Bly Community Action Team

Notes

April 24, 2025

Attendees: Andrew Nichols, Sharon Wessel, Sheriff Mitchel, Donna Kness, Leslie Vickerman, Bruce Nichols, JR Ashcraft, Mike Smith

Sheriff Mitchell reported at the new CAD system is not user friendly, so he was unable to say how many calls they had responded to. July 1st they will have 3 pods open at the jail. They are currently down 9 positions; offered 4 yesterday.

Rebeckah Berry from the Roundhouse Foundation was scheduled to attend but followed google maps and was stuck in the forest. (Quentin and Sheriff Mitchell went and rescued her) We had some of their grant remaining due to buying the ADA ramp, for the gym, on sale; she told Leda to use it for the gym roof. We can apply for more funding through them.

We applied for the Green Diamond “gift program” but haven’t heard back. Quentin is going to work with John Fanning to get the roof repaired on the locker room area at the gym.

Cascade Health along with various vendors, is planning a “Fun Day” at the bread wagon on May 17th to better explain their program. Free lunch for the first 70 people.

Fishing day is June 3rd. Leda will contact Tony Longacre to see if they have a head count. We will buy and serve the hot dog lunch as we have in the past. Meet at Obenchain reservoir at 10:00.

JR Ashcraft (Bly FS district ranger) gave an update; the lower portion of road 34 has been repaired, reforestation is picking up and they are partnering with Colins Pine to plant 18 acres, the Bly tree cooler isn’t working so trees are stored in Lakeview, Road 28 is in the works to be repaired next year. They are planning an 80-year memorial service at Mitchell Monument on May 5th from 10:30 to 11:30. Some Patzke family members are concerned that they are no longer allowed to camp at the site. (I know I didn’t catch everything he said, and I may have some of this wrong)

The fire department open house will be June 7th from 11:00 to 2:00. Several speakers are lined up and guests will be treated to a hotdog lunch.

Fire chief, Bruce Nichols, was awarded a title III grant to rent a masticator to provide defensive fire protection, for 12 acres, behind the Pinecrest subdivision. He says the machine will be delivered on June 2nd and will be working until June 30th. He has operators lined up. Andy Nichols told him the county may be able to provide a chipper.

Andy Nichols, the county commissioner, says the county budget is down $7 million and they are making 30% cuts in every department.

The next meeting will be held on May 22nd, 2025.

*/s/Leda Hunter*