

Draft Minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting of the Lyle Community Council

By Bill Weiler

Meeting started at 6:35 p.m. 26 attendees

Council members present: Julie Larson, Oren Johnson, Brian Healy, Glenda Lovejoy, Bill Weiler

1. Introductions: Council members and guests introduced themselves.
2. Treasurer's Report: Brian reported that our current bank account is \$1,000.90. Donations from the Lyle Cleanup netted \$446.47.
3. Fire & Rescue Report: Patty Elkins A false alarm active shooter call prompted lock downs in White Salmon and Stevenson Schools. Lyle was not affected.

A celebration of life for long-time Fire Department volunteer Jack Bryan will be observed on Saturday, May 12, noon, at the Lyle Lion's Club

The April Fire & Rescue Report: 16 calls total: 9 medical, and 7 fire call. Two homes were destroyed. No car accidents.

June 1 "may" be the first fire restriction date for Zone 1 (Eastern Klickitat).

Elijah is Lyle's newest firefighter! He was invited to the Council's June meeting.

4. School Report: Dr. Ann Varkados: Dates of importance
May 19: No school.
May 24: Kindergarten and pre-K enrollment
May 24: School Board meeting, celebrating seniors and retirees
May 26-29: Memorial Day holiday
May 31: Arts in the Park, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
June 4: Memorial for Jim Weiss, bus driver
June 4: End of school year
June 5: 6:00 p.m. 8th grade promotion
June 14: End of school year

Lots of scholarships for high school seniors available.

5. Klickitat PUD presentations led by General Manager Jim Smith

There are 278 customers in Lyle served by PUD water. 600 approved connections.

The Lyle Water System is functioning well and is good condition. Lyle could double in size and our water system would handle the load. Lyle has three wells.

There is \$120,000 in the PUD bank account and \$150,000 in reserve.

PUD proposed either a 5% increase in water use rates, a \$2.00/month increase or a 10% increase for a \$4.00/month increase. A majority of the public attendees voted for a 5% increase.

Wastewater: The Lyle sewer plant is at 25% capacity. The PUD proposed a 5% increase in monthly wastewater user bills, a \$2.50 additional charge.

Carbon legislation in Washington State is attempting to reduce our carbon footprint. One proposal is to reduce natural gas stoves. Klickitat County has approximately 200 electric vehicles.

6. Lights for Lyle: Undersheriff Carmen Knopes:

Carmen discussed the need for additional lights in downtown Lyle. She said LED lights would save money. Crime has greatly increased in Lyle with 441 calls to the sheriff's department from Lyle in 2022 – 2023; additional lighting would decrease the crime rate. It was proposed that a Lyle Community meeting be held sponsored by the Lyle Community Council, PUD, and Sheriff's Department, hopefully in June develop a plan to increase lighting in Lyle. Carmen and Bill Weiler will coordinate the meeting planning.

7. Highway 142, Milepost 1 Habitat Restoration Project: Rashawn Tama, US Forest Service
Rashawn and Claire Fernandes gave updates on the habitat restoration project ongoing at the milepost 1 recreation site along the Klickitat River. Additional work will include construction of a vault toilet and trash bins. No overnight camping will be involved.

8. Next meeting: The next LCC Planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 5:30 pm. at the Lyle Community Center. The next LCC general meeting will be June 14, 6:30 p.m. As usual, a Zoom option will be provided.

Minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting of the Lyle Community Council

By Bill Weiler

Meeting started at 6:35 p.m. 23 attendees

Council members present: Julie Larson, Oren Johnson, Glenda Lovejoy, Bill Weiler

Lori Zoller, Klickitat County Commissioner

1. Introductions: Council members and guests introduced themselves.

2. No Treasurer's Report

3. Fire & Rescue Report: Patty Elkins

Only 12 calls in May. Seven were medical; 3 were fires, and there were two car accidents.

The Burn Ban now covers all of Klickitat County.

The Fire Department is trying to improved community outreach. Patty Elkins met with the Lyle Community Council on June 7 to discuss ways of better assisting each other.

4. School Report: Lyle School Superintendent Dr. Ann Varkados submitted a written report.

Important Dates: June 15 through June 30 --- Summer School

June 19th. ---- No Summer School, School Offices Closed

June 28th. --- School Board Meeting

Art in the Park was a huge success. Our Pre-K through high school music students performed songs. We also had three solo performances by secondary students. The kids seemed to enjoy the activity stations and yard games. We greatly appreciate the Lyle Lion's Club for purchasing the food and the Lyle PT) for cooking/serving the food.

Graduation: We had a great turnout to celebrate our 18 graduating seniors. Three students graduated with their Associate of Arts degree along with their high school diploma. There were several scholarships and academic achievement awards for well deserving students. On 6/7, our newest alumni went to the WAAM museum and out for pizza to celebrate together.

8th. Grade Promotion: There are 14 8th. graders this year that will move up to high school.

Pre-K Graduation: We have 11 preschoolers moving up to kindergarten next year.

Summer Basketball: Our high school boys basketball team has started practicing. They have completed two games and have their first tournament in Moro on June 15 – 17.

Mrs. Ferrik's High school CTE Class: With support from the "YES" program, our CTE class has been able to take advantage of several work-force opportunities including Utah's Wildlife Sanctuary, MCMC, Umpqua Bank and Washington State Parks.

High School Volleyball: The girls team completed their first summer car wash fundraiser on May 27th. Funds will go toward summer tournaments and summer camp.

Transportation Update: Lyle School district is currently negotiating with the PSE union regarding the transitioning of bus driver employment contracts to a newly established transportation cooperative between Lyle School District, Klickitat School District, and White Salmon School District (known as the Mid-Columbia Transportation Cooperative.)

5. Lights for Lyle: Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, and Mike Evans, Flock Safety

Most of our meeting was taken up with a presentation and discussion about lighting and a proposal for license plate reader cameras. Klickitat County is planning to install 35 cameras at a cost of \$300,000 as well as a \$3,000 annual maintenance fee. Three cameras will be placed in Lyle.

Undersheriff Carmen reported that PUD is now replacing lights with LEDs. All agreed to promote a Lighting Public Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. the Lyle Lion's Club.

6. Friends of the Columbia Gorge: Renee Tkach and Dan Bell:

Renee and Dan report that a Wildfire Plan has been put in place for the Cherry Orchard Trail. Helicopter seeding occurred in the burned areas from the 2021 fire. The public expressed concerns about poison oak and the lack of defined parking spaces at the trailhead.

7. Klickitat Delta Update: Vern Harpole, Claire Fernandes, Bill Weiler:

Vern reported on a joint agency/LCC Klickitat Delta Committee meeting to occur on Zoom, Monday, June 26, 11:00 a.m. Participants will include USFS, WASDOT, WA State Utilities and Transportation.

The next Lyle Community Council Klickitat Delta Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5 at 11:00 a.m., also on Zoom.

8. Next meeting: The next LCC general meeting will be July 12, 6:30 p.m. As usual, a Zoom option will be provided. Washington State Parks Ranger Andy Callinen will be the invited speaker.

Draft Minutes of the July 12, 2023 Lyle Community Council meeting

Present: Glenda Lovejoy, Bryan Healy, Julie Larson, Bill Weiler

Vice- President Glenda Lovejoy called the hybrid meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 20 folks participated including 5 on Zoom.

1. Introductions of the Council members and the public in attendance.
2. Approval of June 14, 2023 mtg minutes: deferred.
3. Treasurer's Report: no report
4. Fire & Rescue Update: Patty Elkins:

The EMS June response report was: 8 medical, 7 fire, 3 car accidents for a total of 18 calls.

The Lyle Fire Department was a key part of the Tunnel Firefighting team. The Lyle contingent focused on saving homes, and at least one home was spared thanks to their efforts, as well as the presence of the Department's Brush Rig and Water Truck or T-405 Tender. Fighting rural fires without the benefit of hydrants means that tenders are vital equipment. Unfortunately, the LFD's water truck is ancient and needs to be replaced. A used tender costs \$90,000 and the Department will need to successfully raise \$55,000 in order to take out a loan and purchase the vehicle. LFD is currently asking for donations in the form of cash or check.

5. Schools Report: Dr. Ann Varkados: Ann expressed her gratitude to the Lyle Fire Department and EMS for working on the Tunnel Fire.

The latest Lyle Schools Activities and Schedules:

- The two-year roof and HVAC replacement work has begun
- Grades 6 – 12 will start the 2023-2024 school by attending outdoor school at Camp Jonas in Trout Lake.
- New school hours for students will be 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- The fall, 2023 sports schedule with the football and volleyball teams begins August 14

Ann praised the recent summer school which had 65 students enrolled, with 30 to 50 participants each day.

6. Guest Speaker: State Parks Ranger Andy Kellinen:

Andy manages 4 State Parks, 3 campgrounds, and the Lyle Trailhead on a frequent basis. He addressed community security concerns at the Lyle Trailhead, which is jointly administered by WA State Parks and the US Forest Service. Two new solar powered security lights were recently installed. “Hopefully, they will be a deterrent.”

Citation statistics from the Lyle Trailhead Parking Lot included 20 citations issued during the past five years. Nineteen of them were for unattended vehicles. There were five official complaints to the Sheriff's Department regarding illegal disposal of household waste.

7. Cooling Shelters: Claire West brief discussion/history. Further discussion deferred in the interest of time and guests present to speak re: Klickitat Delta.

8. Lighting & Cameras: deferred in the interest of time.

9. Klickitat Delta: Clair Fernandes, USFS.

Glenda read the DRAFT Minutes of the July 5, 2013 LCC Klickitat Delta Committee mtg. Just as Claire was about to speak our meeting was disrupted by online Trolls, so I was unable to provide additional meeting minutes. In a motion made by Glenda, and seconded by Brian, LCC did unanimously vote to support the joint LCC-USFS grant application to the federal Recreation Trails and Community program to hire a facilitator to help gauge public support and move along the Klickitat Delta process. Claire noted that letters of support from county entities as well as recreational associations would be needed. The following were suggested: LCC, KC Board of Commissioners, Fire Dept., local businesses, Gorge Commission, Columbia Gorge Wind and Water Assoc'n, and WA State Parks.

10. Claire Fernandez introduced new Columbia Gorge NSA staff. Piers and _____; both are River Rangers, working in the Wild & Scenic sections of the Klickitat and White Salmon Rivers.

11. No immediate needs for locals/neighbors identified.

12. Public Input:

- Laurece Bonham noted the electronic speed limit signs that were recently placed on Hwy 142 due to speed limit changes in the area are much appreciated and she would like to see them also placed at the east and west ends of town on Hwy 14.
- racy McCune mentioned that there are errors on the county map/census map in which 3 addresses are present that are not actually associated with existing property in Lyle. She was redirected to consult with the County Planning Dept re: this.

Mtg adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill Weiler and Glenda Lovejoy.

LCC Pres and Vice Pres.

Minutes of the August 9, 2023 Lyle Community Council meeting

Council members present: Julie Larson, Oren Johnson, Glenda Lovejoy, Brian Healey, Bill Weiler

22 guests present. Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

1. Introductions: All

2. The July 12, 2023 LCC minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: None reported

4. Fire & Rescue Report: Patty Elkins
The Lyle Fire Department has met 60% of its goal to purchase an upgraded water tanker. \$31,000 has been raised to date. The Fire Department plans to put the water tanker into service this coming autumn season. A community gathering will celebrate fund raising success.

There were 20 calls in July of which 11 were fire related, and 9 were medical in nature. There were two railroad fires, an Appleton fire and a 61,000 conflagration in Bickleton. Thanks to all Klickitat County Fire units contributing, the wind turbines and regional landfilled were saved.

5. Lyle School Superintendent Report: Dr. Ann Varkados
The school year will initiate a new start time. Student school hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All 6th. – 12th. graders students will spend their first five days of school participating in Outdoor School at Camp Jonah in Trout Lake.

6. Lyle Postmaster: Our postmaster was unable to attend. There was a lively discussion about p.o. box fees, placement of boxes near residences, and instructions on mailbox placement. While Dallesport residences do not pay any p.o. box fees, Lyle now charges a minimum of \$168.00 per year. Another issue is whether mail can be sent to General

Delivery at the post office? Bill Weiler will re-invite the Lyle Postmaster, this time to attend a Lyle Community Council Planning Committee meeting on September 6.

7. Lyle Cooling Shelter: No report
8. September 13 Downtown Lighting and Safety Meeting: All
The Lighting and Safety Meeting is set for September 13. Meeting promotion will be on line, in the local media, and on posters. Both the KC Sheriff's Department and PUD reps. Plan to attend. Washington State Parks has installed two motion detector lights at the Lyle Trailhead.
9. Sandbar Update: Vern Harpole/Bill Weiler
The Klickitat Delta public facilitation grant is moving forward. The US Forest Service is hoping to procure Yakama Nation support for the proposal.
10. Next LCC Election: All
Lyle Community members who are interested in running for 4 positions on the Lyle Community Council are encouraged to fill out an intent to run form and submit it to Glenda Lovejoy at PO Box 43, Lyle, WA 98635. Elections will be held at the November, 2023 meeting.
11. How can we help? Identifying neighbors with immediate needs? No input
12. Next meeting: Special Lighting and Safety Meeting, September 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Lyle Lions Club

September 13, 2023 Minutes of the Lyle Community Council's Public Safety Meeting

Council members present: Oren Johnson, Glenda Lovejoy, Brian Healy, Julie Larson, Bill Weiler

30 guests in attendance

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

1. Treasurer's Report: No change in our budget. No deposits, no withdrawals.
2. Lyle School Report: Written report sent to the Council by School Superintendent Dr. Varkados. Highlights include:
 - a. First phase roofing construction is complete.
 - b. Outdoor school was a great success for participating 6 – 12 grade students in Trout Lake.
 - c. Family Night is set for October 19th. Refer to the District's website for additional information.
3. Bill Weiler gave an overview of the Council's role, announced elections for 4 seats in November, and announced the Lyle Fire Department's celebration to honor the purchase of the Water Tanker on October 7, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Lyle Activity Center.
4. Under Sherriff Carmen, Knopes and Sherriff Songer gave presentations on the status of current safety measures and statistics, information on license plate-reading cameras, and drug enforcement respectively.

Carmen stated that there are only 3 deputies on duty during each 10-hour shift. There are currently no funds for hiring additional deputies.

The Sherriff's Department participates in the Community Policing Program.

LED lights cost \$15.00/each.

A local Flock representative, talked about the potential for installing car license-reading cameras in Klickitat County. There are no cameras currently in use in Klickitat County. The Sherriff's office has seen budget cuts recently; they would need to procure grant funds or general funds from the County Commission to implement the camera project.

Aaron _____ PUD

Klickitat PUD offers individual home outdoor lighting. The cost is \$14.00 per month and there is a 10-year commitment. PUD installs poles on individual properties.

Minutes of the October 11, 2023 Lyle Community Council Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. 16 participants in person and on Zoom.

1. Minutes of the September 13, 2023 community meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Treasurer's Report: \$30.00 fee to maintain our domain name approved. Current balance is \$1,146. \$531.00 from Pioneer Days event needs to be discussed with Mindy Robinson.

3. Fire & Rescue Report by Patty Elkins: October is Safety Month. Lyle Fire Department is focusing on kitchen safety. There were 14 calls in Septembers. Car accidents are increasing; Hwy. 14 rock fall is a concern at this time of year. The Klickitat County Burn Ban has been lifted. Please inform the Fire Department when slag pile burns are planned.

Patty Elkins is stepping down after a long service as Community Liaison

4. Lyle School District Report by Superintendent Dr. Ann Varkados: Important fall and winter dates were announced.

The HVAC equipment has arrived on campus. The Phase 22, lower wing HVAC install is estimated to begin on November 15, 2023.

Family Night is scheduled for October 19. CGCC will be in attendance to talk to the seniors.

Staff PreK classroom has openings for 4-year olds.

Winter Sports: Middle School basketball practice starts on October 30, 2023.
High School basketball practice starts on November 11, 2023. 5. Guest Speaker,

5. Klickitat Prosecuting Attorney David Quenell: Mr. Quenell has been our Prosecuting Attorney since 2015. His department turned around high dismissal rates. There are now more trials than settlements.

He is a Lyle resident. He has three attorneys in his office; five attorneys is the norm. District Courts handle misdemeanor crimes while Superior Courts handle felonies. Mr. Quenell prioritizes domestic abuse/assaults. The Washington Supreme Court recently invalidated many drug use cases brought in Klickitat County.

While Mr. Quenell is not keen on license plate cameras, he stated that home cameras (game cameras) are excellent ways to document suspicious persons/vehicles. He says the “best thing we can do in Lyle to fight crime is to be vigilant.

6. November LCC Elections: Bill Weiler discussed upcoming Community Council elections, set for our next public meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. There are two vacancies, and two Council members, Glenda Lovejoy and Bill Weiler are running for second terms. Voting will be in person and via Zoom.
7. Lyle Sandbar Update: Bill Weiler reported that the Forest Service decided not to submit an RTA Public Facilitation grant because the Yakam Nation opted not to be involved for now.
8. Public Input: DNR mapping needs to be improved. It was suggested that DNR staff be invited to the November LCC meeting.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 Lyle Community Council Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions: Lyle Community Council members and everyone in attendance, 25 total.
2. The October 11, 2023 Lyle Community Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Brian reported \$658.00 in our account. The Council discussed and approved a \$85.65 invoice from Mindy Robinson to cover 2022 Santa Celebration costs.
4. Fire & Rescue Report: Patty Elkins reported that 45 people and businesses have to date donated to the purchase of a tender (water truck) for the fire department resulting in donations of \$47,993, representing 87% of the total monies needed.

Lyle Fire Department received 20 calls in October of which 5 were medical, 4 vehicle accidents, 4 fires, and 7 other, including assistance at the USFS prescribed burn and assisting at the Lyle High School football game.

5. Lyle Schools Update: Dr. Ann Varkados once again provided a written report for all in attendance to complement her Zoom comments:

Attendance: To date, elementary school is at 95%, middle school is at 86%, and the high school is at 96%

Cereal Drive: Lyle Schools will hold a cereal drive to collect cereal to be added to the Lyle Lion's Club food boxes. The District will be accepting cereal from Monday, November 27 through Friday, December 1. Cereal can be delivered to the school via students or dropped off at the student office.

Construction Update: HVAC equipment has arrived on campus. Phase 2, HVAC installation is to begin November 20. Phase 3 is scheduled to start May 13 – 15, 2024 and be completed by August 23, 2024.

PreK/TK. There are openings the PreK/TK classroom. Any interested parents of 4-yr. olds should call Jen at the student office, 509-365-2211.

Winter Sports: Middle school's first basketball game is November 8th. against Centerville. Additional home games are on 11/20, 11/30, 12/7, and 12/14, with all games starting at 5:30 p.m. High School basketball practice starts on November 13. The first home game is 12/5 against Grand View Catholic starting at 4:30 p.m. with JV Boys, followed by Varsity Girls, then Varsity Boys.

6. Community Council Elections: There were five candidates running for four positions. Candidates included:

Doug Hinkle
Tracy McCune
Marty Denis
Glenda Lovejoy
Bill Weiler

Hinkle, Denis, Lovejoy and Weiler were elected. Voting took place in person and over Zoom. All voters were required to live within the Lyle Fire District boundaries. Tellers were Oren Johnson and Claire West.

Washington DNR Fire staff: Charlie Landsman discussed fire, and fire risk reduction measures. Most fires burn homes from embers not fire. Homeowners can do the following to reduce fire risk:

1. Change one's roof to less flammable materials.
2. Clear out gutters
3. Do not place firewood on your deck or porch.
4. Remove items within 5' of your home including doormats.
5. Make defensible space within 5' and 100'. Do not have any fuels within 100' of a residence.

DNR offers free community assessment as well as micro-grant funding opportunities (up to \$3,000) as part of a voluntary mitigation plan. There is also a national fire risk reduction program that offers millions of grant dollars.

7. Annual Santa Event: December 9 was chosen for the 2023 Santa Night celebration at the Lyle Activity Center. Oren proposed spending \$100.00 for a Santa costume and the Board voted to allocate \$150.00 to be spent on a Santa outfit and supplies for the December 9 event.

8. Public Comment: Laurece Bonham advocated for electric speed monitoring signs placed at the entrance to downtown Lyle on Highway 14. She will contact the Washington Department of Transportation.

7. Santa Event: All

8. How can we help: Identifying neighbors with immediate needs

9. Public input

11. Other: Notice of next meeting: December 13, 2023

December 13, 2023 Lyle Community Council Public Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions: Lyle Community Council members and everyone in attendance, 11 total.
2. The November 8, 2023 Lyle Community Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: None.
4. Fire & Rescue Report: None
5. Lyle Schools Update:
December 13th @ 6:00 PM – Winter Concert, Grades PreK-5
December 20th @ 5:30 PM – Regular School Board Meeting
December 20th @ 6:30 PM – Winter Concert, Grades 6-12
December 25th, 2023, thru January 5th, 2024 – Winter Break

Student of the Month – November student of the month recognition was all about respect! Kindergarten – Zanna Abbott and Harley Wright; 1st Grade – Rosalie Gonzalez; 2nd Grade – Brooklynn Freeland and Dariel Spalding; 3rd Grade – Ava Burrows and Betty Fowler; 4th Grade – Elliot Towle and Marissa Smith; and 5th Grade – Andrew Lacock and Sam Thorpe; Secondary Students; Gage Fitzsimmons, Joanna Bodolay, Eleanor Vinning, and Matthew Nelson.

Construction Update – Phase 2, lower wing HVAC install, is in progress. Phase 3, all the rest of the HVAC install, is scheduled to start May 13th – 15th, 2024 and be complete by August 23rd, 2024.

PreK/TK – We still have openings in our PreK/TK classroom. If you have a four-year-old and would like to get them registered for school, please call Jen in the student office at 509-365-2211! PTO Meetings – Will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM in the school library.

Holiday Gift-Giving Resources 2023 – Once again, Lyle Schools and MUGS Coffee in Bingen are partnered to bring some extra joy to Lyle Families in need during the holiday. Anyone can go to MUGS and get a tag from the beautiful Christmas Tree. Any tag that starts with the letter “L” is a Lyle student. The tag will have a gender, age, gift ideas, and sizes for clothing, etc. You don’t have to get every item on the tag. Some folks take a tag and share it among family members or a group they are a part of to share the shopping and expense! Gifts should be wrapped, labeled with the tag code, and returned to MUGS by December 18th. While you are there, enjoy a cup of coffee or a pastry, and thank MUGS Coffee for supporting our students, year after year.

Home Middle School Basketball Games 12/14 against Trout Lake; Girls at 5:30 PM, Boys @ 6:30 PM 1/16 against Dufur; B Girls @ 3:00 PM, B Boys @ 4:00 PM, A Girls @ 5:00 PM, and A Boys @ 6:00 PM

High School Basketball 12/6 against Trout Lake; Varsity Girls @ 3:00 PM, Varsity Boys @ 4:30 PM 1/5/2024 against Klickwood; JV Boys @ 4:30 PM, Varsity Boys @ 6:00 PM

Marty Denis and Julie Larson confirmed that all of the Lyle gift student tags had been removed.

Glenda Lovejoy suggested that next year’s Christmas donations could be sponsored Lyle’s new coffee stores.

6. Klickitat River Delta Update: Claire Fernandes, USFS and Vern Harpole

Claire reported that the Forest Service grant proposal to the National Park Service is in draft form.

Hood River business owner Brian Shortt will meet with the Forest Service to discuss his ideas for access to the Delta.

7. Electric Charging Stations

Kelly Au, owner of the Lyle Merc, announced that her business had applied to the Department of Commerce for a \$600,000 grant to install six electric car charging stations at the Merc's parking lot. Kelly expects news regarding her proposal to be received in a few weeks.

8. Lyle Merc Mural

Kelly also announced a second project: a mural to be painted on the south wall of the Lyle Merc. The Council expressed support for the project, pending information on the approximate cost. One public member suggested that the Lyle High School Art Teacher and students could be involved.

9. Lyle Community Council Officer Elections

Glenda Lovejoy was elected as President

Bill Weiler was elected as Vice-President/Secretary

Brian Healy was elected as Treasurer

10. Santa Event Success!

More than 100 people participated in this year's Santa Night! The Fire Department provided the transportation. Council members decorated the Community Center. Cookie makers brought their treats to the XXXX Church. Oren Johnson was spectacular as Santa.

Marty Denis recommended that a canned food drive be part of next year's celebration.

11. Public input: The dilapidated, Klickitat County owned boat ramp was discussed. A new fishing shop is opening in Lyle and everyone thought the business would be more successful with a more useful ramp.

12. Other: Notice of next meeting: January 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m.