

**NORTH DOUGLAS BETTERMENT
Monthly Meeting
February 24, 2020**

Board Present: Lee Russell – Chair, Kathy Finley-Secretary/Treasurer, Jill Cunningham

Board Not Present: Marvin Akins, Kevin Hoyt

Guests: Gene Vroman and Harold Gilpin

Staff: Jennifer Bragg

The meeting was called to order by Lee Russell, Chair, at 12:10 PM.

Minutes of November, 25th 2019:

Secretary, Kathy Finley made a motion to approve the November 2019 minutes. Jill Cunningham, seconded. Passed.

Chairperson Report:

Chairman Russell reported that NDB *has* received our No Further Action (NFA) letter from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). North Douglas Betterment (NDB) has been waiting for this letter for the past two years. NDB is currently awaiting the signed contract for Surety with Department of State Lands (DSL) contract. Discussion followed.

Russell would like Jennifer to start tracking the time she spends on each of our programs.

Treasurer's Report:

N/A

Development Officer Report:

Jennifer gave a brief rundown of activities. Jennifer sent flowers and a card to Gail Edmondson's service on NDB's behalf.

Board members: NDB has interested candidates, but candidates are unable to attend Monday meetings, scheduled at noon. Jennifer is going to reach out to interested parties and see what days and times work best. Discussion followed.

New Business: North Douglas Fire and EMS. (NDFEMS) are interested in purchasing the South 20+ acres on Elkhead Rd, the property sits due North of Thorp's mill site. NDFEMS, would like to put in a top if the line training facility. The Board instructed Jennifer to speak with Fire Chief Ike and inform him that NDB is looking at selling the S.20 property to them for \$50,000.00 which is half of the market value, and below the assessed value. Discussion followed. No motion was made.

Old Business:

Masonic Cemetery:

Jennifer had a meeting with Cottage Grove Masonic Lodge Chair, Joe Griggs this last month. The Masonic's wish to donate, Yoncalla Masonic Cemetery, to North Douglas Betterment. Joe, stated that the cemetery has poor records and less than \$3,300.00 in their account. Discussion followed. Tabled until March 16th meeting. Jennifer will keep Joe from Cottage Grove Masonic's posted.

Fireworks:

Jennifer informed the Board that Marvin Adkins, Gene Vroman, Harold & Kay Gilpin, along with herself, attended a meeting with Western Display Fireworks last month. At the meeting they came up with a game plan regarding NDB's 2020 firework show. Marvin, Harold, and Gene will attend, The Strawberry Festival in June of 2020, in Lebanon. This show is equal in size to NDB's. This will give our pyro crew a hands on familiarity, from a team that has experience, with an electronic ignitor. Jennifer and Kay will travel together to Canby, Or, for hands on training with Western Display in March. This training will provide them the experience they need to use an 'assembly line' production tactic for this year's show. Kathy Finley made a motion to reimburse the pyro crew for meals and miles while traveling to Lebanon for training in June. Jill Cunningham seconded. Passed. Jennifer asked the crew to please turn in receipts to her for reimbursement.

Log Pond:

See Chairman Report.

Library:

Jennifer will be teaming up with Jill from Yoncalla Branch Library once again for Dr. Seuss Night that will take place on, Thursday, February 27th.

Cunningham suggested that Jennifer put feelers out in the community that NDB is seeking new Board Members. Jill recommended that Jennifer post advertisements in Drain and Elkton, so that prospects in those communities have an opportunity to join.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 16th, 2020 at Noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.