

CACHE PEAK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES

April 1, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Almo, Idaho

Cache Peak Emergency Services Building

The attendance sheet is attached.

George Darrington called the meeting to order.

**Treasurer's Report.** Sadie Udy gave the treasurer's report. CPCA moneys are:

Account	Amount	Comments
501C3	2610.00	
501C4	977.65	
Playground Fund	364.24	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3951.89</b>	

**Minutes from Last Meeting.** The March minutes were read and approved.

**Candidates.**

*Patty Justesen. Running for Treasurer.* Patty is the current Chief Deputy Treasurer and is in her 11<sup>th</sup> year in the department. She has worked closely with Gail Erekson. There are 3 people in the office and all are hard workers. Her goals are to keep costs down, and find good investments for the county's money. She was responsible for improving the jail stay money collection process well enough that there is now no need to hire a collection agency to do it.

*Dee Yeaman. Running for County Clerk.* Dee was appointed to fill Larry Michelsen's vacancy in February. He is familiar with the Almo area and has done work up here for folks. He feels that there are disconnects between big government and workers when it comes to problem solving. He is committed to making decisions without arrogance. He wants to solve problems together using common sense. This worked for him in the Planning and Zoning department. When he was appointed acting Clerk, he asked what his biggest challenge would be. The answer was managing 14 women. He said that 14 men would provide the same sort of challenges because they are no different in an office environment. He feels that his experience and management attitude will effectively run the office. The work is not about him, it is about the people that he serves. He likes to be a peace maker and convey good will. He also feels that he is good at working with other county departments which is necessary for the Clerk's office. Since he has left his other job, he can commit full time effort to the Clerk's job.

*Commissioner Crane. Running for Commissioner.* Commissioner Crane appreciates being able to be a commissioner and hopes to be able to continue to represent our area. He enjoys this area and loves to get out here.

*Dwight Davis. Running for Assessor's Office.* Dwight is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Cassia County resident. He has had lots of county jobs over the years. A lot of his work has been agriculture related. Currently he is selling animal health products in South East Idaho. He feels that his work experiences will help him with the Assessor's job. He has been responsible for big project budgets and managed up to 40 people. He would like to fill the shoes Marty Holland leaves.

*Dan Blower. Running for Assessor.* Dan grew up farming west of highway 38. He farmed with his brothers and was responsible for the financial management of the operation. He was responsible for bringing workers up from Mexico and kept track of all the records. It seemed the Dept. of Labor always picked their operation to check. Dan's wife grew up in Lynn, Utah. He feels that his previous experience qualifies him for the job.

*Fred Darrington. Running for County Clerk.* Friends suggested that he run for clerk. He has lots of experience dealing with employees and has been involved with the Farm Bureau. He was president for 6 years and grew the membership. He sees the job as one of providing an infrastructure to let the specialists do their work harmoniously. Fred says that a leader has to take the heat. He believes in diplomacy, training, cross training, and maintaining a team oriented workplace. This will help enhance services and create a good atmosphere.

*Jim Kelley. Running for County Commissioner.* Jim has been a UPS driver for 35 years. He would like to help out and represent people. He sees a lot of the county and thinks he can do a good job of representation.

**Park Update.** Wallace Keck appreciated last meeting with CPCA. The budget situation is tight. There has been cut after cut in smaller agencies. Idaho Parks and Recreation took a 7.6million dollar cut and lost 25 employees. They have been a 42 million dollar agency and are responsible for more than just the parks. They are also responsible for RV, ATV, boats, boating safety, and docks. The outcome of the reduced funding is a need to raise more revenue via the parks and trim costs. Park pass fees will go up, and services will be cut back. Visitor centers will become more seasonal or closed. There will be lots of double duty in headquarters, and management hierarchy will be flattened.

The City of Rocks and Castle Rocks parks are in pretty good shape. The NPS has provided more money and spending adjustments can be made. Smoky Mountain Campground is getting two yurts that should be online May 1<sup>st</sup>. They sleep 6, offering new options for group camping.

The park has a new Business Plan in print and ready for public review.

The Castle Rocks Pasture is available because the Leasee opted out. The park will take bid proposals, then put them out for bid. The proposal should include the number of animals and time desired time period. There are 1000 grazable irrigated acres. Useage last year was 385 aum.

The BLM just closed their Castle Rock Park land to climbing and camping. They sited pristine archeological resources as the reason. They are under federal requirements to protect these resources.

Questions and Answers for Wallace:

Hannah North asked if there will still be horse and hiking trails in the BLM land. Wallace answered yes and added that hunting is also allowed, but no grazing.

Dee asked if federal and state revenues have to be kept separate. Wallace answered that they are tracked separate, but allowed to allocate for either park. Since the monies come at different times, they are spent serially on both parks.

DJ Stanger asked what the budget was. Wallace answered \$680,000 combined with no project money and \$930,000 with project money.

Hannah North asked about the Forest Service park land policy. Wallace answered that there is still a moratorium, but camping and grazing is allowed.

Louis Roberts asked if there was a map of the agency land ownership within the park. Wallace answered that it is on the official brochure.

DJ Stanger asked about park employee count. Wallace answered that there are 7 classified employees and 4 benefitted seasonals. At the height of the season, there may be 32-34 total employees. This might be the biggest park in the system. The visitor count is about 177,000, but the visitor trend is a better reflection of what is happening in the park.

Nicole Erickson asked if anyone was losing their job here. Wallace answered that no, but next season, there could be fewer seasonal employees hired.

Hannah North asked how Smoky Mountain Campground was doing. Wallace answered that last year had increased use and this year already had bookings. The camping fee is still \$20 per night.

Janice Durfee asked if the CPCA and park could link websites. Wallace answered yes.

**School Library.** Sherida Lloyd thanked the CPCA for the school library donation. The school needs to catalogue the existing books, then purchase more, targeting the younger kids. They are trying to find books that fit with the AR program, which assesses understanding of the books read.

**CPCA Work and Revenue Sources.** George Darrington introduced discussion about what the CPCA might do to help the community and how to generate funds to pay for projects.

Janice Durfee said that Stan Lloyd has been anxious to do something historical. If we can come up with a product to sell, perhaps the park will stock it. Driving tours, a CD, or a tape could be possibilities. Clyde Simmons will help with video projects. Melody will help. Her husband works for KBYU. Melody said that things are changing with everything going to High Definition. Janice is working on a grant to get some equipment that will create HD media. We need to plan who we want to talk to and what we want to tell. Albion is putting together a historical society. Janice is looking for volunteers to help with this project.

George Darrington said that the window of opportunity to get these stories is short. Rulon Koyle said that Leon Jones needs to be interviewed. Fred Darrington suggested that CSI or ISU might have students that need a project and could help out with this sort of thing. Larry Keck asked if Outdoor Idaho has anything. Jay Black said that we should hire this to get it done and felt that if we try to do it ourselves, it won't get done. Janice replied that we can't get the hours for free. George suggested that scoping the project to keep it manageable. Don't eat the whole elephant at once.

**Trees Project.** Sadie Udy said the the trees will come in late April. Trees are \$3.00+tax per tree.

Hannah North asked if any of the old homesites will get new trees. Sadie thought that was a good idea. George Darrington feels that now is the time to replace the old trees that are not going to be around much longer.

**Bookmobile.** Janice Durfee reported that there is enough money to pay for the bookmobile this year and some for next. We need to get a thank you gift for Mr. Kunau.

Janice asked about sponsoring a climbing competition to help raise some money. Wallace reported that the park is pursuing a climbing learning program.

**Website.** Janice reported that Dee Ann Spencer has been putting up more histories and pictures on the web site.

Hannah North motioned to adjourn. DJ Stanger seconded.