

Forward We Go!

Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation

By Sue Knapp, Board Member, White River Health District

We are moving incrementally forward toward a new clinic building. The architect submitted completed construction documents to the contractor and the contractor is currently requesting bids from subcontractors. By early May, R&H Construction should be able to provide a new budget for construction. Perhaps by late June, pre-construction work can start.

The Maupin Planning Commission approved the building plans and we are now awaiting County review and approval and a building permit from the City. All this takes time, and it seems the progress has been excruciating slow, but we are excited to be on track, moving forward.

The new Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation website (www.deschutesrimclinicfoundation.org) will have a gallery of photos documenting construction activities and progress. Visit the website and you will learn more about the Foundation, the building, and the capital campaign.

Remember, this is YOUR community clinic. It serves a vital role in the South Wasco community. The expanded and modernized clinic will foster expanded provider care and patient comfort. It will be able to accommodate dentistry, behavioral health, and practicing interns and specialists in addition to consistent quality medical care using state-of-the-art equipment.

Meanwhile, planning for a ground-breaking event is underway. Given the amount of time it has taken to submit the extra paperwork for the USDA loan, the date for the ground-breaking has been pushed back to mid-July (we had originally hoped to have it in April). This seems a realistic time-frame goal.

The planning team is looking for sponsors for the event; anything provided (money, items) will be acknowledged as a sponsorship donation to the event and will be recognized as such. Whether it be a business or a person or a group, we are interested in your sponsorship support. Contact the clinic if you are interested in serving in this role and supporting your community clinic (541-395-2911).

Stay tuned, stay healthy.