

## IOCTA Spring Meeting 2022

Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:00 am  
Perkins Restaurant, Burley, ID

### Attending

John Briggs	Jerry Eichhorst	Marge Houdyshell
Nancy Briggs	David Gibbs	Gary Kaufman
Steve Dayton	Linda Gibbs	Dave Price
Shalene Dickard	Jan Gurr	Sharon Price
Lisa Dinwiddie	Michael Gurr	Don Wind
Paul Dinwiddie	Lynn Houdyshell	

### Opening

Jerry opened the meeting at 10:04 am.

### Minutes of Fall Meeting 2021

Minutes of the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were sent out to Executive Committee and approved via email. The minutes are posted on the IOCTA website.

### Financial Report

<b>Balance after October 2021 meeting</b>	<b>\$7264.22</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	
Membership Dues	\$825.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Web hosting, domain	\$132.00
Fall meeting lunch	\$111.49
OCTA (Ft Hall Museum)	\$115.00
Stamps	\$58.00
<b>Ending Balance – May 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$7,672.73</b>
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>

Paul Dinwiddie moved that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded by Lynn Howdysshell and passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to have the Idaho Chapter pay for lunch at today's meeting was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote.

### Community Education Classes

- Three classes of 20-25 people in each
- Several new members joined
- Great to be back doing the classes

### Spring Byway Tour

- + 45 people, 24 vehicles

- Mountain Home DAR joined tour, hosted lunch
- Framed picture given to Ditto Creek rancher

### **Chapter New Members**

- Spencer Paul, Meridian
- Jeffrey Anderson, Pocatello
- Ed Wuelfing, Boise
- Marie Holmer, Idaho Falls
- Steve Dayton, Jerome
- Shauna Robinson, Twin Falls
- Kent Shaufelberger, Meridian
- Kristi Haman, Boise
- Helen Hankins, Nevada

### **Ada County Oregon Trail Trailhead**

- Ada County Parks and Recreation putting hard surface gravel on main walking trails

### **Lava Ridge Wind Turbine Project**

Dave Price reported on the Lava Ridge Wind Turbine Project.

- Section 106 Monthly Meetings continue with the BLM and Signatories/Consulting Parties
- Draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) under development
  - Final Draft PA targeted for September
- BLM's Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution (CADR) Program is being initiated
  - Will specifically address the issues from the Japanese-American stakeholders related to the Minidoka National Historic Site
- Final Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) targeted for September
- Draft EIS status
  - Considering several different alternatives to the proposed siting corridors to help reduce the environmental impact of the project
- Field trip planning is on hold
  - Site visits can be requested on a case-by-case basis to help evaluate the effect of the project on specific viewsheds
- 'Dark Sky' Report
  - An Aircraft Detection System is being considered to help reduce the effects on the 'Dark Sky'
- Two new energy projects are being proposed in the Twin Falls area
  - Salmon Falls Wind Project
  - Solar project between Gooding and Shoshone

Need to carefully review the site decommissioning plans in the EIS, especially as it relates to the disposal of the spent turbine blades.

### **Southwest Intertie Project**

Dave Price reported on the Southwest Intertie Project.

- The proposed SWIP-North transmission line crosses the Oregon Trail, the California Trail, Hastings Cutoff, the Central Overland Trail, the Pony Express Route, the Toano Road, and the Kelton Road
- The SWIP-North Programmatic Agreement (PA) expired in 2020
  - An updated PA will need to be developed by the BLM, and then routed for review and subsequent approval
  - The Section 106 consultation with the BLM will be a joint effort by the Idaho Chapter, the California-Nevada Chapter, and the national OCTA Preservation Office
- The SWIP-North transmission line in Idaho crosses directly over the Oregon Trail very close to where it intersects with the Kelton Road (just east of the Rock Creek Station/Stricker homesite)

- We need to verify that there are no direct effects to the trail in this area
- The Rock Creek Station/Stricker Homesite is just outside the west boundary of the three mile Indirect APE
  - We should proceed with a visual assessment of the impact of the transmission line to this site
- There is a Legislatively Exempt portion of the transmission line that is directly south and east of the Stricker Homesite
  - That section appears to come within about 2.5 miles of the site
  - We will need to work directly with LS Power to get a visual assessment of the impact in this area
- There is another Legislatively Exempt portion of the transmission line north of Twin Falls, and west/southwest of the Minidoka National Historic Site
  - The NPS and Idaho SHPO organizations should examine this section more carefully
- The plan is to connect the SWIP-North transmission line to the Lava Ridge wind project at the Midpoint substation (just north of Twin Falls)
- Dan Sakura, who represents the Friends of Minidoka organization, has filed an action with the California PUC in an attempt to stop the construction of the transmission line
- Currently waiting for the BLM to initiate the Section 106 process

### **Lanes Grave Sign Project**

Don Wind reported on Lanes Grave Sign Project.

- MOU negotiations between NPS and IDOT in progress
- First draft for the interpretive sign submitted to NPS
- NPS seeking anecdotes/personal interest stories to add
- Lander Trail Foundation and Jim Hardee tapped to provide input
- Evidence suggests that current trail markers near grave are incorrect

### **Fort Boise Sign Project**

- Working with NPS and Idaho Fish and Game

### **Volunteer Hours**

- Report volunteer hours to OCTA
  - Form on national website
  - Means lots of money to OCTA
  - Meetings and outings should be included in your time

### **Upcoming OCTA Activities**

- 2022 Convention – Casper, WY
  - August 28 – September 3
- 2023 Convention – Gehring, NE
- 2024 Convention – Walla Walla, WA?

### **Idaho Chapter Activities**

- Upcoming activities this year
  - Durkee grave verification
  - May 21, 10 am PST
  - I-84 Weatherby Rest Area
- Other possible activities
  - INL Jeffreys-Goodale Route
  - Toano Road part 2
  - American Falls/Massacre Rocks area – completed prior to Chapter meeting
  - Requests?

Oregon Trail from Fort Boise to Huntington was requested as a possible future activity.

## **IOCTA Fall Chapter Meeting**

- October 8<sup>th</sup> (later changed to October 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Mountain Home area
- Election of Officers

## **New Business**

No new Business

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

## **Presentations/Speakers**

### **John Briggs – OCTA President**

- OCTA Business
  - Finance
    - Operations
    - Endowment
    - Chapters
  - 'Journey of a Lifetime' Fundraising
  - Marketing PR – Refreshing Outreach
  - Collections/Libraries – pull together and inventory
  - Preservation
    - Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Transmission Line Project
  - Education
    - Get teachers involved – 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Future Conventions
  - Communication
  - Membership
- Mormon Battalion
  - US Mormon Battalion March – Map and Routes
  - Mormon Battalion Reunion
- Map of the Historic Trail, Trail Corridor, and Auto Tour Route of Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail
- Mormon Battalion/Butterfield Route through Anza Borrego Desert
  - Blocked at Box Canyon
  - Foot and Walker Pass
  - Carrizo Badlands
- Nobles Emigrant Trail
- Chiles, Walker and Redding
  - Pierson Redding came across with Chiles and Walker in 1843 and has been much studied by the Shasta Co. H. S.
  - Chiles and Walker split at Fort Hall, Walker using the well-known fur trapper route down Raft River to the Humboldt establishing 500 miles of what was to be the California Trail. They went down Owens Valley and crossed at Oak Creek then north to Sutter's Fort.
  - Chiles went on to Fort Boise then up the Malheur and, apparently, to Goose Lake and down the Pit River to the Sacramento and Sutter's Fort.

### **Shalene Dickard – City of Rocks**

- Camp Rock today – removing graffiti
- California Trail Project
  - Constructed in 2019 by the parks YCC and a teen service group

- Trail is about 2.5 miles long
  - Several interpretive signs have been placed along the route
- California Trail reenactment – Memorial Day at the Visitor Center
- Photography Project of Signature Rocks
  - Project is funded for FY 24
  - The project would:
    - Create 3D photogrammetry of signature rocks
    - Polarized photographs for the rocks
  - This would allow us to locate signatures that are not visible
  - Partnering with Idaho State University, Department of Geosciences
- New California Trail Projects
  - California Trail Invasive Weed Management Project
  - Fuel Reduction around Signature Rocks

Submitted by Dave Price