

Sierra Vista Scenic Byway Association
Minutes of January 9th, 2012

Present: Jack McGowan, Mike Nolen, Doug Waltner, Sandy Brinley, Dave Martin
and guests Brittany Dyer and David Konno.

Call to Order at 7:00pm

- I. Minutes from November 14th, 2011 were approved.
- II. Treasurer's Report as of December 2011: Grizzly fund \$19,217.38 and Byway account \$1891.28. Report was approved.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Doug has been working with an Oakhurst sign shop about the information signs for Redinger Overlook and Cold Springs Summit. He presented the Board with examples and explained that it was advised that the signs be black & white and that they be mounted vertically to reduce weather damage. The proposed sign material would be plastic laminate. Estimated cost is \$1000 each. The Board was generally pleased with the initial effort. Doug to continue work on sign format and content.
 - B. Brenda Negley, Docent for Nelder Grove, has asked for help providing signage for Nelder Grove area. Jack and Doug will meet with her to discuss this further.
 - C. Dave Martin will determine if the Forest Service will provide an approach sign for Redinger Overlook.
 - D. Dave will attempt to obtain an estimate for the repairs at Mile High Overlook.
 - E. Doug reports that he was not able to contact anybody with the Stewards of the Sierra National Forest group. Dave Martin said that Mike Wubbels is the President and CEO of the group. Dave provided contact information.
 - F. Jack reported that there is a link to the Byway website on the Visitors Bureau site. He reported that interactive Byway map on the Forest Service site was no longer interactive. Dave Martin will see if the original map can be restored.

IV. New Business

- A. Brittany and David described a grant application that the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council is currently preparing in partnership with the Forest Service for Sierra Nevada Conservancy funds. If awarded, this grant would repair 31 acres of high meadow in the Upper Chiquito Creek watershed within the Sierra National Forest. In addition to the repairs there would be a public education and outreach portion that would lead to two field trips to the restoration sites. It is possible that the Byway Association could collaborate with the Y/S RC&D on the tours. Jack will provide a support letter from the Byway Association. Letter is needed by mid January.
- B. Dave explained that the District is applying for grant funding to implement a project at the Kelty meadow Campground that includes providing water for the stock users in a trough and adding hitching rails to each campsite for horse campers. The project also includes stream restoration for a section of degraded channel that is just adjacent to the campground. Jack will provide a support letter. The letter needs to be sent to Aimee Smith by mid January.
- C. A bid for a Chukchansi grant was considered. Some ideas included signage, repairs at Mile High Overlook and facilities at Nelder Grove. The "educational values" of the areas would be emphasized. Final decision to be made at next Board meeting. Application is due March 1st.
- D. The "cattle drive" tour is still being considered. Doug will contact Bart Topping. Dave suggested he might contact Mike Knapp as well.

- V. Next meeting is scheduled for February 13th, at the USFS North Fork Ranger Station conference room, at 7:00 PM.

Meeting ended at 8:00pm