

Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve

Minutes of October 24, 2023

PRESENT: Lisa Bernhardt, Erin Borden, Heather McCoy, Jen Schmidt, Jeff Sturm, John Whittet, Elexis Fredy, Alan Hancock

ABSENT: Position #1 is unfilled

STAFF: Carol Castellano, Josh Pitts

OTHERS: Mayor Hughes, Commissioner Bacon, Julie Dougherty-Winger

Chair Lisa Bernhardt called the meeting to order at 3:02pm and determined a quorum of Trust Board members. There were no participants by Zoom. Bernhardt then asked for public comment. Hearing none, Bernhardt asked for a motion to approve the September 28, 2023 meeting minutes.

Moved by Borden, second by Hancock. Hearing no comments or corrections, Bernhardt called for the vote. Motion approved. Minutes will be posted on the TB website at www.Ebey'sReserve.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bernhardt called on Borden for the Treasurer's report. Borden noted 3rd quarter taxes have been paid and that conference expenses will be showing an increase. Operations expenses are normal with the exception of professional development expenses for Pitts and Shimada. No restricted fund expenses. Borden then passed the vouchers and asked the TB members to sign the coversheet.

FRIENDS OF EBHEY'S REPORT:

Bernhardt called on Julie Dougherty Winger for a report on the Friends of Ebey's. Dougherty Winger noted the summer appeal is over and that they met the match. It's all about the conference right now, with Friend's gearing up for the potluck and their catered lunch on Saturday. They will also have a merch table set up with Friends of Ebey's merchandise. The Friends are finalizing their fiscal year 2024 work plan, which will be more focused on fundraising than outreach.

PARTNER REPORTS

Bernhardt called on partner representatives for their updates.

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS: Whittet is settling into his new position at Fort Casey and is learning the area and issues.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: Fredy noted that NPS is working through the issues at Farm I following the fire this past summer; Archaeology work is being completed at the Ferry House prior to installation of lines for the security and fire suppression systems; Fredy and staff are preparing for their presentation at the Ebey's Forever Conference; and NPS is staying on top of the funding date of November 17th and a potential shutdown.

ISLAND COUNTY: Commissioner Bacon thanked Shimada and Pitts for participating in a program relating to the permitting process within Island County, and the challenges builders and residents are facing when trying to secure permits.

TOWN OF COUPEVILLE: Mayor Hughes reported the town council was set to pass their new comprehensive plan; Town Planner, Donna Keeler has resigned, and the town has hired Jessie Davis as her replacement; Town is working on their 2024 budget and has received a lot of grants to do work on a variety of projects. October is the "Haunting of Coupeville," and there are many fun events planned. Hughes noted it's really an event for the local community. Bernhardt asked if there's an update on the arsons at the public restroom. Hughes noted there is a "person of interest" and the investigation continues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Bernhardt called on Treasurer Borden to present the vouchers for October. Borden noted only one set of vouchers from Operations.

Hancock moved to approve the TB Operations vouchers, 24.001 to 24.016 in the amount of \$30,395.16. Second by Fredy. Bernhardt called for the vote, approved. The Operations Vouchers will be presented to the county Auditor's office for processing.

Bernhardt concluded new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Reserve Manager Report, No Committee Reports

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bernhardt asked for any final comments for Good of the Order. Much discussion regarding the conference. Pitts noted a presentation to Windermere in Oak Harbor regarding real estate and the Reserve, adding it's a presentation they hope will continue to other agencies.



Submitted by Carol Castellano, Program Coordinator



Date Approved