'side trails' Serenity 1 can write grants. Also there are tire tracks on 'road'. Most likely from Gator.

This all makes trails a BIG project.

Drift fence around Celia's bench to stop mud.

Should we have an event fund raiser for trails?

**Park Events:** The following events are tentatively and/or confirmed for the park:  
(Deb will keep this list up to date and post information on Facebook as event gets closer.)

April 21 – Wildflowers - Confirmed

May 18 – Hike (Birds) – also geocache for 5/18-5/19)

June – June 15<sup>th</sup> – Stream Simulator (confirmed)

July – Farm yard focus

August – Nothing planned

September – Orchard focus pruning

October – History tour (note sheepdog trials are schedule for 10/25)

November – Hike (general)

December – Nothing planned. Collect scions from trees for grafting?

**NEXT Meeting and Upcoming Events:**

April 19, 2024 – Next Meeting (BNB)

April 21, 2024 - Hike (Wildflowers)

April 15, 2024 – Adopt a Highway

5/18-19, 2024 – Geocache

June 15, 2024 – Stream Simulator Demo

September 23, 2024 – Adopt a Highway

October 25, 2024 – Sheepdog Trials

**DONATIONS**

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