

OWACC Board of Directors Regular Meeting

October 17, 2011, 6:30 p.m., Withee Village Hall

1. **Call to order:** Time: 6:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Borgeson, Mitchell, Esker, Greschner, Tabbert, Koplitz

Absent: Bruesewitz, Laube, Rohland

Others present: Tim Swiggum, Cindy Eichman

3. **Approve minutes:** July 18, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

August 15, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

September 19, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

Motion: Borgeson 2nd: Koplitz Vote: Unanimous

4. **Treasurer's Report:** July 2011 (financials, new members, donations, etc.)

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September 2011 (financials, new members, donations, etc.)

Motion: Greschner 2nd: Koplitz Vote: Unanimous

5. **Action Items:**

a) Appointment of New Secretary:

Nomination of: Janet Greschner Motion by: Koplitz 2nd by: Esker Vote: Unanimous

b) Resignation—Sandy Bruesewitz, Sandy reported, she is not able to make it to the board meeting so has requested her resignation.

Motion by: Greschner 2nd by: Esker Vote: Unanimous

c) Appointment of new Board Member: Pres. Mitchel called Cindy Eichman and requested that she may be able to fill-in on the board. Cindy said she would be happy to fill-in if it was only until the Annual Meeting in February, when a new board member would be elected. With those restrictions a motion was made to put Eichman on the board to take the place of Bruesewitz till the annual Meeting, when that position would be put on the ballot.

Motion by: Borgeson 2nd by: Greschner Vote: Unanimous

d) Annual Meeting: There was much discussion regarding the 2011 upcoming annual meeting. Greschner reported that the O-W Dev. Corp would very much like to share the work of the Annual Meeting/Business Gathering, however budget constraints may limit their monetary contribution. After much discussion a motion was made by Borgeson to continue sharing responsibility of the Annual Meeting/Business Gathering with a cost sharing of 75% to be assumed by the Chamber and 25% to be assumed by the O-W Dev Corp.

Motion by: Borgeson 2nd by: Greschner Vote: Unanimous

Discussion continued, the date for the Annual Mtg is tentatively set for Feb. 6, 2012. This will be taken to the Dev. Corp. by Greschner for approval. The rotation of businesses that host the annual meeting brings the Hayloft up as the next site. Mitchel will check into availability of the Hayloft and the menu and also check that there are no conflicting events.

e) Chamber Fall Promotion: NO ACTION TAKEN

6. Liaison Reports:

- a) O-W Development Corporation: (Greschner) The annual meeting was on 10-3-11. followed by the board of directors mtg., Nelson continues as President, Reinke continues as V-Pres, Wachsmuth continues as Sec/Treas. There are available funds of approx. \$28,000, that can be loaned out to an approved Owen Business. If any one knows of a business that may be interested have them contact Bonnie Wachsmuth
- b) Owen City Counsel/Downtown Revitalization Committee: Tim Swiggum reported the seminars at several locations he had attended and there is a demand for "incubator space", a place for new business start-ups.
- c) Agribusiness Innovation Center, Inc. (CWAIC): "Incubator space" is being planned for the Innovation Center when it goes up. He is working on a Dept of Ag. Grant.
- d) Withee Village Board: No Report
- e) Hwy 29 Partnership: Yellowstone Trail has it's Centennial in 2012 so plans are to plant "yellow" daffodils, etc. along the highway.
- f) Clark County Board/Economic Dev. Corp & Tourism: Tim Swiggum reported that Denise Lindner has stepped down so they are looking for a new person in the Loyal office.

7. Committee Reports:

- a) Newsletter: Next newsletter should contain news of up coming Annual Meeting/Business Gathering
- b) Communication Center: NO REPORT
- c) Chamber Bucks: Per the reconciliation bank report \$150 of "bucks" were sold on 9-6-11 and cashed in during the month of Sept. Jackie has the complete box of sold Chamber Bucks, Gary will pick up and do an audit of these.

- d) Website: There is still the need for events to be reported to Gary so he can get them on the web, be sure to pass on the all organizations.

- e) O-W Hwy 29 Welcome Signs: Bud Poppe is not happy with all the weeds under the Withee sign, there is a need to get the area cleaned up. Organizations requesting a spot are: Masons, Lions, O-W Vets, St. Johns Church, & American Legion.

- f) Chamber Advertising/Promotions: WAXX is still is being used by many Businesses

Membership: One new member- Branden Blumenstein

- g) Membership Renewal: Tabbert will compose a letter to invite Business to join the Chamber of Commerce for 2012 membership

- h) Correspondence Received: A thank you from a recent tourist.

8. Old Business: NONE

9. New Business/Agenda Items: NONE

10. Adjourn Time: 8:80 p.m. Motion by: Borgeson 2nd: by Koplitz Vote: Unanimous