



## **MINUTES**

### **Friday, February 16, 2024**

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

**Arborist:** Arborist meeting will be at the orchard on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. Rene will bring map of orchard as well as a copy of the invitation (which includes the items we are interested in them giving us bids on). Dan Zundel wants a private meeting. Perhaps Karen can either handle it? Rene does have a copy of the requirements if he shows up, otherwise, can someone get the information to him? Additionally, there is a contact at the county (Rusty mentioned this). Rene sent her an invitation.

**Music off Central :** We received a request for a donation for this. Believe it was just a mass mailing and since we already belong to OED and Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce it is felt that this is ‘our’ contribution. Sending an actual donation was voted against we will try to support where we can through these other two organizations.

**Oakland FFA Advisor Offer-** We were contacted on 2/8 through Facebook by Angela Silva-Chenoweth, the Oakland FFA student advisor. She asked if we had work the students could help with on President’s Day as a community service project. We are VERY interested in working with this group and hoped to coordinate the work day. Deb responded both on Facebook and by leaving several messages but did not hear back from Angela after the initial contact. We hope to work with Oakland High School on projects at the park in the future.

**Restoration Contractors Funding Opportunity --** Umpqua Oak Partnership forwarded and email announcing an opportunity for Restoration Contractors looking to do work on BLM lands. It does not pertain to us.

**Trail cleanup day results:** Nice turnout from Friends and Source One Serenity. News Review came out and a front page article was published. Chili feed was prepared by Friends (Ron McMullin). Worked on Oak Savannah and Fern Woods trails. Hope to have more of these ‘events’ OET’s annual clearing is coming up on 3/23/24) See note below regarding a ‘joint’ trail committee. Jill Rosebush suggested placing a poster on kiosks showing who all works on maintain the trails with a request for donations or volunteers.

**Restoration Contractor's** – Nothing for us to do as this is geared toward contractors who might be interested in participating.

**Miscellaneous:**

- **PAB Meeting** – Karen was unavailable so do not know if she was successful in obtaining next meeting date. (hope to cover a number of items with county
- **Park Events:** See below for tentative and finalized events . Deb to update the list.
- **Friends and OET Luncheon:** Lunch attended by Lesley Wing, Deb Gray, Sally Bayliss and Lynda Harding. Lynda Harding, the new Roseburg OET Chair contacted Karen suggesting they meet to discuss ways the local OET and Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park might coordinate our efforts to support the county in maintenance and preservation of the Park. On the day of the meeting, Karen was sick and asked Deb to join Leslye for the lunch meeting in Oakland. Sally Bayliss also attended from OET. After introductions and some discussion, the four agreed to suggest a “Trail Working Group” with representatives from the Friends of MKMP, OET and Source One Serenity (SOS) to the respective groups. Each would take the suggestion back to their respective groups to select representatives and plans for moving forward. Everyone in attendance was pleased with the chance to connect.

Jill Rosebush from Roseburg OET attended this meeting and reported that she will be their representative on the working group (Jill Talburt may participate also). She also reported that Rusty from SOS attended the last OET meeting and agreed to the idea of a Trails Working Group.

Support for the Trails Working Group was approved. Leslye Wing, Ron McMullin and Deb Gray will represent Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park. Leslye Wing will coordinate with OET and SOS to plan the first meeting.

- **QR Donation Code:** We will make use of the QR code on our correspondence to members. Additionally it was suggested that a laminated flyer be posted at the kiosks.

**New Items:**

- **School Fence:** Cattle have broken through fence at school. Ron will try and temporarily patch it up. The t-posts that were in the barn have been moved by county and they will return them so that Ron can replace the ones that have been destroyed. (Update- posts returned and Ron did a ‘quick’ fix. ) Mike Burke has barb wire that he will donate. Fence really needs to have woven fencing installed. Ron is trying to contact the cattle owners to see if they can/will help repair/replace the fencing around school. Steve is obtaining costs for field fencing..330’ of fence would cost approximately \$265. Perhaps one of the feed stores would donate it?

- **County Approval of Projects:** Ron spoke with Kelly Sheriff (inland maintenance employee). Kelly was fine with flyer placement (QR code ) Cutting up of downed Walnut tree. Repairing school fence.
- **Day Use Bridge:** Ron and Kelly looked it over and there is no doubt it needs repairing. Railings and some of the deck boards are rotting. Ron will do the repairs if county will supply materials.
- **Downed Walnut Tree:** Discussion as to putting in a burn pile or cutting it up for fire wood. Original idea of perhaps having a portable mill come out is not going to work, as there would not be enough boards obtained to make it worthwhile. Wood could be used in campground, however, it would have to be spilt. Not sure it is a good idea to just post this information at campground and let campers just get it or not. Also discussed having the FFA folks move the useable wood to campground. No definite decisions Ron will talk with One Source to make plan as Rusty is willing to help as well as Mike B. Need further discussions with county.
- **Trail committee:** Linda Harding, Sally Bayless proposed setting up a ‘committee’ to deal with on going trail maintenance. Leslye and Ron from Friends will participate (as well as Jill Rosebush (OET).
- **Picnic Tables:** We have repeatedly asked county about getting the picnic benches repaired. So far nothing has been done and the ones in the day use area are falling apart. Ron was willing to put together some, however, county was against this for safety reasons.
- **OED and Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce Notes:** Suggestion made that monthly board meetings should include an updates/news from OED and Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce. We will do that.

**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.)

March – Hike  
 April – Wildflowers  
 May – Audubon  
 June – June 15<sup>th</sup> – Stream Simulator (confirmed)  
 July – Guided tour  
 August -  
 September – Orchard pruning  
 October – History tour  
 November – Guided Hike  
 December -

**NEXT Meeting and Upcoming Events:**

March 22, 2024 – March Board meeting 10 a.m.(Deb’s)  
 March 22, 2024 – Arborist quote meeting 1 p.m. (Orchard)  
 March 23, 2024 – Annual OET Trail clearing  
 April 15, 2024 – Adopt a Highway

June 15, 2024 – Stream Simulator Demo  
September 23, 2024 – Adopt a Highway

**DONATIONS**

If you would like to help support the Park and Friends of Mildred Kanipe Park, please use the QR code below which will direct you to Better World donation site! THANK YOU.

