GM Minutes 4/2/2025
4pm @ Dworshak Dam Visitor Center

- **Welcome!**

- **Sponsor Thank you & Guests/Introductions: self introductions (14),** no new guests

- **Announcements: tickets on sale for Chamber Annual Awards Banquet**

- **Economic Development Report - Susan Jacobson:** city administrator for Orofino resigned; April 7 Career Exploration Day at Armory Orofino; a new law proposed to let new restaurants have liquor sales; Main Street America looking at Orofino for awarded project funds; commercial property for sale in Orofino; NCCC hand tool work in Peck & Orofino; Adventure Park progress with Houck and help from IDYCA and NCCC; Orofino Disc Golf Club forming; Clearwater Pool project update; concessionair interested in challenge course at Adventure Park; aquatic class and high tea fundraisers for pool; May 1 movie at the Rex from CCED on philanthropy in the US for nonprofit interests.

- **Legislative Representative Report - Chris Goetz: na**

- **Executive Director Report:** new members Tabby's, Clearwater Land & Timber Services, Modern Construction Concepts; 152 paid members, 48 pending renewal; ribbon cutting at Elkhorn Tavern Kitchen in Weippe; Community Cleanup April 26th partnering with City & County offices, CPTPA, IDL, with giveaways and lunch; Banquet May 2 tickets and sponsorships available; Maniac Dam Race June 7 coming; social media view 59,834, 5,093 clicks, 3,181 followers, Google page views 3,240, 1,319 users, 9,192 total clicks.

- **Program/Speaker: Gus Garbe, USACE Intro to the Dworshak Visitor Center:** 2024 totals - 340k visitors, $109 million in power generation, half million dollars worth of flood damage prevented as primary purpose, plus hydropower, recreation, navigation, and wildlife habitat; timber harvest sale 315 acres to improve habitat, reduce fire fuels and improve timber health; new asphalt in Dent Acres; Elk mitigation with wildlife biologists U of I; hatchery releases now through mid-April; new vault toilet at viewpoint; boat ramp repairs and gravel to Canyon Creek; opening Silver Creek road to OHV campsites; hatchery upgrades to power systems; Unit 4 designing stages for backup power generation vs spill over; power is federally (EPA) owned and marketed to the companies for purchase; Dent Bridge Rd has a partial closure due to recent landslide.

- **Main Speaker: Jamey Hix - ID Farm Bureau Insurance:** local born and raised, kid of an outfitter, rodeo, real estate, spouse 30 year electrician, small business owner, over 10 years in insurance; hard to insure property issues; importance and value of insurance to protect employees and owners; real life experiences; liability; know your exposures; replacement value or actual value; options for manufactured and homes older than 20 years; wildfire defensible space and fire

fighting measures; Idaho companies vs outside market companies; State Industrial Fund rules; home inspections; federation meeting and legislature discussions; financial investing options; community support.

- **Open Networking/WrapUp:** 5:15pm
- **Next meeting: May 7th at 4pm at Orofino Senior Center**
- **Adjourn to Happy Hour!** Appetizers from Subway and beverages from Barney's

Thank you for coming!

CC Horton, 2025 President

Erica Holland, Executive Director