

IDAHO COUNTY HISTORIC COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 19, 2021

The meeting was called to Order at 1:04 pm at the Idaho County Courthouse by President, Jamie Edmondson.

**Commission Members Present:** Erin Duden, Bryan Mahoney and Taffee Schaack

**Reading and Approval of the February 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes:**

Erin Duden moved that the minutes be approved with the following change:

- Next Meeting: Changed from February 8, 2021 Idaho County Court House TO:  
March 8, 2021 Idaho County Court House.

Bryan Mahoney seconded the motion and so moved to accept the February meeting minutes. Passed.

**Archeologist Report – Christa Kerley:**

Christa could not attend the meeting. Erin Duden presented Christa's progress report:

- Presently working on contacting and researching through respective Agencies (Forest Service and Army Corp of Engineers) to determine who and why the bridge at the Gold Point Mine, Red River, was removed and if it would be replaced by one of the Agencies.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Action Items:

Sites identified for the Register:

- Riggins School House – Mr. Doramas:  
Jamie contacted Doramas to inquire about the status of the paperwork that needs to be send to the State by June. Doramas stated that he is working on getting the paperwork completed. Jamie will keep in contact.
- Jordon House – Erin Duden:  
Question: Since this house is a rental would the owners be entitled to a tax incentive?  
Jamie contacted Pete at the State Historical Office for a determination. Pete said that since the house is considered an income property it would be eligible.  
Erin will followed up with the owner about this and invited them, again, to attend a Historic Commission meeting. She will continue keeping in contact with owners to determine their interests.
- Riggins Hot springs – Erin Duden:  
Erin is still working on this and will follow up at next meeting
- Kirkwood Ranch – Erin Duden:

Erin has been doing research to see if she can find how Kirkwood was placed on the National Register. She has not been able to locate the information. Jamie suggested she look on the Oregon State website to see if it is listed under them. Since the property is located in Idaho and Oregon, it can be listed in both states.

- Elk City Hotel - Jamie Edmondson:  
Jamie has been doing research for more information about the Hotel.
- Elk City General Store – Jamie Edmondson:  
Jamie has reached out, several times, to the present owners. They have not responded.
- Elk City Community Building – Elk City Alliance – Jamie Edmondson:  
Jamie reported the Alliance has consulted with restoration engineers over the years and their finding has not been favorable for attempting to restore the old building. The foundation is gone. There is asbestos in the wall covering inside the hall making it a health hazard. As Jamie pointed out, it is a real frustration as to what to do with the building as it is the only original building, besides the General Store, that survived the fire of 1930.

#### Gold Point Mine Updates:

##### Action Items:

- Installation of Bridge – Bryan Mahoney:  
Bryan contacted Ryan Ulenkot about manufacturing a steel walking bridge that can be installed using the present abutments. Ulenkot can start the construction as soon as he is given a set of plans. Action Pending upon Christa Kerley, Archeologist, research and report.
- Restoration Cost Estimate – Bryan Mahoney:  
Bryan will reach out to Eric of Keltic Engineering, Lewiston to see if he would be willing to do a Cost Estimate. Jamie reported that the Commission has a \$9,000 grant that it can pay towards having Keltic Engineering do the Cost Estimate.  
Keltic Engineering prepared a structural inspection in September 2020 and are familiar with the extent of work that would need to be done.  
Bryan will reach out to Keltic and report at next meeting.

#### State Historical Preservation Code, County Ordinance #35 Amendment to Ordinance #68:

On March 10, 2020 Ordinance #35 was amended with Ordinance#68 approved by the County Commissioners changing Section VII to read “Shall consist of at least five members and up to ten members who shall be appointed by the commissioners.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Action Items – Tasks for the Commission Board:

1. Review Idaho County, Idaho Historic Preservation Plan:
  - a.) Make a list of projects to complete. Compare notes at next meeting
  
2. Continue to familiarize with the guidelines and process of identifying sites for the historical register:
  - b.) Follow up on sites presently identified and make contacts,
  
3. Review the present booklet – The National Register of Historical Places for Idaho County.
  - c.) Compare booklet against spreadsheet entries from Idaho Historical Office for Idaho County. Note sites not listed. Research documents from Historical site to obtain information submitted to SHPO for approval to register.

**Next Meeting:** May 10, 2021 Idaho County Court House

Bryan so moved for adjournment; Erin seconded motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Taffee Schaack  
Secretary

