

## **GM Minutes September 4th, 2019 12pm Ponderosa Conference Room**

- **Call to Order:**

President, Ashley Steinbruecker, called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

- **Minutes**

Lahni Ireland read the minutes and made a motion to approve as written. Lynn Urlacher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as written.

- **Guests:** Rosanne Monahan

- **Announcements:**

- **The Orofino Chamber of Commerce** will not be hosting a Fall Festival this year. We will continue our annual event, Trick or Treat Rocking the Streets on October 31st.
- **CMPL Foundation** - Please join us either Saturday, Sept. 28 at 6:00pm or Sunday Sept. 29 at 4:00pm for Oktoberfest in support of Phase III of our library expansion!



- **Idaho Department of Fish & Game** - Our Federal ESA take permit that allows us to harvest unclipped wild and hatchery fall Chinook Salmon has been signed. That means there will be some changes to the fall Chinook Salmon season and limits that take place immediately.

The major changes are as follows:

- Everywhere fall Chinook Salmon fishing is open in Idaho, the adult limit is now 6 fish, only one of which may have an unclipped adipose.

- You can now fish for fall Chinook Salmon in the Clearwater River upstream of Memorial Bridge to the confluence of the Middle Fork Clearwater River and South Fork Clearwater rivers (including the North Fork Clearwater). Fishing will be allowed four days a week in this area (Thursday through Sunday).

For more details on the changes to the limits and seasons for fall Chinook Salmon you can click on these links:

<https://idfg.idaho.gov/press/fg-receives-federal-permit-fall-chinook-season>

<https://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/chinook/rules>

- **Paul Pence, Dworshak Dam & Reservoir** - Dworshak had a great summer, lots of people and no major breakdowns or complaints. Destination docks were well used and we noticed more activity during the weekday evenings, an after work crowd. The water level was higher for a longer period of time than any year that I can recall. We filled early, stayed full for almost 6 weeks and went down slower than most years. Fishing was good for Kokanee and small mouth Bass. The number of fishing tournaments was up - (these bring in people from outside the area). CCSO and CPTPA did an awesome job for us on the lake as usual. Two life Flight responses on the lake (1 at Freeman Creek 1 at Grandad). The water is still warm - take a break from the fair and chill out on the lake.

- **Drawing for Free Lunch:** Danny Lund



- **Executive Director Report: Tessa Mullinix**

#### NEWS FROM THE CHAMBER OFFICE

Lumberjack Days Beer Garden is moving to a new location. This year it will be at 250 S. College Ave. We are still needing shifts covered if anyone is interested.

We have had lots traffic from tourists and visitors stopping in the office picking up info and brochures. If you have info you want them to see, make sure I have it in the office.

The flowers are looking great down town thanks to all of the watering crew. We still need a few more volunteers for this, please let me know if you are interested.

The Chamber decided to continue our membership with NCITA for the 2019-2020 year and are looking forward to building that relationship.

The chamber needs to focus on a new ad that will be featured in the North Central Idaho Travel Guide that will highlight our areas history, adventure, and Dworshak. I would like to get in touch with the hatchery and the dam to get this going so we don't miss the opportunity.

Resignation – The chamber board of directors has recently accepted a letter of resignation from me. My last working day will be September 20<sup>th</sup>. If that date comes and the job hasn't been filled yet, I will continue the best I can. I plan to volunteer as much as my schedule will allow and I'll continue to answer any questions during the transition process. It's been a pleasure working for the chamber and getting to work with the board and all of the general members. I appreciate all the assistance and patience I was given. This was a great opportunity for me as a new member of the community, and as you can see, it opened another door. Again, thank you to the board of directors, the general membership and everyone else that was a part of this chapter.

- **Committee Reports**

- **CCED – Chris St. Germaine’s Report:**
- **Legislative Committee**
- **Welcoming’s**
  - None

- **Special Events:**

- **Lumberjack Days Beer Garden**



- **Lumberjack Days**



- **Lumberjack Days Kiddie Parade**



- **New Business:**
  - None

- **Guest Speaker:** Lenne Bonner, President of Clearwater Valley Hospital will be giving a general hospital update that will include the letter of intent with Kootenai, new providers, new services and the new Kamiah Clinic.

Lenne Bonner, President of Clearwater Valley Hospital and Clinics (CVHC) was the guest speaker with several exciting updates for the community.

Bonner announced a letter of intent had been signed for new ownership of the hospital with Kootenai Health of Coeur D'Alene. "It's not official. We're still discussing how it will look, and the potential structure, but we're very excited about the opportunity.

"The present owners, Essentia, have been great owners and very supportive, and we have learned much from them. However as healthcare moves forward, it becomes more and more difficult to be associated with a system 1,500 miles away. With the Accountable Care Organization and the Affordable Care Act and the obligations to come with it, we really needed more support locally. It's important to be part of a regional system with the ability to treat the same patients.

"Specialty care is available at Kootenai; we'll all be on the same system, their physicians know ours, and we all use the same electronic health record. In an Accountable Care Organization, our patients' primary care provider gets a certain amount of money to care for the patient and if we're all part of a system working together, we will likely be able to reduce those costs. Into the future, it will be a great opportunity for reimbursement.

"For now, if all goes as planned, it will be a lot easier to have specialty providers sent to our community, for things that our people are traveling elsewhere for now, such as dermatology, oncology, and orthopedics. By using the same electronic health record, it will be a huge advantage as far as cost perspective for CVH.

Other benefits include education for our nursing staff, and recruitment for staff and providers.

Bonner is hoping the transition will take place in early 2020, to include Clearwater Valley Hospital, Cottonwood, and St. Mary's Hospitals and eight regional clinics.

The second bit of news Bonner shared was about two new providers for CVH to include Dr. Jenny Johnston, as well as a new Physician's Assistant from St. Joe's, Mark Ackerman, with 20 years of experience in the emergency room.

We have two specialists coming from Lewiston and St. Mary's monthly to provide scope services.

Other new services Bonner introduced to be coordinated in the near future are in home sleep studies. Pulmonary rehab and a speech therapist shared with the school district will be available. Diabetic education and a pre-diabetic program are available, as well as immediate support for behavioral health issues.

Occupational Therapy continues to grow at CVH. The solarium has just been remodeled to provide an area for in patient therapy care. "We're calling it a 'facelift' with a new color scheme throughout the hospital and updated nurse's stations.

"A new department has been created for a proactive approach to health care. It's called the Population Health Department and operated by 15 full time employees between the two hospitals promoting preventative measures. It's all part of a new approach to healthcare, encouraged by Medicare and the public, with the main idea of keeping people out of the hospital."

Before closing, Bonner announced that there would be a new medical clinic replacing the Kamiah Clinic similar to the one built in Orofino. She explained that it would be a little bit smaller (18,000) because the additional administrative space wasn't needed.

The new clinic will be constructed at the current location, but will occupy the entire block when completed. Four adjacent houses were purchased, three of them were moved to other sites as housing is needed, the fourth was torn down.

Depending on the upcoming winter weather, Bonner said they hope to have the new clinic completed by the end of March or first of April.

- **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.