

# IOCTA Fall Meeting 2023

Saturday, October 14, 2023 11:15 am  
Idaho Pizza Company, Boise, Idaho

## Attending

John Briggs  
Nancy Briggs  
Betty Celaya  
Paul Dinwiddie  
Dan Dunne  
Jerry Eichhorst  
Dawn Fazio  
Jim Fazio  
David Gibbs  
Linda Gibbs

Jan Gurr  
Mike Gurr  
Bob Hartman (Guest)  
Jennifer Higley (Guest)  
John Hiler (Guest)  
Merrilee Hiler (Guest)  
Lynn Houdyshell  
Margie Houdyshell  
Gary Kaufman  
Jerry Lambert

Lynelle Perry  
Dave Price  
Char Roy  
Darwin Roy  
Kent Schaufelberger  
Don Wind  
Joanie Wind

## Opening

Jerry opened the meeting at 11:15 am.

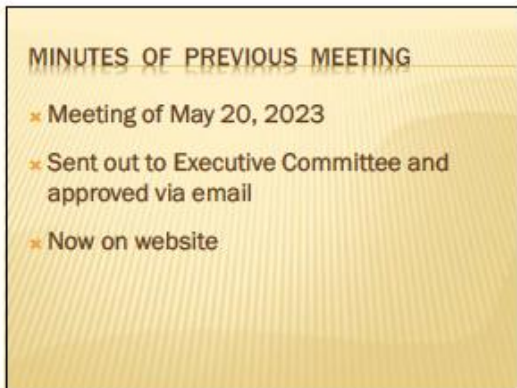
## Slides from Fall Meeting 2023 (Annotated with Meeting Notes where applicable)



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### FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 9, 2023

Total balance after previous meeting	\$8,546.71
Income	
Membership Dues*	\$0
Expenses	
Spring meeting lunch - Perkins, Burley	\$264.48
Checking Balance	\$1,967.06
CD Balance	\$6,119.17
Savings Balance	\$270.00
Total balance	\$8,356.23
Difference from last meeting	-\$190.48

Vote to approve?

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A motion was made to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## LAVA RIDGE WIND PROJECT

- OCTA comments on the EIS published in the last chapter newsletter
- OCTA preferred Alternative E
  - Reduces southernmost turbines
  - Reduces the turbine count from 400 to 269
- As a result of EIS comments, BLM suggesting a "blended alternative"
  - Would reduce turbine count to 241
  - Would reduce turbine height from 740' to 660'
  - Location and footprint not yet determined
  - Blended alternative will be BLM's preferred alternative

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## LAVA RIDGE WIND PROJECT TIMETABLE

- + New Key Observation Point simulation report issued in one month
- + Programmatic Agreement delayed to February 2024
- + NEPA schedule is delayed
  - EIS target date of March 2024
  - Record of Decision target date of May 2024

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## JAPANESE AMERICAN RESPONSE TO LRWP

- The Japanese American community feels betrayed by the BLM
  - Cite Biden administration policies relating to Japanese Americans
  - They feel the BLM has ignored their concerns
  - They prefer that the project be denied

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## PROJECTS WITH POTENTIAL TRAIL IMPACTS

- + Desert Ridge Wind Project – north of Hammett
- + Intermax Telecommunications Tower – Burley area
- + Miracle Hot Springs Telecommunications Tower – Buhl area

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## BOARDMAN TO HEMINGWAY PROJECT

- Project has been approved to move forward
- Our main focus now is on mitigation
- Completed review of the draft Property Specific Mitigation and Management Plan (PSMMP)
  - Submitted comments and now waiting for a response from Idaho Power (IPC)
- Collaborating closely with the BLM and IPC to help ensure an acceptable outcome for OCTA

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## SIGN PROJECTS

- + Lane's Grave
  - Don Wind
- + Ada County and Eagle
  - Paula Devina
- + Fort Boise
  - Dave Price
- + Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway
  - Jerry Eichhorst

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## ADA COUNTY AND EAGLE

- + Ada County
  - Signs should be installed in parks within the next month
- + Eagle (Valmove development)
  - Developer is aware of the trail (Goodale North) and has a desire to provide proper monumentation

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## OLD FORT BOISE INTERPRETIVE SITE

- + Interpretive and orientation signs are in the design process



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## OLD FORT BOISE INTERPRETIVE SITE

### + Next Steps

- ✦ Complete MOU. First draft submitted to OCTA leadership for review
- ✦ Prepare for installation of the signs at both the Fort Boise Wildlife Management Area site and Old Fort Boise Park in Parma
- ✦ Determine source of funding for the installation costs

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## MAIN OREGON TRAIL BACK COUNTRY BYWAY

### + Booklet reprinted

- 25,000 copies
- Route modified to eliminate U-turn stubs and adjust for signs which were moved by ITD

### + Directional Signs

- Working with BLM to inventory and repair/replace signs

### + Interpretive Signs

- Working with NPS Trails Office to remake signs

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## IDAHO CHAPTER NEW HELPERS

✦ I put out a request to have additional people step up to help with the work of the chapter. The following people stepped forward:

- Membership Chairman – Kent Schaufelberger
- Preservation – Steve Dayton
- Social Media – Shannon Gorringer, Kristy Hamon
  - New Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/IOCTA>
  - Send any materials to Shannon

✦ *Thanks to all who help with running the chapter*

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## IDAHO CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE



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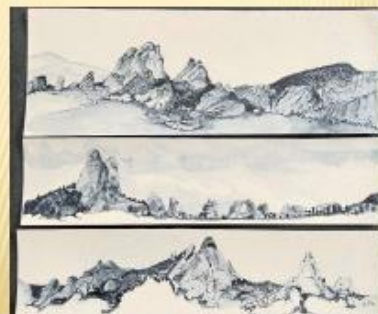
Linda Gibbs has also volunteered to be part of the Preservation team.

## CITY OF ROCKS PAINTINGS

- ✦ Artist Nicholas Lowe has followed the California Trail for several years duplicating the paintings of James F. Wilkins of 1849
- ✦ He made three paintings of City of Rocks scenes
- ✦ Offered to donate them to the park if they could professionally frame them
- ✦ Idaho, Utah Crossroads, and CA/NV chapters have all agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost each (\$340)
- ✦ Dedication Thursday, May 16, 2024, at City of Rocks

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## CITY OF ROCKS PAINTINGS



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## OTHER THINGS JERRY HAS BEEN DOING

- ✦ NPS Preservation Projects website design
- ✦ Idaho State Museum family day about OT
- ✦ OCTA YouTube videos – City of Rocks, Idaho, cadaver dogs, byway
- ✦ 2024 Pendleton pre-convention tour
- ✦ Utah Westerners tour
- ✦ NPS Trails Office OT tours (2 days)
- ✦ BSU Public Radio interview
- ✦ BSU OSHER class
- ✦ Debunking Northside Alternate OJ article
- ✦ 1851 Indian Attacks OJ article
- ✦ Boise Southwest Rotary Club (December 6)

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## OCTA CONVENTION – GERING, NEBRASKA

- ✦ Good speakers, food, friends, fun
- ✦ Interesting sites to see
- ✦ 25 people at the Idaho “chapter meeting”

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### OTHER OLD BUSINESS?

- ✦ Is there any other OLD business?
- ✦ If not, on to NEW business

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### CHAPTER ELECTIONS

- ✦ Directors' Terms Expiring
  - ✦ Betty and Pedro Celaya (2021)
  - ✦ Jim and Dawn Fazio (2016)
- ✦ Both couples have agreed to serve again
- ✦ Motion to accept them as candidates
- ✦ **Vote of chapter to approve**

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### CHAPTER APPOINTED POSITIONS

- ✦ Trail Dust Editor      Nancy Briggs
- ✦ East Preservation      Don Wind
- ✦ West Preservation      Dave Price
- ✦ Webmaster              Charlie Teall
- ✦ Membership             Kent Schaufelberger
- ✦ Social Media             Shannon Gorringe
- ✦ **Thanks to all who serve the chapter!**

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### UPCOMING IDAHO CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

- ✦ April 27 – Annual Byway Tour
- ✦ May 16 - 18 - COR Activities
  - ✦ Thursday - Artwork Unveiling
  - ✦ Saturday – Chapter Meeting – Guest speaker will be artist Nicholas Lowe
- ✦ June – Pre-convention tour practice run
  - ✦ Paul Dinwiddie will lead pre-convention tour

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A motion was made to approve the election of Betty and Pedro Celaya and Jim and Dawn Fazio as Directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### UPCOMING OCTA ACTIVITIES

- ✦ 2024 Symposium
  - ✦ March 13-17, El Paso
- ✦ 2024 Convention
  - ✦ July 21 -25, Pendleton
    - ✦ Wild Horse Hotel and Casino



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### FINANCE PROPOSAL

- ✦ Propose a chapter annual dues increase
  - Proposed by Dan Dunne, Chapter Treasurer
  - Dues are currently \$10 per year for individual/couple/family
  - Propose change to \$15 individual, \$20 couple/family
  - Estimated \$500 per year increase
  - National OCTA just increased the cost of all memberships
  - Propose a large project for the chapter to spend the additional funds
  - Chapter leadership team supports this proposal
  - **Requires vote of chapter membership to approve**

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### NEW BUSINESS

- ✦ Any other NEW business?

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### YEAR IN REVIEW



Byway tour



Rattlesnake Creek dog search

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A motion was made to approve the increase of the annual chapter dues to \$15 for individuals, and \$20 for couple/family. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



## YEAR IN REVIEW - CITY OF ROCKS



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## YEAR IN REVIEW - DOG DAYS



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## YEAR IN REVIEW - GRAVE SEARCH



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## YEAR IN REVIEW - OT WEST TOUR



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## YEAR IN REVIEW - NPS TOURS



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## YEAR IN REVIEW - LANDER ROAD



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## MEETING WRAP-UP

- ✦ Questions
- ✦ Adjourn

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## COMING NEXT

- ✦ 12:30 John Hiler
- ✦ 12:50 Lunch
- ✦ 2:00 Ada County Oregon Trail Recreation Area

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The chapter meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

### **John Hiler – The Snake Country Expedition of 1830-1831: John Work's Field Journal**

John Hiler read some excerpts from John Work's 1830-1831 field journal, which documents his fur trapping expedition from Vancouver to the Flatheads and Blackfeet of the Pacific Northwest. John Work was a Chief-Trader of the Hudson's Bay Company and was recognized as one of the most proficient explorers of the Pacific Northwest. His journals are among the most important records of the fur trade in the region.

Submitted by Dave Price.