

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
TIC Administration Offices  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

**Committee Participants**

Chris Bell, Chair	Robert Keeler	Eliza Canty-Jones	Ed Washington
Nancy DeSouza	Bob Garcia	Kelly Cannon-Miller	David Porter

**Absent:**

George Forbes, Gwenn Baldwin

**Staff Participants:**

Annie von Domitz	Jessica Carbone	Jim Denno
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**Call to Order/ Introductions**

Bell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Porter and DeSouza suggested multiple grammatical corrections. *DeSouza made a motion to approve the November 12, 2019 as corrected. Porter seconded the motion. Bell and Washington abstained. The motion carried.*

**Program Value Statement**

Von Domitz presented the phrases and main key words sent in by the committee members that they felt best represent the ideals they would make a part of the programs value statement. The goal is to use the value statement to guide strategic planning, recruitment and decisions. The committee discussed the different key words. The complete list will be sent out to the committee before the next meeting so members will be able to prioritize them and bring it back to the next meeting.

**Current Marker Projects**

- **Conflict at Pistol River Marker**

Garcia reported that he has reached out to Robert Kentta but is still waiting for feedback on the current text.

The work being done on this project, as well as other marker projects, inspired an earlier discussion between Garcia and von Domitz on how best the committee could communicate with the Tribes. Garcia suggested presenting to the Legislative Commission on Indian Services. The committee would present the values and work of the program and ask Tribal Governments the best way work with them on these projects. The committee wants to make it as easy as possible

for the Tribes to work with us by acknowledging and easing any hurdles. This may include, but not be limited to, an honorarium or stipend.

- **Broughton's Expedition**

Porter has sent the text to his contact, Christian, with the Confederated tribes of Warm Springs and is waiting for feedback.

- **Indian Marathon**

Bell is working with Tara to coordinate her attending the next meeting to further discuss outreach efforts and coordination with the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, Cow Creek and The Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde.

- **Nez Perce Marker**

Bell said the text had been reviewed by Veronica RedStar. She liked the text as it was presented. The text is 30 words over the text limit. Bell will send two or three traced back options to Veronica and Bobbie Conner to review.

- **The Dalles to Canyon City Wagon Road**

Von Domitz said now that the frame is no longer salvageable, and the entire sign must be replaced. The cost to replace is substantial. The original site of the marker is no longer public property a new location will have to be found. She is researching possible funding options, but other projects have taken priority. The project will be tabled until other funding options have been found.

- **Willamette Post**

Keeler presented the most recent draft text for the marker. It is at 120 words. He sent the text to David Lewis and State Parks and is waiting for a response. He was able to discover the name of Pierre Belleque' wife, Genevieve St.Martin.

- **Transcontinental Auto Race**

Bell presented the most recent draft text of the marker. The text was approved by the committee to be rerouted and replaced into its original location.

### **Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosks**

Von Domitz reported that HRA is in the middle of gathering their research. HRA has subcontracted with the Tamástslíkt and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to partner in their research. That will not increase the amount of the contract. She has not been able to reach anyone at Warm Springs in order to discuss the project but will keep trying.

### **Old Business**

- **Great Tsunami 1700**

Von Domitz said the marker should be done within the next week. As soon as it is built the TIC Sign Crew will install it.

**Committee Member Report/New Business:**

- **Council Report:** Garcia said the Oak Grove Rest Area rebuild project is complete and the restroom buildings are open on both sides. The Legislature is in the short session, Council does not see any major legislation that directly affects the agency. Rest Areas staff is focusing on capital projects.

**2020/2021 Meeting Schedule**

May 5- Bend, OR

August 4- TIC Offices, Salem (Salem Towne Appreciation Meeting/Lunch)

November 3 – TBD

February 2, 2021 - TBD

**Adjourn at 3:07 pm**