

Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Midland Depot Annex, Divide CO

Chairman Dave Martinek called the Depot Committee meeting to order at 3:58 p.m.

Present: Cindy Haney, Craig Haney, Jane Lass, Jane Mannon, Dave Martinek, Mary Menz, Karla Schweitzer, Greg Smith, Marion Vance

Absent: Jane Mannon, Jean Rodeck, Norm Steen

Guests: Sherri Albertson (Alternate board member)

Dave welcomed the members and noted that a quorum was present.

Discussion of Contract.

Dick Unzelman: 4 page contract between T.H.E. and CRS Architects. Need cost estimate for next round of grants, i.e. roads, parking lot, commercial site...includes tying into Pete (Kyper) water system, electrical, new roof, depot interior, museum display (i.e. power requirements), landscaping, signage, pavilion, bathroom facility, other misc elements, etc. Outline of structure elements: \$27, 045.00. No state funds within contract; will be paid monthly based upon progress. December 31, 2015 is deadline for final product to be submitted. Interim meetings will take place monthly or thereabouts.

Unanimous agreement to approve contract agreement... other work needed as well, i.e. clean up fence, etc.

Dave: Potential tax credit possibility per Norm Steen for Pete if he donates property;

Dave/Marion: Section house is not an asset unless it is significantly improved; may not be cost-effective to move it or spend money

Dick: Possibility of becoming an office or used otherwise.

Craig: potential site is noted on master plan... would be cheaper to re-create a facsimile than move existing bldg.

Dave: Effort to save it may not be worth it...owner wants to sell the property.

Marion: If not moved, should we try to save pieces of it

Dick/Craig: nothing original on it ...could be brought up to speed (internet, wifi, etc.); in 2008 - added porch, paneling, added dormers, design completely changed...

Dave: could possibly do some metal detecting...to see if anything of value...owner is adamant about selling it...not much in sheds...

Craig: maybe we could ask if we could look at it one more time before its destruction...

Unanimous concurrence to look at it again (i.e. metal detection)

Depot Committee meeting ended at 4:24.

Regular meeting commenced: 4:25.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 28, 2015 board meeting were approved on a motion by *Jane*, seconded by *Craig*.

Treasurer's Report: *Greg* presented the Statement of Financial Position and distributed Financials dated 2/28/2015.

Discussion of Statement.

Mary: Why two different H.T. funds?

Others: Gold Belt Byway donations in 1st acct; app is short term, earmarked. Android payment still has balance... Park State bank may be donating funds; keep RLPG going. SHF grant: balance remaining seems high... 9K is Pete's money (is allowing THE to keep); remainder will be investigated; may be reassigned after records are checked, including *Greg* checking *George's* (Parkhurst, former treasurer) entries; total assets reconciles with bank statement.

Report: *Mary* moved that the report be accepted as presented; *Jane* seconded, with the understanding that further investigation (as noted above) will be done. Motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Midland Depot: Accept contract as submitted (see above). *Marion* recommended approval, *Craig* seconded. Unanimous approval. *Dave* signed contract as written. Check was submitted to *Dave*: \$10,441.86 to THE 2015 donation, Louis R. Unzelman. LOA forthcoming.

Heritage Tourism: *Dave's* summary: IOS app launched in December/January; Android version is in the works. *Marion:* App is completed; 2 versions; Android version has problems (developmental, specifically map stops/points of interest); formal launch will be May 2nd (Crystola Bar and Grill, 11 am to 2 pm; Invitations w/details were circulated; ribbon-cutting w/dignitaries from north/south Teller County, money goes to app maintenance; app developers invited; rack cards circulated; 2 pushes: correcting problems (audio/video), but Apple changed procedures for certifying apps, so Apple correction is unknown. Also: mapping issues are pending correction. Android version should be done mid-April. *Mary:* will write a review for the Apple version; *Marion* has received several informal favorable email comments, *Mary:* will add comments to the website.

Old Business:

Divide Sign Project: *Dave:* still in progress; minor obstacles, i.e. donated poles need certification/approval for use in sign. Worm holes in 2 of 3 required their chopping off of ends; next deadline is end of April. Sign maker has all materials, will be a triangular “Welcome to Divide” (westbound), Midland Depot at Divide (eastbound); apex will have railroad image suspended from sign. Wooden template in depot space might be painted and auctioned off on May 2nd. *Mary:* will do “Coming soon” information for newsletter.

Midland Days 2015: *Dave:* “Peek at the Past/Pass”, poster not yet printed; presentations in the works; vintage clothing (Harvey girl outfit made by Dee) probably not worn this year; future MD may be held at depot (years later) and feature a Chautauqua, etc.

Newsletter: *Mary:* Spring Newsletter, 6 pages, ready for review tonight, artwork (11 x 17 print of Mel McFarlands for Midland Days , new member welcome, board meeting schedule, etc.; she will add feedback from Marion re: app.

(May 16th symposium will include story about runaway train nearly blowing up town of Fountain)

New Business:

T.H.E. Coalition will continue support of certain organizations in 2015. T.H.E. will take contributions for them (Midland Days at Divide Inc, R.L.P.G., Victor Penguins, Woodland Park Association) Agreed to be fiscal agent for organizations mentioned above (as well as others that meet THE criteria. (Noted that some are not tax-exempt, and our involvement is legally sanctioned.) ...Approved as written.

T.H.E. Website nonfunctional. *Dave:* In 2008 or 2009, fairly economical website was set up; person from Divide chamber managed it for a while and paid for it. Today, our website cannot be updated. Sherri has done some work on it but had problems. *Marion:* has received feedback asking about the lack of updates on our website; today, our website lacks our mobile app info, including QR code. *Sherri:* Divide’s Chamber website is not mobile friendly and Dana is still working on that. *Mary:* suggested we use something other than word press. *Marion:* would like to get out of our arrangement; *Dave:* wants to keep our domain name. *Mary:* that should be possible. *Marion:* wants a website designer, and is prepared to loan/assist in the funding. *Sherri:* knows of someone who could recreate a site. *Dave:* suggests we identify two people; *Craig:* we need to create an outline of what we want. *Marion:* asks cost? *Mary:* did her own, would work with Sherri to create a new site. *Dave:* requests Mary and Sherri spearhead an effort to put something together. Budget of \$500 if needed;

Mary/Sherri: Weebly will be used. 12 months' worth of minutes and other information will be added; will have store; should be completed by the end of April.

Fundraising - 2015. *Dave*: Status of Dee's wagon wheels: Friends of Florissant Fossil Beds initially wanted; no longer want but could find someone to take them; 8 or so wheels; *Others*: discussion of possible disposition. *Dave*: give them 4; auction the remainder on May 2nd. Unanimous agreement.

Correspondence - Reading file

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Karla Schweitzer
Secretary