

Washington School Principals' Education Foundation (WSPEF)

SPRING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Zoom Meeting

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. The Board meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 9:00 am by President Cameron Grown.
2. **Minutes from the Board meeting held January 24, 2020, were approved as presented.**

Foundation Reports

3. The WSPEF financials were shared. The year-to-date cash balance as of April 2020 was \$1,235,485.
4. AWSL Updates: Due to COVID 19 some support staff have been placed on standby layoff status. The Dare to Dream program is moving forward with an online program and is expected to have 300 students. Summer camp sessions have been cancelled with a potential financial impact of \$1,334,732. A solution to not being able to gather together would be to have a 2-day on-site camp at home school campuses with the student leadership curriculum. The Fall Conference will move to a virtual one-day conference.
5. Cispus Updates: Due to COVID 19 there were some staff reductions with some employees still being employed full time. Grant funds are still available to complete projects while the site is closed to visitors.
6. The owners of the property that neighbors the Cispus property would like to donate it to Cispus. WSPEF would be responsible for paying the title transfer only. The land is currently valued at \$40,000 with yearly taxes for the 4-acre parcel of \$457.89. **Todd Hilmes made a motion to approve moving forward on the acceptance of the donated land and title transfer, Heather Renner seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
7. Cispus is in need of capital improvements on the infrastructure: power, septic and water systems. After receiving quotes on the needed work, the cost of these to be completed would be approximately \$1,335,316. The time is perfect to complete capital projects now while there is no Cispus use. Waiting could lead to shutting down campus/cancelling customers when a septic fail, or power deteriorates too far. Further, power updates will lead to reduced utility bills. Part of the Forest Service lease is to complete \$100,000 of campus improvements per year. Forest Service has agreed (and provided documentation) allowing for large payments to be applied to future land lease requirements. As such, spending 1.3K this year would cover the land lease agreement for the next 13 years. The use of Cispus is covered by the Granger-Thye Special Use and that permit lease retires in 2024. The Forest Service has extended the Land Use Permit for an additional 30 years. Large payments now will cover the land lease requirements for multiple years in the future. **Tricia Kannberg moved and Tenesha Fremstad seconded a motion that we move forward with pursuing a loan to complete these projects. The motion carried. Todd Hilmes moved, and Heather Renner seconded a motion that allows the contingency that the forest service will allow capital loan funds be acceptable landlord maintenance.**

8. Chewelah Peak – Layoffs began on March 13th. Based on user groups for 2019 the lost revenue for this summer is approximately \$121,000 thru August. Chewelah Peak has had negative operational costs for 15 years. Conversation took place about the loss of revenue and determining other ways to bring in revenue.

The WSPEF Board meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Next WSPEF Board Meeting

Friday, June 26, 2020

Zoom Meeting

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Cameron Grow, Chris Visserman, Tenesha Fremstad, Michael Harrington, Todd Hilmes, John Belcher, Aaron Fletcher, Karen Owen, Scott Seaman

Budget Committee Chair: Heather Renner

AWSP Staff: Jack Arend, Greg Baker, Scott Friedman, Kurt Hatch, Kim Marquette, David Morrill, Andi Mounts, Roz Thompson, Gina Yonts

Guests: Paul Marquardt, Ken Schutz, Tricia Kannberg, Heidi Sutton, Dave Riddle, Nathan Plummer, Eric Anderson, Brent Osborn

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Operations Director

Approved by WSPEF Board _____ June 26, 2020 _____ /date/ _____ km _____ /initials/