



GM Minutes May 1st, 2019 12pm Ponderosa Conference Room

- **Call to Order:**

- President, Ashley Steinbruecker, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

- **Minutes:**

Elizabeth Morgan read the minutes and made a motion to approve as written. Cleo Castellanos 2nd the motion. All were in favor and minutes were approved as written.

- **Guests:**

Steve Rodgers, Dworshak Fish Hatchery Complex Manager and Joseph Fairbanks, Donor Recruitment Manager with Vitalant.

- **Announcements:**

- Lolo Trail Muzzleloader Club Spring Fling is May 4th, 2019. Cost is \$7 a person and more info can be found on their flyer and on our website under events.
- Pickin' on the Clearwater – Lewis & Clark Bluegrass Organization 6th Annual Camp & Jam will be May 30th-June 2nd. More information is provided on the flyer and on our website.
- Kayeloni Scott: Benefit Fundraiser for Nez Perce Tribal Police Officer Rigney at the First Responder Ball at the Clearwater River Casino on June 21st from 6pm-10pm. All proceeds of the fundraiser will go to the Rigney family. More information will be provided as they are decided.
- Orofino Builders Supply is inviting the public to their Grand Re-Opening at their new building out on Highway 12 on Friday, May 10th at 10AM – 3PM.
- Jo Moore wanted to remind everyone about the Consolidated Elections for the District Library Board that will be held May 21st.

- **Drawing for Free Lunch:** Our lucky winner for our free lunch drawing was Steve Rodgers.



- **Executive Director Report: Tessa Mullinix**

MEMEBERSHIP INFO:

We have 105 paid members to date and 2nd invoices were sent out at end of March. I am confident that more renewals will be coming in this month as I have received emails and phone calls regarding specific business renewals.

RE –LOCATION PACKETS:

I sent out one last week to a retired couple in Colorado looking to move to the area.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP UPDATE

Community Clean-up took place last Saturday and was successful. The City of Orofino provided hotdogs, drinks and chips and members of UFO cooked around 225 hotdogs for lunch. Mr. Gerhart and Mr. Hull were available for forestry and fire prevention advice. Gerhart secured up to \$500 worth of potted raffle trees and seedlings supplied by the Idaho Department of Lands. Orofino received the Tree City USA award for the 19th year (as certified by the Arbor Day Foundation). Mo Pare helped hand out bags at the park with me and made sure everything was on track. KLER was with us broadcasting live from the park and the surrounding areas. We had 45 cadets from the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy helping this year and they did a great job and were a huge contribution in the community clean-up's success.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to this day being successful. Next year we hope to bring back the community yard sale, which in turn should bring numbers up and allow for more people to interact with us, Department of Lands, and UFO.

CHAMBER AUCTION – May 3rd

Our Auction is right around the corner and we are very busy planning the big night and collecting items to be auctioned off. We have 10 table sponsors that include: P1FCU, US Bank, Atkinson Distributing, Clearwater Valley Hospital, Nightforce, Inland Cellular, and Clearwater County Land Title partnering with Township Development Company, Clearwater Health & Rehabilitation, and Century 21. So far we have sold 126 tickets and I hope to sell at least another 20 plus. I went to Lewiston on Monday to finish up getting last minute items to complete some of our baskets and packages.

FLOWERS:

Our down town flower baskets are going to be up this spring but we are waiting on the weather to cooperate so they don't freeze.

HOMETOWN BANNERS:

The board of directors voted to not renew our Home Town Banner Sponsorship Opportunity. Feedback from community members and owners of the banners are that you cannot see them out on the highway and most of the banners are in bad shape from the weather. If business owners who purchased a banner would like theirs, they can contact me and we can set up a time for pick-up or delivery.

MANIAC DAM RACE – June 1st

Posters are made, paperwork has been submitted, and a check has been mailed for our permit for using Dworshak Dam. You can find the information and registration on our website and events calendar or you can call or stop by the chamber office to register.

4th of July

I received the Pyro Spectaculars 4th of July fireworks contract and it has been signed and submitted. I also have sent out request letter to Dworshak Recreation District for the grant money for the fireworks.

APPLICATION BEER/WINE PERMIT:

We have agreed as a chamber to host the beer garden during the 2019 AMA Endurocross that's happening here in Orofino on July 6th. I am currently working on re-scoping grant funds from the Riverbank Music Festival to help with advertising for the event.

CHAMBER MEMEBERSHIP APPLICATION

I have updated our membership application. You can find it online or stop by the office if you are interested in becoming a chamber member. The board has decided to add the option of becoming an individual member. This membership option will be under "Friends of the Chamber" at a cost of \$25 per year. This will allow those who may not have the opportunity to be a member under a current business to be involved in the chamber. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call or stop by the chamber office.

- **Committee Reports**

- **CCED – Chris St. Germaine's Report:**
 - **Update from Chris:**

It is the time of year when the Clearwater County Economic Development team needs to secure demonstration of support (pledges) to use as match for the State grant that helps fund our program. This is the least fun part of our job but to maintain the program we must ask for your support. Pledge cards are attached for your consideration/use.

Your support allows us to continue the work we do. We are in the 3rd Qtr. of our year and to date our activities have:

- As part of our Business Retention- Expansion focus
Worked on projects in support of 25 existing businesses

Secured workforce development funds (\$ 17,899) from the state and (\$6,700) from private foundations to deliver workplace training and CNA certifications

- In our Start-Up & Entrepreneurial development efforts
Are working with 19 start –ups, 8 of whom are now in business

Secured \$ 36,910 in grant funding to bring to our community training; support delivery of Apple app development workshops (Mac Books); support expansion of our SOLIDWORKS & 3 D printing lab; and to develop a regional marketing effort focused on arts & culture business ventures

- The work we do in Community Development helps bolster our sustainability
Elk River: Rec District campground improvement opportunities
City Volunteer Fire Station
FEMA Flood Mitigation - application

Pierce: ID Youth Challenge Academy – feasibility & engineering plan for biomass heat system

Ped/Bike – application

Timberline School – Leader in Me (\$ 19,578 from Inland NW Community Fdtn)

Potlatch Deltic Water Resources Flood Mitigation project (\$ 155,220)

Orofino: Skate Park – application

Business center expansion – application

High 5 Idaho award (\$ 250,000)

Weippe: FEMA Flood Mitigation – application

Pleasant Acres WSD- Board assistance on rate structure

Regional Housing Workgroup

Opportunity Zone – learning & implementation strategy

- Attraction of new business & Lead response
Supplied 7 unique leads with property & infrastructure information
SHOPKO – outreach to 6 possible mid-level retailers
Pharmacy – supported Hells Canyon & Arnzen’s.

Thanks for your support!

Chris

- **Legislative Committee**
- **Welcoming’s**
Tye Barnett Remodeling – Not present
Rotary Club of Orofino



Pictured Left to Right: Danny Lund Board of Directors Vice-President; Scott Taylor, Board Member; Elizabeth Morgan, Clearwater Tribune; Cleo Castellanos, Rotary Member; Jo Moore, Rotary Member Terri Bolling, Rotary Member; Ashley Steinbruecker, Board of Directors President; and Lahni Ireland, Board Member.

- **Special Events:**

- Annual Chamber Auction
 - Friday, May 3rd, 2019



- Maniac Dam Race
 - Saturday, June 1st, 2019



- **New Business:** None

- **Guest Speaker:** Melinda “Mindy” Thorp with the US Census Bureau doing outreach to key constituents before the 2020 Census. The purpose is to share how critical census data information is with the hope that constituencies will help to educate and motivate people to fill out their census survey.

Chamber members learned the importance of being counted from guest speaker, Melinda Thorp, Partnership Specialist for the 2020 Census Bureau at the general meeting held May 1.

Some may wonder why talk about the subject now, when it won’t take place until April of 2020, but much goes into the process of counting people, and the process is actually initiated several years prior.

Census 101

Here's a quick refresher of what the census is all about and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts. The census counts every person living in the U. S. once, only once, and in the right place.

It's about fair representation. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It's in the constitution. The U. S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion. The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.

In the Fiscal Year of 2016, Idaho received \$3,646,592,592 through 55 federal spending programs guided by data derived from the 2010 Census. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

It's about redistricting. After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty. Completing the census is mandatory, it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I count!"

Census data are being used all around you. Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality of life, and consumer advocacy. Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs. Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Your privacy is protected. It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other government agency.

In 2020, technology makes it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, a person can respond online, by phone, or by mail. Those households that do not respond will receive a visit from a census worker.

The Census Bureau is committed to hiring census takers to work in their own communities. Those seeking temporary work with flexible hours, may be interested in becoming a census taker. For more information, or to apply online, visit 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

- **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.