

**OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 16, 2008
PONDEROSA BANQUET ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Connie Robison called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. There were 19 members present. Staff included Burnham.

MINUTES

The minutes of the general membership meeting are now being emailed to the membership with the meeting reminders. The minutes of the general membership meeting were approved as presented.

GUESTS

All present were members of the Orofino Chamber of Commerce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Robison announced to the membership that President Smathers welcomed his first child, Jenna Marie on Monday evening. Congratulations!

Greg Parker, USACE Operations Manager for Dworshak gave an update on the Reservoir. The reservoir has been kept and full pool longer this year. At 10:00 this evening they will begin spilling over the dam over a foot a day for the next week and will be at 65 feet down by the end of August and 80 feet down by mid-September. There was discussion on this from the membership.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thanks to all who helped out with the 4th of July in any way. It was a great success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- The Lottery will be coming back to Orofino, the agreement between the Governor and the Tribe will be signed at 1:00 p.m. today.

The committee will get together soon to discuss the Forest Service roadless issue.

Promotional- No Report.

4th of July- The 4th of July was a success this year. We are still short on donations for the fireworks show by about \$2000. The raft race had 15 teams and netted \$505 for the fireworks. The winning team was Shane Erbst's team sponsored by Idaho Clearwater Adventures and they donated their prize money back to the fireworks fund. Thanks to all participants and donors. The beer bus was also a success with a net income of \$1541.73, which was a record year for us. Thanks to all who participated. The band, Lukenbill-Faller got great reviews as did the fireworks show.

Welcome and Membership- No Report.

Economic Development – CCED is working on a promotional video for Clearwater County which will be 2 or 3 minutes long and put onto thumb drives and given to

potential businesses as a marketing tool. Interviews for the video are being done today. Donation pledge letters have gone out for the CCED program.

GEM- The GEM Committee will meet tomorrow at noon at the Flamingo. The group has identified Riverside area as a priority and will be working with ITD and the Northwest Passage Scenic Byway marketing group. All are welcome to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

PROGRAM

Programs- August 6, Ed Lozar with Dworshak Reservoir Association.

Vice-President Robison introduced our program speaker, State Hospital North Assistant Administrator, Debbie Manfull. Manfull introduced her special guest, the new State Hospital North Administrator, Gary Moore who took Bob Bourassa's position which had been vacant since his retirement. Manfull stated that the State Hospital is thrilled to have Moore on board.

Manfull began with an overview about what is going on at State Hospital North. According to Manfull, State Hospital North is enjoying statewide focus on mental health substance abuse services which are very beneficial to the patients, staff, and hospital. In 2006, the legislature recognized long waiting lists for beds and services at State Hospital North and added \$1.3 Million to the budget in order to provide better resources and more services for mental health treatment. They were also given an additional 20 F.T.E.

There is attention statewide on how to provide more mental health services to both in-patients as well as out-patients. State Hospital North staff has been working with expert consultants on how to accomplish this. They have been involved in some projects which involve doing assessments of State Hospital North to determine if they are capable of treating both mental illness and substance abuse issues. Many of their patients suffer from both. They expect to at least have an education component on the substance abuse issue. Their primary role is still psychiatric treatment for the voluntary patient.

Manfull stated that they have also been working on what they call the Recovery Approach to treatment. The emphasis is that services be patient driven and patient centered. They try to reduce the dependency on State Hospital North by setting up treatment plans and track the recovery and strength of the individual patients, whether on an in-patient or out-patient basis. The staff is now being trained in the Recovery Approach and the patients are treated with respect and regard. Once they leave the hospital they get follow-up throughout the community but also learn how to recover independently. This has been a new philosophy for the staff.

Another program that is developing throughout the state is the Peer Specialist program. This is where patients will come back and work for the hospital as a peer to provide an example to patients and work as an advocate for the patient.

Manfull stated that the financial appropriation for State Hospital North is \$9 Million. Their full time positions have increased from 89 to 109 positions. Their temporary pool

is between 20 and 25 people. About half of the staffing is made up of the nursing service positions. The other half is split between clinical and support services.

The State Hospital has undergone some organizational changes as their role has changed. About two years ago established a department of behavioral health which used to be part of a larger division. The role of State Hospital North has also changed. The new building broke ground in 1993 and was completed in 1995. They have been providing services to between 50 and 60 patients at a time. The demand for services exceeds the capacity as a state hospital. For the patients that go on a waiting list, the department has contracted with private acute care hospitals such as in Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston. This is a more expensive option for the state. A person in crisis will either present at a hospital or law enforcement will determine whether a person may need services. At that point, the courts get involved and will decide if they need to be admitted. When a bed opens up, then the patient is admitted. State Hospital North gets most of the patients from regions I-IV.

Manfull then turned the floor over to new Administrator, Gary Moore who gave a brief overview of his background in hospital administration. His wife lives in Meridian where she enjoys her grandchildren and he loves living here where he stays in the administrator quarters, they take turns traveling back and forth on the weekends. He loves Orofino and considers it Paradise. He also stated that he looks forward to being involved in the Chamber and attending meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice-President Robison adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Ryan Smathers, President

ATTESTED:

Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director