



GM Agenda March 7th, 2018 12pm Ponderosa Conference Room

- **Call to Order:**

President Ann Wright called meeting to order at 12:10pm.

- **Minutes:**

Ashley Steinbruecker read February 7, 2018 meeting minutes and made a motion to approve minutes as written. Bobbi Samuels 2nd motion. Motion granted, minutes approved as written.

- **Guests:**

Jo Moore from CMPL Foundation introduced her guest Cleo Castellanos the Director at CMPL

- **Announcements:**

1. CMPL's groundbreaking event will be Thursday March 15th at 4pm.
2. Walk with the Docs will be in the Heritage Park this week instead of the Dam.
3. Another session of Doc talk on April 16th
4. Rotary Fish Fry Fund raiser and Auction March 10th, tickets are \$20, all \$ raised goes towards their scholarship fund, they have 3 scholarships totaling \$7500.

- **Drawing for Free Lunch**

Forgot tickets, oops, sorry!

- **Executive Director Report: Melina Johnson**

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Membership:

Membership renewal letters were sent out in November, reminders were sent in Feb with due date of 3/15. If haven't paid please do so by then. After 3/15 will call members, if no longer wish to be a member we will get website updated.

Running low on business cards and brochures from chamber members, please provide some to chamber office if able.

ITC Grant:

Need to be working on next year's grant, looking for ideas for 2018/2019 grant

All action items for current grant have been completed except new website for day trips, will begin putting website design together over next couple weeks. Drone went to bald mtn. March 3rd, waiting to see footage on that.

NCITA – north central Idaho travel association

Working on gaining membership,

Should this next ITC grant be combined with the region or keep separate, meeting next week to decide how to handle this issue.

Relocation packets – have been getting a lot of requests over last few weeks, about 5/week.

Auction: Most of my work has been focusing on getting donations.

- **Committee Reports**

- **CCED – Chris St. Germain:**

Joe Pippenger reported Chris has been skiing in MT. Copying Chris's email update here:

Greetings,

While Orofino can boast of the longest growing season in the state, where the month of February brings out the seed pots for tomatoes, peppers and for some early bed plantings of spring greens; Elk River and Pierce can boast of some of the best snow riding conditions in the west – be it on XC , alpine skis or skis powered by motors. If old woman winter brings activities you enjoy then February did not disappoint, snow lovers rejoiced with over 3 ft of new powder to play in!

The Board of Directors met with Idaho Commerce staffer, Jerry Miller to brainstorm what sectors to target in an attraction campaign. Playing is a part of the economic development boards new strategy; we live here to play so why not look at reaching out in some playful industries to see if we can attract manufacturers that make toys we use in our backyards. If you have ideas on suitable sectors or specific businesses to complement our industry base feel free to let us know!

While the Board plans the staff work...

Activities in February included:

- working with seven (7) existing businesses on Retention-Expansion efforts
- supporting innovators and entrepreneurs – our Igniting Innovation group has spun out a Foodies group that could be on the cusp of founding a dry mix production space as well as growing a cluster of bakers, in addition a writers/publishers group is sparking literary conversations and sharing how to about publishing, and for the inventors we are pleased to announce the delivery of a 3 D printer with Solid Works software to support product prototyping (available to existing business with new development ideas!) – we will be announcing a How To run the program/printer workshop soon.
- Community development projects include a number of pedestrian safety projects under development (Orofino & Pierce) and the Elk River Fire station is becoming a reality with over \$ 60,000 locally raised funds
- We worked with the Commissioners nominate Clearwater County for an Opportunity Zone Designation – under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act 2017. If selected rural Clearwater County developments could receive tax relief on capital gains project developments.
- And, we continue to work with two site selectors interested in our communities on identifying suitable land for their perspective clients.

As always, feel free to contact our office 208-476-9829 if you have an economic development idea, question or have an issue that needs attention.

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➤ **Legislative Committee –**

No update

➤ **Welcoming's-**

- **Olive's Auto Parts** – still was not able to attend, will keep on agenda until they are able to come.
- **Nez Perce Tribe** – Alexis Coomer, the Community Center Aid from Nez Perce Tribe – Teweepuu Community Center was able to be present, they have events going on at their center all the time, all events are open to the public, you do not need to be registered Indian in order to attend. They have events with kids, coming up they have a youth horseback riding class on Thursday March 29 and Friday March 30 from 10-3. The Young Horseman's Tribe along with 4-H leaders, Historians of the Tribe will bring 6-7 horses and show the kids horse care, history of

the horse and appaloosa, how to ride a horse, etc. They just sponsored the Free Family Bowling Night that had approximately 85 attendees. They put on free Movie nights, cultural activities, Nez Perce language classes, senior socials every Wednesday where the elders from the tribe come and have educational activities or arts and crafts, it is from 10-2. You can also find them on internet: http://www.nezperce.org/Programs/orofino_community_center.htm and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Teweepuu/>

➤ **Special Events:**

Community Clean-Up: April 28th



Ryan gave an update, said this event just kind of takes care of itself, same thing happens each year, same parties, clean up goes from 7am – 12pm with lunch provided afterwards by U.F.O. Ann Wright said she can help with the even.

Chamber Auction: May 4th



Tanna gave update on Auction, said currently working on getting donations. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 at Banner Bank, P1FCU, LCCU and Chamber office. Tickets purchased before April 15th get entered into \$500 cash drawing. Next meeting is scheduled for April 10th.

Maniac Dam Race: June 9th



Ashley Steinbruecker gave update: Dam race is scheduled for June 9th, registrations will come out in April. Not much to report.

Riverbank Music Festival: August 4th



Ryan gave update, Riverbank Music Festival will be August 4th, Craig Morgan will be headliner, and other bands will be Olson Bros Band, Aaron Crawford, The Hereafters and Vintage Youth. You can sponsor the event, different sponsor levels range from \$250 fan sponsor to \$5000 title sponsor. Terri Bolling wanted to know if her boys could help with trash clean up again this year, yes we will need them again for the clean-up crew. Next meeting for Riverbank is March 20th.

➤ **New Business:**

None Reported

- **Program: Speaker: Marge Kuchynka with the Free Library District will speak on what all the dialogue between libraries is all about.**

Marge Kuchynka

Background: started as a city clerk and finance officer for Weippe in 66-87'. The library in Weippe was developing during that time as well as the Orofino Library. It was a stark growth period. She moved to Emmett in 87 and served on the city library board there. Had mobile book library and then they decided they didn't want to do a free library district so they stayed as a city library. She also served on the hospital board in Emmett. When they moved back she became involved in the Weippe Clearwater County Free Library District. She said she was asked to explain what they are looking at for the Clearwater County Free Library District but she feels a board member must not act independently of the board so she wanted to make it clear that she was not speaking as a member of the board but as a member of the community. The history of the libraries has been long and colorful, Marge says. The Orofino Library was established in 1930 and became incorporated in 1950 as the Clearwater Memorial Public Library and the Weippe Library became a library in 1958. A library District was developed in 1965, the voters of Clearwater County established the Free Library District in 1966. The board was elected, 5 of them. The purpose was that the Weippe library would be the Library District contracting with the CMPL to serve all of the county except Pierce and Elk River as they have their own Free Library District. The Library District is established under Idaho Code Title 33 Chapter 27, the purpose is to act to make more adequate provision for an informed elector by integrating, extending, and adding to existing library services and resources so that public library service may be available to children in their formative years and to adults for their continuing education. As a district we try to keep that in mind when we provide for their bylaws and mission statements, etc. The Vision statement is: "The Clearwater County Free Library District envisions providing life-long learning with access to materials for all the population including currently underserved, we propose developing community partnerships which will connect people of all ages in all areas of the district with ideas, information and opportunities for worldwide cultural exposure". How the Free Library District operates is by certifying to the county commissioners each year what their needs are financially, their current district value is about 445 million dollars. They are allowed by state law not to exceed .06% of that value to levy the taxes on. That amount currently is about 267,000 in property tax that they are allowed to levy after their library proposes their budget. The other revenue they get is state sales tax of about 50,000 and personal and agricultural taxes. Their current operating budget is about 325,000 and they have a carry-over of about 100,000, so they are roughly at about 425,000 for an annual operating budget to operate the two libraries. State law prohibits using tax money on any capital projects or buildings that are not owned by the district, with the vision that the foundation has for CMPL, state law prohibits that they fund any of that project as CMPL as it is a private 501(c)3 and the building is owned through a deed. They have 5 elected people on the board and CMPL has 6 appointed members on their board. All of the board members are volunteers. The recent dialogue has come about from issues that happened when the CMPL board realized they cannot provide tax money to their project. There are many options here, CMPL could become their own Free Library District, CCFLD currently has a contract with CMPL and the boards meet occasionally, it has been about 2 years since that has happened.

Question: How does the Free Library District work with the School Library?

Answer: The CCFLD does work with the Timberline school library, they have the summer reading program but it has to be ran by a sanctioned librarian so they work with the Timberline School Librarian, Billi Copper, and they have tested the scores of the 3rd and 4th graders and the children that did the summer reading program didn't have the "summer slump" in their test scores. CMPL also has summer reading program and this summer they are doing Astro-physics on wheels and will also have other programs.

Question: What is the reason the CCFLD pulled out of the Val Net System that allowed access to books in other libraries, didn't this isolate yourself more than what you already are?

Answer: No way to keep their books in their own library, if they purchase a new book, they might now even see the new book for 3 months as other libraries can put a hold on that book. They wanted to be able to keep their books in their library. CMPL says that if a new book is requested they make sure that the person that requested it gets a hold on it before it can go out to other libraries. They also said some of the issues with the Val Net system has been that some of the libraries have not made their full library catalog available to other libraries and they are not using the system correctly, so there are some issues with Val Net. CCFLD can still use the inter-library loan process without using the Val Net system. CCFLD patrons can still use Val Net through CMPL as they can still use that library through the contract with them. Val Net is expensive, and they felt financially they could use that

money in a better way and that is also one of the reasons they decided to pull out of the Val Net system. CMPL fee for Val Net is \$12,000.

Danielle Hardy with CMPL Foundation wanted to clarify one thing, they are raising money for the library expansion. The tax money cannot be used for the library expansion, therefore they need the donations to move forward for the library expansion, so please give us your money☺

Marge wanted to go back to the dialogue between libraries, the paper said resolve or dissolve? Dissolving the district as it currently is, is an option but would be a lengthy process and with no guarantee that a new district would form, she does not see this as being an option. Another option would be CMPL dissolving its current leadership to become a district is another option to be looked at. CMPL doubling its size opens up new possibilities and she is sure the results will be positive to the patrons of the libraries. Who would have thought library stuff could be so complicated☺

Question: What is it the libraries are having difficulty resolving?

Answer: Comes down to financially, the CCFLD board cannot provide funding to the CMPL building project, they are on their own to do that. Val Net has been a thorn in their side and were unhappy with the Val Net process, so that has been an issue. Cleo Castellanos the Director at CMPL said perhaps what hasn't been said is what has started the dialogue, on November 22nd, CCFLD had a special meeting and they had decided they would not renew their contract with CMPL. Marge said the letter said they would not renew the existing contract as they needed to review the contract to make sure they could still provide services as their current contract states while the CMPL doubles its size. Cleo says there was nothing in the letter that indicated they would review the contract but that they would just not be renewing the contract. Cleo says they have not asked for any money for their expansion as they know the law and that is why they have been doing fundraisers to complete their project. Marge says the contract is renewable every 3 years and it had been brought to their attention that under the current contract they have no say in what happens at CMPL but they provide all the funding for the library. They have hired an attorney to review the contract to look at what they should be requesting for the new contract that will be expiring August 22, 2019 as they foresee some changes needing to be made since CMPL will be doubling its size. Jo Moore wanted to clarify that The CMPL Foundation was formed as a 501(c)3 completely separate and is ran solely on donations to raise funds to expand the library.

- **Adjourn:**
Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.