



Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway

Corridor Management Entity (CME)

Minutes – December 9, 2014 - 11:00 AM

UF/IFAS Extension Office

7620 SE 471, Suite 2, Bushnell, FL

- I. **Call to Order and introduction of guests:** Meeting was called to order by Joyce Hanson, Vice Chairman (VFW #10137). Others in attendance included: Dawn Cary (Sumter County Chamber of Commerce), Mike Palozzi (CB&I), Bob Finck (AIM Engineering & Surveying), Joan Carter (FDOT), Steve Rinck (Dade Battlefield Society), Judie Mueller (Webster Postmaster), Kelly Williams (City of Webster), Bob Chenowith (VFW Post #10137), Paul Remis (City of Webster and Dade Battlefield Society), Pablo Remis (BSA Troop 439); Jim Veal, Sr.(Pana-Vista Lodge), Garry Balogh (FDOT), Donna Lester (UF/IFAS Extension) and Dan McCormic, Chairman (Explore Sumter).
- II. **Review of November 18, 2014 Minutes** – Approved as is.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report**-Beginning Balance as of November 1, 2014 is \$435.25. Ending balance as of 11/30/14 is \$ 1,014.94. Two expenditures: Staples (Supplies) \$26.74 and Judie Mueller (Raffle Baskets) \$49.07. Cow Chip Bingo donation of \$625.00 and Apparel donation of \$30.50. Approved as is.
- IV. **CME Working Committees**–Committee reports are follows:
 - A. Membership-Tablet was awarded from the list of names collected through November. Recipient was very happy to be a part of such a great organization.
 - B. Marketing/Event Planning-it was decided to check with Paul Vesco to see if March 31, 2015 was available at the Fairgrounds for the Antique Road Show fundraiser. Kelly and Judie to check with vendors at the Market and area appraisers. Dawn to check with the Wildwood Antique Mall to see if the owner has any leads. As far as Historical Site Markers that was discussed previous month. Judie agreed to contact Tim Fillman, who works with the state on Historical markers, to see if he would be interested in being a guest speaker in February.
 - C. Sustainability/Accreditation-Dawn to submit this week.
 - D. Special Projects-Wildflower plan still in the works. Paul Remis indicated that the Hernando Historical Society is interested in placing a historical marker at Abrams Town in Sumter County. Hoping for a good turnout at the Dade Battle Reenactment to maximize the funding.
 - E. Coast to Coast Connector Update-Kelly indicated she was at a meeting with Senator Simpson and they talked a little about it and he seems excited that the Coast to Coast trail is being completed.

V. Byway Partners/Business Sponsorship Program

- A. Kiosks-Dawn contacted BESH and they do not have a structural engineer on staff. Dawn met with Bradley Arnold and he seems to think there wouldn't be a problem putting kiosks at some of the county parks. He took the plans to have Richard Baier from Public Works to review. Romac Lumber indicated that they would donate the wood to build the kiosks.
- B. Presentation Schedule and Powerpoint-Mike brought an updated presentation on memory sticks. Discussed the list of potential RV parks and finalized who would be calling them.
- C. Future Events-Dade Battlefield Reenactment, January 3-4, 2015 at the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park. Kelly and Dan volunteered to man.

VI. Media Updates

- A. Website-Bradley Arnold offered to possibly have the county set up and maintain our website. He will get with Tangent Media to have them submit a proposal that would then be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- B. Sumter County Times-They produced and published a supplement that contained the story and information on the SSHB as well as the Coast to Coast Greenway Trail.

VII. 2015 Slate of Directors-Judie Mueller will begin a two year term. Steve Rinck agreed to assume the 1 year remaining term of Gayle Teerman, due to resigning. Connie Mahan nominated for a new two year term. Dan McCormic and Dawn Cary were nominated to begin a new two year term. All were elected by acclamation, unanimously. Current board members serving the second year of their term include Paul Remis, Jackey Jackson, Jim Veal, Sr. and Steve Rinck. Officer elections to be held in January.

VIII. Florida Scenic Highways Program Report –Garry Balogh indicated that year end reporting would begin in March of 2015.

IX. Monthly Guest Speaker Schedule-Rob Ern from Florida Greenways Foundation will present in January.

X. Public Comment/Round Table Discussion-Adopt-A-Highway cleanup scheduled for Saturday, December 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Florida National Cemetery.

XI. Adjournment-Next Meeting January 20, 2015 Webster Community Center.