

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Ryan Smathers called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. There were 20 members and one guest 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

Our guests was our program speaker, Amanda Tucker with "A Greener Clearwater County". Dr. Jeff Hartshorn, the new owner of Orofino Spine Center also introduced himself to the group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We have a potential fundraiser opportunity on the 17th of May at a Motorcycle Race at the Arena in the City Park. The event is pending approval from City Council.

In the month of March 5 tourism and 4 relocation packets went out.

The NWPSB committee and consultants have been working with our GEM team and will provide a simulation of a portion of the project which would provide sidewalks on Hwy. 12 and include in their presentation on the 21st of April at 6 pm at the Ponderosa. Please attend the meeting if you can. I sent out information on how you can RSVP in an email a couple weeks ago.

We will be participating in Community Clean up Day on April 26th by cleaning up Heritage Plaza. We need volunteers to help out starting at 9:00 a.m. We need a count of how many will be there and how many will be staying for hot dogs in the city park. Please bring your yard tools, such as wheelbarrows, gloves, rakes, brooms, etc....

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- The committee met two weeks ago with the Forest Service about keeping in the loop on the land use plan revision process. We will have some of our legislators here for a meeting in May.

Promotional-No Report.

Auction- The committee will have a meeting Friday at the Mexican Restaurant at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available now as well as booze basket drawing tickets. We are getting some wonderful auction items.

Welcome and Membership- We welcome new member Clearwater Building Inspections and Design. We had two welcomings last Thursday; one at “R” Place and one to welcome Dr. Jeff Hartshorn to the Orofino Spine Center.

Economic Development – No Report.

GEM- No Report.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No Report

PROGRAM

Programs- May 7 – John Allen and Bobbi Kaufman on the proposed zoning changes in Clearwater County.

May 21 – Our Legislators

Vice President Connie Robison introduced our program speaker, Amanda Tucker who spoke with the membership about “A Greener Clearwater County”.

Tucker began by explaining the differences between plastics and what the transfer station is able to accept for recycling, which are numbers 1 and 2. The way to determine the number of a plastic is to look on the bottom and determine which number is in the triangle. Tucker attended the Seattle Green Festival last weekend and one of the messages she brought home was to only purchase plastics 1 or 2.

The transfer station is accepting waste paper now. You are able to leave staples, paperclips, and rubber bands on the paper that you take to recycle. Hayes Foods is selling recycling bins at cost and have begun carrying green products.

A Greener Clearwater County formed in early December with the vision that Orofino should be recycling because other communities are. It is a grassroots organization dedicated to encouraging people to practice the “three R’s, reduce, reuse and recycle”. Tucker explained that making simple changes will help to ensure that your children and grandchildren will have a “green” community in which to live for generations.

According to Tucker, currently all of the trash that is taken to the transfer station is sent to Missoula where it is buried at a landfill. The goal of A Greener Clearwater County is to help to reduce the number of loads to Missoula from three to two.

Tucker relayed that Americans produce 5 pounds of waste a day. She encouraged employing the “Three R’s”;

Reduce: purchase less and when you do make purchases, look for post consumer packaging. Also, when making purchases, buy durable, long lasting goods.

Reuse: attend clothing and toy swaps and utilize charities and yard sales so that items will be reused. Also, 50% of household waste can be composted to provide nutrient rich soil for yards and gardens.

Recycle: As a last resort, recycle products that cannot be reused.

Tucker announced that “A Greener Clearwater County” will be having an Earth Day celebration in conjunction with Community Clean up Day on the 26th of April from 11-4

at the Orofino City Park. There will be educational booths, recycling demonstrations, a toy swap, games for children, food vendors and music.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Ryan Smathers, President

ATTESTED:

Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director