

CACHE PEAK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES

May 6, 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	1052.65	
Playground Fund	364.24	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4026.89</b>	

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

**Candidates.**

*Clay Handy.* Running for Commissioner. Mr. Handy is the owner and an operator for Handy Truck Line, a 2 state operation in Idaho and Utah. He has a degree in Business Management and has been the county Republican Party Chairman. He is excited about the things going on. He has been on the hospital board and involved with the solid waste district. The bond will be paid off for the waste system in 2011-2012 and he is hoping to establish multi-county fees. He feels the county is a business and therefore important to spend money responsibly. Mr. Handy is pro economic growth although these days he feels we are working to just keep even around here. Growth equals jobs. We need jobs for the kids and to keep families together.

*Jim Kelley.* Running for County Commissioner. Mr. Kelley has worked for UPS 35 years and is the area driver. He knows lots of people. He has served as Albion's mayor for 2 terms. He stayed in the black. Mr. Kelley is running for the people of the area on the constitution. Folks concerns are important to him and each concern needs to be considered. Decisions should be made by the constitution rather than the whims of man.

Mr. Kelly grew up in Inkom and helped run the family business. This experience taught him that it is important to listen to people, consider, think, and then act. He will make decisions according to the constitution and the Idaho code. He would perform his duties for the people, by the people. He would be the people's employee, not their boss.

*Joseph Larsen.* Running for County Clerk. Mr. Larsen is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation resident of Idaho. He has owned and operated Payne Mortuary. He has a bachelor's degree in Business Management with work in computer technology and is now the information systems director at Ryan Photography. His work

with large budgets, and understanding of business, and work with organizational behavior makes him a good candidate for the Clerk position.

*Robert Kunau.* Running for Commissioner. Lived in Cassia county all his life. He has run his family farm which has been greater than 10,000 acres. This has taught him budgeting. He has also worked on water issues and has been on several water boards. He is an active member of the Gateway project. Mr. Kunau will approach issues with an open mind. He would like to have aggressive interaction with neighboring cities and counties.

*Dwight Davis.* Running for Assessor's Office. Mr. Davis is a lifelong Cassia County resident. He has had a lot of jobs that have allowed him to meet county people. His work has been primarily in the agriculture industry. He loves working with and for people. Mr. Davis has served on many boards, has been a member of the joint jail committee and power utility committees. His diverse job history allows him to bring new ideas to the office. He has worked with 15-20 million dollar budgets, and has experience hiring good people. The office is losing 5 people that need to be replaced.

*Mike Masner.* Running for County Assessor. Mr. Masner has lived his whole life in the area. His grandfather owned a Studebaker shop in Rupert and his father was on the school board. He graduated from CSI, then the Provo school. He has been married for 15 years and has 5 children. Currently he owns Masner ski sales and has run another business that he sold. He can bring youth to the job. He has managed many people. He knows how to listen and help.

*Red Brady.* Running for County Assessor. Mr. Brady moved to the area from Arizona and was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. He has been in management over 30 years, primarily in the automotive industry. Mr. Brady chose to run for the office because its rules are mandated by state code and they need to be enforced. If he sees something wrong, he will go all the way to Boise to take care of it.

*Dennis Crane.* Running for Commissioner. He appreciates being a commissioner. The county has to do business within the rules of state law. Commissioners pass resolutions base on a quorum and are responsible for the budget. Commissioners are limited to a 3% cap on taxes and cannot buy big things. They cannot encumber future commissioners. Commissioners make about \$21,000 a year.

Commissioners are broken into several districts in order to represent different areas. Without districts you vote at large. Once 4 of the 6 commissioners lived on the same street.

The main thing Mr. Crane has learned from his commissioner experience is that you cannot make everyone happy. Decisions need to be made for the good of the county. It is hard work, but he would like to continue doing it.

*Bill Jensen.* Running for Treasurer. Mr. Jensen feels that the whole base of operation should be off of the constitution and principles of liberty. He and his wife are the owners and operators of a counseling business. He enjoys the counseling as well as the business side. He knows how to tighten the belt, but be progressive when possible. The home fires need to be kept burning – you cannot run out of money. It is important to keep department costs down and make wise investments. He expects the office to

treat tax payers fairly and courteously. Effective interoffice communication is important as well as worker coordination. He feels that the Treasurer needs to take care of the numbers, take care of the staff and always look for ways to improve the operation. He will work full time and put his counseling business on hold, although he will maintain his certification.

*Sara Jane Ward.* Running for Republican Precinct Committeeman. The term is 4 years. There are 25 precincts in Cassia county. One of the tasks is to interview candidates to fill vacancies.

### **Commissioner Q & A.**

George Darrington: Could you summarize the Road Meeting that occurred last Monday?

Commissioner Crane: The meeting took place here due to the touch up work that needs to be completed. The Idaho Department of Transportation gave its report. The area from the Elba church to Conner is rough and is scheduled for more work. The big fill guard rail proposal got a lot of good testimony. We are in the process of researching a solution. The money came from the feds as part of the scenic byway status. The responsibility was given to the Idaho Dept. of Transportation. They are going to take over the highway and can do so because it was built to state specs. Stage 3 must be completed, then the entire road will be chip sealed. This is a boon for Cassia County because the state will be responsible for upkeep. Snow removal will be done by the county and paid for by the state.

*Big Fill.* The road is built to state specifications which means that the guard rail is legally not needed. However, the specs are based on a 5 foot lift. The fill would have to be widened before a guard rail could be constructed. State takeover does not close the issue.

*Flood District Changes.* Jack Erickson retired and Jay Black took his place Flood District. Jay has already found money to fix the bridge near Roscoe Ward's place.

*Highway to Oakley.* It is in the plan for Scenic Byway.

*Powerline.* The line through Elba is not on the books anymore. There is a new substation going in down south. This means less miles for LS power. There may also be some Fed money for green power. Without a corridor concept we are dead. The 5 county corridor and state code is helpful. The land use act has not been tested yet. See [moveit.org](http://moveit.org) for power station information.

**Park Update.** Wallace Keck provided an update about the Circle Creek parking lot adjustment project. The current parking lot is on private land and needs to be moved back onto park land. Mr. Keck has been pursuing money for 9 years to get this project going and finally has it. The Environmental Assessment has been released. There are two goals for the project:

- 1) Get the lot back on park land
- 2) Get the cars out of the viewshed

The project is scheduled to start in August and is projected to cost \$214,000. The lot will be moved back about 100-150 yards from the current location and provide parking for 18 vehicles. No trailers will

be allowed. A geological loop trail will be added to the existing trails. Phase 2 of the project will improve the road up to the Circle Creek parking lot. The cattle guard will be removed and visibility will be improved. Comments will be open until May 19. They can be made online at [nps.gov/CIRO](https://nps.gov/CIRO). Follow the links to planning or management.

Wallace also talked about another project to bury the rest of the power lines in the park. Maintaining a viewshed similar to what the immigrants saw is a high priority goal of the park. The park is currently researching grants to help pay for the effort. The cell phone towers in the area are of no concern to the park. The park has already completed a viewshed analysis for the upcoming cell tower and found no problems. The California Trail is not affected.

**New Items of Business.** George Darrington asked about interest to do a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Dinner. Elba and Almo alternates a 4<sup>th</sup> of July activity. It is a fund raiser and made money last time. If we do it, we need planning, organization. We could have hot dogs, chicken, and hamburgers.

Sadie Udy motioned that we sponsor a 4h of July Dinner. Seconded by Kristen.

Perhaps Dave Hedges could do a Dutch oven? He may already be booked. Dj will check with him.

Stan Lloyd said that he can't do anything, but pledges \$75 of Jeanette's money for the cause. This year the 4<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> which is a Saturday, which means more attendees.

**Bookmobile.** Janice Durfee said that the bookmobile was featured in the Idaho Community Foundation journal. The clock is done. Lex Kunau has donated over \$8000 to the bookmobile in addition to getting donations. Stan Lloyd will present the clock to Mr. Kunau at the good old boys meeting in Burley. A reporter will attend the presentation.

**Tree Project.** Sadie Udie reported that the trees can be donated if an organization wants them. Sadie and Nancy are looking around to see who wants trees. They are checking with the park and the Almo school and other places. Next year we will try to get a head start to replace trees.

**Oral Histories.** The collection of oral histories has begun and has already got some interesting information. The group has 2 digital recorders that record in .wav format. Roy Lloyd acquired some free software for editing that is very easy to use. The group has decided that the purpose is to collect the stories of the area so they do not get lost. Historical accuracy is not as important as preserving the character and experience of the valley.

Kristen said that there are workshops available to help people do interviews. A minimum of 20 attendees are needed and the cost is \$50.

Adjournment: DJ motioned to adjourn, Tammy Jones seconded.