

Mayor's Corner

October 2019

Please welcome to town our newest residents: Robyn Macey and Patrick Moreno, Lee French, Alfred and Vida Salazar.

Jackson County Supervisors. Governor's Office, Trust for Public Lands and I met with the Board of Supervisors concerning our desire to acquire Weyerhaeuser lands. The County had many reservations including a desire not to see private land become public land and various zoning concerns that would make it difficult to utilize the land as planned.

In response to these concerns, we met with the Governor's Office land management specialist to walk the land and discuss the zoning concerns most of which we were able address and find a way forward to solve.

Oregon Solutions Leadership Meeting. We had a Leadership meeting with Oregon Solutions and the Trust for Public Lands to begin our collaboration on the Weyerhaeuser acquisition and prepare for the kickoff meeting with the town. Prior to the meeting we met with Ford Foundation to discuss a grant application for the Town's matching funds for the Oregon Solutions involvement. We have submitted the grant for \$16,000 and will hear in 3-6 months.

Oregon Solutions /Town Kickoff Meeting. Town representatives met with Oregon Solutions, Trust for Public Lands, Ford Foundation and Governor's Office as the project team leading the Weyerhaeuser acquisition. The Project Team will meet monthly. Several grants are underway for the land purchase.

Railroad Right-a-ways. The Mayor met with Silver Butte Timber Company and Lone Rock Timber Company and representatives of the Southern Oregon Railroad Society to discuss possibility of acquiring right-a-ways across their properties for the historic railway trip from the town to the cemetery. Both companies are open to negotiating with the railroad.

Business Association. We want to ensure that the voices of the businesses in town are heard and that the needs of local businesses are met as we plan the development of the Weyerhaeuser lands. We are hoping that the plans made for this property will have a positive effect on your business. Only you can help us ensure that they do. If you have a business in town and would be interested in joining a Butte Falls Business Association, please let us know at city hall 541 865 3262.

Planning Commission. Currently the Commission is working with a skeleton crew of two (Roger Hayden and Ned Soso). A full commission should have seven members. As we move into the acquisition of the Weyerhaeuser lands it will be important to have an active Planning Commission to assist in planning and reviewing land use. The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the Town Council. If you are interested in serving contact city hall 541 865 3262.

Respectfully,

Linda Spencer