

Minutes of Meeting
Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
DATE: March 17, 2021
TIME: 3:30 pm

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Burns at 3:30 pm.

1. **Opening Protocols:** Russ Brown gave opening protocols.
2. **Roll Call:** *Telephone:* Acting Chair / Chair Walter Burns, Laurie Mauser, Resource Management Office Director Jody Bieze.
Present: Russ Brown, Jennifer DeRose, Joe Piedmont, Courtney Beebe. Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.
Absent: Jonathan Mueller.
3. **Introduce Guests:** No guests present.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
February 17, 2021: Joe Piedmont moved to approve the minutes. Russ Brown seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. Business Agenda (Action Items)

1. FY2021 CLG Grant Survey Work

Acting Chair Burns: inquired whether everyone received the Idaho SHPO (i.e., Idaho State Historic Preservation Office) update from Jody Bieze (i.e., FY21 Grant Agreement Special Conditions March 15, 2021 email). Clear that the grant addresses survey only, and the next step is to identify the borders of the survey area. Walter recalls that Laurie identified the northeast part of the County and that it's a good suggestion. Laurie confirmed that that area needs to be updated. Walter inquired whether Laurie would be able to define the borders with SHPO.

Laurie Mauser: Already talked to SHPO. Survey boundary would include Athol, Garwood, south of Silverwood, over toward the mountains, and Lake Pend Oreille, and Belmont. There is a National Register schoolhouse there but thinks the building is gone. Include Bayview but not Farragut.

Acting Chair Burns: Inquired for other suggestions.

Jennifer DeRose: Suggestion is also based on some direction from one of the recent BOCC meetings. From what the Commission knows, the BOCC likes the idea of incorporating a survey within the Tribal Reservation, the southeast end of the County. Know of a couple of buildings that the Tribe might like to have inventoried and some other areas they may be interested in having surveyed. Think it's a good idea to solicit them to find out their interest. Maybe that could represent a portion of the survey budget; or none if no interest at all. Recommend soliciting for interest.

Laurie Mauser: What area? ~~Helped with a ITD wildlife survey corridor threw Worley a long time ago. Conducted ITD (Idaho Department of Transportation) cultural resource survey of a mile wide corridor though Worley north to Mica.~~ A lot of buildings are gone because of the

highway and definitely some updating that needs to be done. Highway 95 Worley to Mica corridor survey may need updating. Where around Worley?

Jennifer DeRose: There would be a couple of specific questions regarding what they would like to see inventoried. Might be farmsteads. There are a couple of buildings in Worley that, I assume they would like inventoried.

Laurie Mauser: ITD was doing a survey of all Kootenai County highways from mitigation to Highway 41 Project mitigation that might include some of the highways going out of Worley. The report got delayed because of Covid-19. Good source of information for what has been surveyed before and would be a big help.

Acting Chair Burns: Talked to BOCC before too. Certainly, a good idea to open up conversation with the Tribe whether on this grant or another and put it on the agenda for the year.

Russ Brown: If this is a possibility. Have someone from the Tribe attend meetings. Need input from the Tribe itself.

Jennifer DeRose: If you desire a response, solicit them; Council or a program manager. Better to present something in a short memo to them in person. They may not have interest at all. There is a deep engrained interest in archaeology and to some extent buildings.

Jodie Bieze: Recommends BOCC write letter to Tribal Council Chair allowing HPC to participate but the BOCC provides request.

Courtney Beebe: Respectful of Tribe. They operate on their own schedule. Concern would be meeting grant timelines. Likes the idea.

Acting Chair Burns: Good idea. Do this on this year's grant or a future grant?

>*Laurie Mauser:* Requested clarification from Jody per grant funding amounts<

Acting Chair: Further discussion?

Courtney Beebe: First motion is to have Laurie define the survey area for the northeast portion of the County to determine whether to spend grant money there. Russ Brown seconded motion. No opposed. Second motion is to ask Jennifer or the Board to establish relationship with the Tribe in a manner that they would find it interesting for the HPC to conduct a survey in the Worley area. Potentially expending grant money this year. Laurie Mauser seconded motion. No opposed.

2. Election of Officers

A. Chair Position

Acting Chair Burns: Assumes everyone received committee resumes to review backgrounds. Stated that Chandra had mentioned (i.e., via March 16, 2021 email) that whoever was interested to step forward. Stated interest in being Chair. Inquired if anyone else had interest. Jennifer moved to appoint Walter Burns as Chair. Russ Brown seconded the motion. No opposed.

Chair Burns: Inquired if anyone has interest in Vice Chairman?

Joe Piedmont: Will throw my hat in for chair. Courtney moved to nominate Joe Piedmont for Vice Chair. Russ Brown seconded. No opposed.

Russ Brown: Is Jon acting secretary or elected? County told HPC they were going to hire someone to take minutes to do it right. Counting Chandra there has been three people. Thought the County would provide a secretary. On the other hand. A few months ago they stated the HPC would appoint a secretary. Requesting clarification of the dialogue. Sounds like back on track.

Chair Burns: Jon stepped up.

Chandra Newberry: Present to assist the committee. Request that the committee have a backup.

Courtney Beebe: Already secretary for two other things. Inquired if Jennifer would do it. Moved to nominate Jennifer DeRose as backup secretary. Russ Brown seconded the motion. No opposed.

3. A. Review Draft Pen d'Oreille City / Garden District Press Releases
B. Joe Piedmonts Video Proposal Update

A. Draft Garden District Press Release Review Results

Chair Burns: No word from SHPO on status of Pend d' Oreille City. Cannot move forward with the press release at this time. Drafted Garden District press release has been emailed to everyone. Requesting comments / edits. Jennifer, Walt, Laurie stated draft looks good. BOCC has approved. Joe Piedmont moved to approve the press release. Jennifer DeRose seconded motion. No opposed.

Chair Burns: Inquiry whether Chandra or Jody can take the release to the board?

Chandra Newberry: Confirmed she will take it to the Board.

B. Joe Piedmonts Video Proposal Update

Chair Burns: Met with BOCC. They asked for annual report required by bylaws. Brought up Joes idea and they were enthusiastic. They had another thought and asked if we are still doing the essay contest and would like to see it going again.

Russ Brown: The essay contest is not a thing anymore.

Chair Burns: Board thought it would be nice to reach out to some schools and their video programs to see if that was a possibility.

Joe Piedmont: Are you suggesting a video essay or that they assist with creating the videos themselves?

Chair Burns: No. The essay is something separate. Maybe go to some of the high schools and make that a Project and get their involvement.

Laurie Mauser: So the idea is to have the high school help with the video or take a video to the high school?

Chair Burns: Some high schools have video production. Taking the idea to the high schools for production is one way to do it. It's a suggestion Leslie Duncan came up with.

Joe Piedmont: Will tighten up proposal and include those ideas and other research on procedure and cost.

Chair Burns: Maybe for subject matter consider what is on the County historic registry at this point.

Joe Piedmont: We will definitely want, as a group, to identify the subject matter. Will tighten up the process how to engage the community, schools, and cost. If the members could think about the topics for a list to go over as a group to make decisions on what the work will be.

Chair Burns: Will add Joe to the April agenda.

Joe Piedmont: Please email ideas over the next few weeks. We can assemble and narrow down.

4. Skip Fullers Proposal

Chair Burns: This proposal has been around awhile.

Jennifer DeRose: Appears this proposal goes back to 2019 and the minutes state the County said no to any money on this?

Laurie Mauser: Broad opinion is that HPC already doing what Skip proposes; just without a budget. The \$150,000 was an example of having a professional on staff working for the County and be able to hand out grants to historical societies for studies or whatever. We are doing kind of the same thing. We do get grants, just without a budget. Nampa does more because they have a budget. We also aren't involved in approving Projects. We aren't big, we're small. Maybe someone could put together something that fits what he is getting at.

Jennifer DeRose: Been talking to folks from the County since 2016 about the County connecting with the resource. Was going to put a proposal together for HPC. Purpose for being on HPC is to make some changes. Big advocate for resource policy and for Idaho to step up, at least at the City or County level for making a connection to the resource. The proposal won't be like Skips proposal. It won't address a program or funding. The HPC is already set up like a program. His reference to Idaho code 31-864 statute provides funding to the historical society / museum which is not applicable to HPC. The museum already receives a monetary amount under this statute according to the County budget. There is another way for incorporating historic properties into County business. Something to propose next time. A reason why it's important to make a connection with another governmental authority that could be beneficial for moving forward with the proposition. Written letters to State and Tribe expected more involvement from the State Historic Preservation Officer. But it is political.

>Jennifer inquired about Skips background with HPC

Courtney Beebe: Looking through notes, HPC decided against it. Good idea but no detail for what money would be spent on. Good idea to obtain funding. Take the proposal off agenda. But remember that this is a funding source Skip brought to HPC.

Jody Bieze: Recommend HPC consider a vote, someone make a motion about his proposal whether to present it to the board as is.

Courtney Beebe: Move to decline Skip Fullers proposal and remove it from agenda. Russ Brown seconded motion. No opposed. Move to give Jennifer time to present proposal on next agenda with consideration to Skips funding source. Joe Piedmont seconded. No opposed.

Chairman Burns: Confirmed add. Move to open meeting.

C. Open Floor Discussion / Public Comment

Laurie Mauser: Request clarification and update from Jody regarding execution of the 2020/2021 Cougar Gulch survey contract.

Jody Bieze: Sharon has submitted proposal and contract is under draft.

Chair Burns: Asked for clarification on the 2020 Cougar Gulch grant timetable.

Laurie Mauser: Report due August 31, 2021. Will be a smaller Project than the Garden District, so timeframe is doable.

Courtney Beebe: Has been corresponding with Sharon Boswell (i.e., Cougar Gulch Survey Project sub-consultant) to start gathering information to get her. Sharon's telling her what to do. Gathering information. Will give update next meeting. Can't attend next meeting so will give written report to Laurie for HPC to discuss and provide direction. Will follow up and continue to work with Sharon. Doing this because she lives in the gulch and the gulch was personal idea.

D. Adjourn (Action)

Russ moved to adjourn. Jennifer DeRose seconded motion. No opposed. Chair Burns adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Jennifer DeRose, Commission Secretary Backup

Note: Abbreviated transcription minutes based on audio recording