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May 2, 2014

Bob Zybach
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Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Dear Bob:

Thank you for applying for a 2014 Historic Cemeteries Grant. Your project is very valuable and important to your community. We appreciate your interest in working on historic cemeteries. Unfortunately, your project was not selected for funding.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is any other way we can help you.

Sincerely,

Kuri Gill
Grant and Outreach Coordinator
(503) 986-0685
Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov

Bob,

The Commission really supports the efforts of your group. There were a few issues with this project that made it weak for funding, there were many separate components, the need for GPR was not strongly argued, there were concerns about the order of projects, ~~the~~ concerns about the public information & future plans for the private cemetery. I would be happy to discuss this with you more. Kuri

From: Bob Zybach ZybachB@NWMapsCo.com
Subject: Re: Stephens Graveyard: Letitia Carson headstone
Date: March 28, 2014 at 06:18 PM
To: GILL Kuri * OPRD Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov
Cc: Janet Meranda johnandjan_70@msn.com

Hi Kuri:

I just finished filling out and submitting the application for Stephens Graveyard restoration. I'd had some difficulties with the budget descriptions and a few other glitches here and there, but those can be fixed on Monday. I attached the bid for Umatilla GPR but haven't received a formal breakdown from Grand Ronde yet, but will forward it when it comes.

Should this email string also be added to the application package? It includes landowner's cooperation as well as Internet links to cemetery photos and other related documentation.

Thanks for all of your help putting this together. I know there's still a little left to do, but think that all of the heavy lifting is done, whether we get an award or not this year.

Bob

On Mar 27, 2014, at 06:51 PM, Bob Zybach <ZybachB@NWMapsCo.com> wrote:

Hi Kuri:

Here is my complete correspondence with Dan and Sarah Snyder regarding the restoration of Stephens Graveyard, which is on their family's private property and adjacent to their home. The most recent correspondence is from the Snyders, giving permission to access the cemetery for purposes of restoration, including the use of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to locate unmarked graves. All of the details leading up to that agreement are in the preceding correspondence — I think I've copied everyone involved in these discussions, so this should bring everyone up to date.

Is anything else needed in this regard (landowner permission) at this time? I filled out my online application to apply for a restoration grant via Oregon Websites and Watersheds Project, Inc., (ORWW) a 501 c(3) nonprofit educational organization, but I haven't received my email verification yet. I am hoping to fill out the forms and questionnaires over the weekend in order to submit Monday, so I hope this isn't a problem; hopefully something that can be figured out tomorrow.

Jan and I discussed budget for the application in detail yesterday, after receiving the GPR bids and figure the following costs and contributions, and came up with the same basic figures I sent you separately: \$3100 for GPR, \$500 GPR site preparation, \$2500 formal restoration plan and website report, for a total of \$6100 applied for. The actual projects and products will cost about twice as much to complete as the application figures, so these will be matched with \$3,000 of ORWW and personal "in-kind" contributions. In sum: the total costs of the projects and products — GPR, site preparation, formal plan, and educational website -- is about \$9100, of which we wish to apply for a \$6100 grant.

That's everything I know at this point! Plan on having a grant application completed and submitted no later than Monday, and including the basic facts and figures listed above.

Bob

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sarah Snyder <ssnyder11@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Stephens Graveyard: Letitia Carson headstone
Date: March 27, 2014 at 05:59:55 AM PDT
To: Dan Snyder <dansnyder50@gmail.com>, "zybachb@nwmapsco.com" <zybachb@nwmapsco.com>

We agree to the restoration and use of radar of the Stephens Cemetery. Please let us know if you need anything further from us.
Dan and Sarah Snyder

Subject: Fwd: Stephens Graveyard: Letitia Carson headstone
From: dansnyder50@gmail.com
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2014 07:59:51 -0700
To: ssnyder11@hotmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Zybach <ZybachB@NWMapsCo.com>
Date: March 25, 2014 at 5:14:06 PM PDT
To: Dan Snyder <dansnyder50@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Stephens Graveyard: Letitia Carson headstone

Hi Dan:

After talking with the Grande Ronde specialists today, I think we only need two days of access (including family) to the cemetery this year -- with summer probably being best. The first day would be for friends and family to prepare the area for Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) by pruning, raking, mowing (?), etc., to clean the surface. The second day -- and it doesn't have to be a following day, depending on your schedule -- would be for the GPR crew to run transects. From that a restoration plan will be developed concerning the unmarked graves, headstones, trees, fencing, etc. Those would all be activities that could be carried out in future years, though.

Does that work for you? If so, we would need your permission in writing before the grant application deadline, which is next Monday, the 31st. I think maybe an email message is okay, but I think a Word document as an attachment might be better. I'll check the regs and get back to you so there is no problem.

Thanks,

Bob

On Mar 22, 2014, at 03:13 AM, Bob Zybach <ZybachB@NWMapsCo.com> wrote:

Hi Dan:

Jan and I have figured out that there are three principal families represented in the Stephens Graveyard: Carsons, Lavadours, and Stephens. The first two families are tied directly to the graves of Letitia and Jack Carson, and the remainder are most likely members of the Stephens family.

In addition to Jan's and Kuri's email addresses, I have included those of Joey Lavadour (descendant of Letitia Carson), Lila Hyder (blood relative of Jack Carson), and Ruby Garmon (descendant of Benjamin Stephens).

These are the people at this time who best represent their own family's interests in the graveyard, and are most likely to want to visit or help restore it to its former physical and aesthetic condition.

Best,

Bob

On Mar 21, 2014, at 01:30 PM, Bob Zybach <ZybachB@NWMapsCo.com> wrote:

Hi Dan:

I got your message -- I was just getting ready to call because the other email address did bounce (see below).

Bob

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Zybach <ZybachB@NWMapsCo.com>
Subject: Stephens Graveyard: Letitia Carson headstone
Date: March 21, 2014 01:22:07 PM PDT
To: Dan and Sarah Snyder <sarahf11@hotmail.com>
Cc: Ruby Garmon <holeinabarndoor@juno.com>, Janet Meranda <johnandjan_70@msn.com>

Hi Dan:

Good to talk to you! I appreciate your concerns and also your

willingness to allow family to visit the graveyard from time to time. I've copied Ruby Garmon on this, and Jan Meranda. Ruby is a Stephens, and her brother still lives in Myrtle Creek and her cousin is across the road from you. Jan is the other OSU student who visited your property with me in 1989. They are both very interested in restoring the graveyard.

Here is the Facebook page we recently started on Letitia:

<https://www.facebook.com/Why.is.this.Web.address.not.available>

Here is the educational website we have just started to build:

http://www.orww.org/History/Letitia_Carson/

Here is the recent announcement of Jane Kirkpatrick's book:

http://www.orww.org/History/Letitia_Carson/Illustrations/Kirkpatrick_2014_Banner-DRAFT.html

Kuri Gill (GILL Kuri * OPRD

<Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov>) is the person who manages cemetery restorations in Oregon. I just sent her the following note (and copied Ruby and Jan), after our discussion:

Hi Kuri:

I just had a good discussion with the landowner, Dan Snyder (541-863-4973).

Because of the location of the graveyard right next to his house and the lack of parking, he is very reasonably concerned about trespassing, vandalism, and invasion of privacy. He does not want the graveyard open to the general public for those reasons. However, he is willing to work with family to restore the graveyard and to allow access to family members by appointment (so he knows who is going to be there and when and can make arrangements for parking).

Here is what he said he would be willing to write a note on for this year's grant application:

1. Use of ground-penetrating radar to locate unmarked burials. Development of a restoration plan that can be implemented in future years.

2. Certainty that he is not liable for any accidents or other problems that might arise during family visitations or graveyard restoration activities.

3. Relatives should call first to let him know when they will be visiting

when they will be visiting.

4. There is an old cat road that also goes up to the cemetery that could be opened up from the bottom of the hill and made into a trail that by-passes his home and parking area.

My impression is that Mr. Snyder is a very reasonable person, and that so long as these guidelines are followed it will be a matter of making acquaintances and working out future agreements from that point.

I am not sure a grant application can be made under these restrictions, but it appears as if a workable solution can be obtained at some level of compromise.

This just came back from Kuri a couple of minutes ago:

Hi Bob,

The access part of this has nothing to do with the grant. The permission for the grant is for you to do the work requested in the application.

1 & 2 are already covered under state law for historic cemeteries.

Thanks, Kuri

Let me know if I got any of this wrong.

Thanks,

Bob Zybach
541-767-3087

Grant Application for

Stephens Graveyard Restoration

Contact

Sponsor Name:
www.ORWW.org

First Name:
Bob

Last Name:
Zybach

Address 1:
332 E. Madison Ave.

Address 2:

City:
Cottage Grove

State:
Oregon

Zip Code:
97424

Contact Phone:
541-767-3087

Contact Fax:

Contact Email:
ZybachB@ORWW.org

Federal Tax ID:
91-1814381

Please include this ID number if you are applying as an organization. If you are applying as an individual, for your privacy, we will request this information at a later time. :

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Project

Project Name:

Stephens Graveyard Restoration

Funds Requested:

\$6,167.00

Matching Funds:

\$4,000.00

Total Cost:

\$10,167.00

Brief Project Description:

This is a proposal to begin restoration of the historic Stephens Graveyard in Douglas County. The requested funding is to achieve four results during the current funding cycle: 1) do a cleanup of the cemetery grounds with family, friends and volunteers prior to conducting Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to locate unmarked graves; 2) contract with Grand Ronde Tribe to conduct GPR; 3) develop a formal and detailed restoration plan for the cemetery, based on GPR findings; 4) publicly document process and present plan on dedicated educational website at: www.ORWW.org/History/Letitia_Carson

Start Date:

March 12, 2014

End Date:

September 30, 2014

Cemetery Name:

Stephens Graveyard (aka "Bryant Cemetery")

Physical Address of and/or Directions to Cemetery:

The cemetery is located uphill from the home of Dan and Sarah Snyder, to the north of South Myrtle Creek Road in Sec. 21, Tsp. 29 S., Rng. 4 W.

County where cemetery is located:

Douglas

Nearest Community:

Myrtle Creek

Proposed Project Type::

Tree Trimming/Removal|Survey/Mapping|Cemetery Records/Database

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Finance

**Please use these categories when creating your budget worksheet:
contractor/consultant; volunteer time; employee time; travel; materials &
equipment; printing, publication, design, etc.; other.:**

Budget Narrative: Use this section to explain your budget.:

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Supplemental

Project Need and Value - Describe need and value in terms of the condition of the cemetery, the historical significance of the property, the value of the property to the community or the organization, expected effect of the project, how it pertains to the larger scope of the organization.:

Project Need and Value:

The condition of the cemetery is very poor, with almost all fencing having rotted and fallen over, trees have grown up within the cemetery and over graves, and many of the markers have been removed and most of the remainder have been vandalized. The cemetery appears to have been mostly neglected during the past 80 years or more. It is an important pioneer family graveyard that has once been in very nice condition, but has been allowed to deteriorate and be subjected to vandals. Letitia Carson and Benjamin Stephens are both buried here, and are Oregon Trail pioneers, having ties to local, regional, and national history.

Project Timeline – List your major objectives and approximate date they will be completed. :

Project Timeline:

1. Assemble a group of family members, their friends, and volunteers to thoroughly limb, prune, mow, and rake the graveyard in preparation for GPR process, sometime in early summer. 2. Grand Ronde crew will conduct GPR treatment on site, and document findings following site preparation, and completed by mid-summer. 3. Develop detailed cemetery site restoration plan as both a formal document and as an educational website report by September 30, 2014.

Project Detail – List specific activities – quantity and scope. If work includes historic feature repair, please include the methods that will be used. List who will carry out these activities and their qualifications. Describe any partnerships on the project. :

Project Detail:

1. Site preparation project is already underway, with having obtained landowner agreement and beginning to notify family members of the planned event to photographically document the cleaning of the cemetery for GPR investigation. 2. The Grand Ronde archaeologist will work with the Tribal GPR crew to try and locate unmarked graves. This will take one field day, and then several days to analyze and develop a formal report. This process will also be photo-documented for website display. 3. Documentary photographs, maps and reports will be developed into a formal cemetery restoration plan that will also be formatted for Internet display as a permanent ORWW website report.

Ability to Complete the Project - Describe your organization's history and past successes related to this project, any partnerships on this project, volunteer or

community support for this project, and any other evidence of your ability to complete the project. :

Ability to Complete the Project :

Bob Zybach has been Program Manager for ORWW for 17 years, during which time he achieved a Masters degree in forest history and a PhD in historical ecology. Prior to that time he had been a successful reforestation contractor for more than 20 years. During his career he has successfully completed thousands of acres of site preparation contracts and written numerous formal plans; several based on his own historical research. The Grand Ronde GPR crew has successfully completed numerous GPR investigations and were recommended by two knowledgeable sources. ORWW has completed dozens of website reports during its 17-year existence on its educational website, www.ORWW.org, and on its Youtube video channel, ORWWmedia. The website has had more than 3,000,000 visitors and the video channel more than 100,000. The principal participants in this proposal have demonstrated their capabilities to complete a project of this nature many times over the years. If funding is obtained, completion of the project is nearly certain.

Please add the following required attachments and any other attachments in the attachments tab. Current photos, work plans, historic photos and documentation, resumes, technical information.:

Project Budget Worksheet

GPR Contract	\$3,167.00
GPR Site Preparation	\$1,500.00
Formal Restoration Plan & Website Report	\$5,500.00

Total Project Cost: \$10,167.00

Source of Funding Worksheet

GPR Site Preparation: Volunteer time, tools, transportation, per diem:	\$1,000.00
Formal Restoration Plan & Website Report: Donated time and materials:	\$3,000.00

Total Match for Sponsor: \$4,000.00

Grant Funds Requested: \$6,167.00

Total: \$10,167.00

Total: \$10,107.00