

February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Lyle Community Council Meeting

Lyle Activity Center, 308 Klickitat St.

Call to Order @6:37 p.m. LCC members present: Glenda, Doug, Julie, Oren, Doug, Marty, Bill

18 total attendees, 10 on Zoom

Greetings & Introductions Thanks to Claire West for setting up the Zoom system.

Reading & Approval of the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Current LCC account: \$1,383.91

Oren moved and Bill seconded to have Glenda be a second check signer for our Umpqua Bank account

Unanimous vote to approve.

New Business

Sharon Carter from Mt. Adams Transportation was unable to attend due to weather. Ms. Carter plans to participate in our March, 2024 meeting.

Boat Ramp: Bill reached out to Commissioner Lori Zoller and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife to support boat ramp maintenance.

Gorge Hunt: The Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce has established a Gorge Hunt platform for Gorge Communities to tell their story. A Chamber of Commerce rep. will be invited to our March, 2024 meeting.

USPS: Glenda contacted the USPS Regional Customer Service Rep (Janell Harrin (sp?)) to attend the next council meeting. However, the USPS has a policy preventing her from speaking at public meetings. When asked why Lyle PO Boxes are so expensive, Ms. Harrin did not have a response.

The USPS would like to hear from Lyle customers. Glenda has a hard copy complaint form and they are also accessible on the Lyle Community Council Facebook page.

Standing Community Reports:

Lyle Fire Dept. Update—Patty Elkins: Patty acknowledged the Lyle Fire Department's outstanding emergency response partners including the Bingen, Klickitat, Appleton, and High Prairie Fire Departments.

There was a major medical call on February 13.

There were 221 Fire Dept./EMS calls in 2021

160 “ “ in 2023 of which 61% were medical calls.

In January, 2024, there were 19 total calls:

8 – medical

6 – fire

2 – car accidents

3 - structure

The Lyle Fire Department is seeking additional volunteers.

Lyle School Update—Ann Varkados: The Lyle High School Boys Basketball Team made it to the first playoff round.

Three student representatives are now serving on the Lyle School as non-voting members.

US Fish & Wildlife Service Spring Creek Fish Hatchery staff paid visit to 4th. grade classrooms.

Old Business

Klickitat Delta— No reports from the committee. Guest Erika Owens from the Kiteboarder School reported on her organization not receiving a 2024 permit from USFS to conduct her school at the Klickitat Delta. Erika is hopeful for a permit later this year. Her last permit was only valid for six months. The school is only on USFS land when the Columbia River level is high and most of the sandbar is under water. She didn't know who the property owner is on the sandbar area that is not under Forest Service jurisdiction.

Santa Night Celebration Finances: Oren talked about the generous donations for the Santa Night last December. \$1711.46 was received of which \$710.00 consisted of cash or checks and \$1,001.46 were in-kind gifts. An additional ~\$120.00 will be needed to purchase tree decoration containers and a tree storage box.

Pothole Update: Marty Denis--- Marti reported that two downtown Lyle potholes in need of maintenance were filled in by Klickitat County Public Works. Glenda has also submitted requests to the county to repair additional potholes.

Electric Car Charging Station Update: No report except that the \$600,000 grant to place six EV charging stations at the Lyle Merc. was approved.

Lyle Market Mural: No report

Lyle Klickitat Trailhead Safety Concerns: Oren brought up safety concerns from neighbors located near the Lyle Klickitat Trailhead regarding “suspicious activity” at night. Oren discussed the issue with the Klickitat County Sherriff’s office. Washington State Parks is open to closing their parking access gate at night. Another need is to place a high intensity illuminating light on the restroom structure. A new subcommittee will be formed. The Council will write a letter to Washington State Parks requesting a locked gate at night and light placement.

How can we help: Identifying neighbors with immediate needs?

A celebration of life service for Joann Titus will be held February 25, noon, at the Lyle High School.

Public input: Cynthia Hayes reported on her project to create a Lyle Business Directory, which will include a map of business locations.

Mtg adjourned @8:07 p.m.

*****Notice of next meeting: March 13, 2024

March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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28 total attendees, 18 in person 10 on Zoom

Greetings & Introductions

Reading & Approval of the February 13, 2024 minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report

New Business

Sharon Carter from Mt. Adams Transportation gave a presentation on the Klickitat County Bus Service. More funding needs to be leveraged as 100% of the bus service originates through grants. Washington DOT provides the grant monies through their Consolidated Grant Program. Currently, only "Dial A Ride" exist for medical/need service, of which there were 1,000 visits to Lyle in 2023. To procure Lyle bus service, \$40,000 is needed. If bus service were available, Sharon believes there would be two Lyle stops, at the high school and the Merc.

A new grant opportunity exists with 80% federal funding and a 20% match. The matching funds have previously been provided by KC Solid Waste income, but that program currently has less funding. Sharon agreed that a Letter of Support by the Council would be beneficial.

Boat Ramp: Bill reached out to Commissioner Lori Zoller and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife to support boat ramp maintenance. A meeting with KC Public Works Director Jeff Hunter is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 3:00 p.m. on site.

Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce: Executive Director Tammara Toppel provided background and updates regarding Columbia Gorge Tourism and Economic Development. A Klickitat County Touring Map has been created funded by lodging tax funds. The map's goal is to "attract folks who lives more than 50 miles from Klickitat County." The Gorge Food Trails is a taste of the Gorge during the off-season. An Insta-gram page may be developed for Lyle. Tammara is looking for a tag line to describe Lyle. Tammara believes that "shopping opportunities, vibrant downtown shop fronts, and walking paths with benches are missing from Lyle's downtown.

Vern Harpole brought up the plan to bring the Klickitat Trail Run back as an annual local event.

Cynthia Hayes described her efforts creating a Lyle Tourism map, and has identified 38 businesses and 8 – 10 that are open to the public.

Gorge Hunt: Ivy Carpe has established a Gorge Hunt platform for Gorge Communities to tell their story. Every Gorge town will ultimately have their own hunts. June 22, 2024 will be the Gorge Hunt launch party in The Dalles. The cost to participate is \$1.00/clue for up to 30 questions. The Hunt is free for participating businesses.

Lyle Post Office: No updates to report.

Standing Community Reports:

Lyle Fire Dept. Update— No report

Lyle School Update—No report

Old Business

Klickitat Delta: Vern presented a letter to US Representative Dan Newhouse requesting a meeting with the Congressman to discuss the Klickitat Delta. The Council unanimously approved sending the letter.

Electric Car Charging Station Update: Vern reported that 4 fast chargers and 2 “slow” chargers will be installed within the year. Klickitat PUD doesn’t have transformers to service the fast chargers.

Lyle Market Mural: No report

Klickitat Trail: Klickitat Trail Conservancy President and Lyle resident Ken Hanson spoke about the Klickitat Trail. He has contacted the KC Under-Sheriff about safety concerns, and will also be in touch with local residents and WA State Parks. The Council has established a committee to deal with the Klickitat Trailhead Safety issues.

Community Clean-up: Set for April 13, 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Public input: Lyle resident Jill Brandt handed out Broad Band information.

Meeting adjourned @8:37 p.m.

April 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Lyle Community Council Meeting

Lyle Activity Center, 308 Klickitat St.

Call to Order @6:37 p.m. LCC members present: Glenda, Doug, Oren, Julie, Marty, Bill. Bryan excused

26 total attendees, 23 in person 3 on Zoom

Greetings & Introductions

Reading & Approval of the March 13, 2024 minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Standing Community Reports

Lyle School Update— Their report is attached.

Fire Report, Patty Elkins:

14 calls in March; the majority were medical.

Wildfire crew visited Lyle 1st. graders.

Patty urged we attend Fire District meetings on the 4th. Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Focus of grants are the Command Rig improvements and Fire Station solar panels along with roof repair.

The current EMT certification class has 13 participants. There are 5 new recruits with 4 are interested in the medical side.

New Business

Klickitat PUD, 4 speakers focused on Water delivery and Waste Water delivery systems.

Manager Jim Smith: PUD owns 8 water systems and operate 5 waste-water systems, and the wastewater infrastructure is in "pretty good shape." The PUD will be videoing all sewer lines in 2025. Funds will be allocated for maintenance after the videos are completed.

PUD has \$246,000 in the bank for wastewater upgrades. \$235,000 expected to be in their account by the end of 2024.

Ratepayers currently pay \$57.80/ month. PUD is proposing a \$2.09/month bill increase. The exposed water pipe is "okay for now."

The Lyle Sewer Plant has a \$329,000 debt, which will be totally paid off by 2032.

There are 281 current hook ups to the sewer, which is at 65% capacity.

Water System One of the water pump wells has caved in. If it can't be fixed, a new well may have to be built or the current one may be dug deeper. The OMEG well is a back-up and will provide water in 2024.

PUD has \$155,000 in their water delivery bank account. A 3 – 5% rate increase is being proposed.

\$29.34 is the current monthly water charge. There are 292 connections currently and 641 total available.

Boat Ramp: Doug Miller PUD Commissioner believes that EDA funding is available for boat ramp repair and parking lot improvement. Others believe MCED monies could fund the projects.

Old Business

Klickitat Delta: Vern distributed a “white paper” on the history and issues facing the Klickitat Delta.

Electric Car Charging Station Update: Klickitat PUD stated “they would be able to provide transformers for the car charging station. The grant contract will be available in the next month or two.

Lyle Market Mural: Oren, Julie, and Cynthia Hayes will assist Kelly with the mural planning.

Klickitat Trail: Klickitat Trail Conservancy President and Lyle resident Ken Hanson spoke about the Klickitat Trail. He has contacted the KC Under-Sheriff about safety concerns, and will also be in touch with local residents and WA State Parks. The Council has established a committee to deal with the Klickitat Trailhead Safety issues.

Community Clean-up: Set for April 12, 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Additional 15- 20 volunteers are needed.

Public input: Loraine Bonham urged that new electronic speed signs be placed on Highway 14 on both ends of downtown.

Meeting adjourned @8:03 p.m.

Minutes of the May 8, 2024 Lyle Community Council

Members present: Oren, Glenda, Bill, Doug, Marti, and Brian

1. April 10, 2024 meeting minutes were approved unanimously with the correction of correctly spelling Laurece Bonham's name.
2. Treasurer's Report: Brian XXXX reported that the Council received \$405.00 for the Community Clean-up. The Council approved reimbursing Marti Denis \$49.00 for her Santa's Night expenses. Our current bank balance is \$1,755.05
3. Lyle Fire Department Update: Patty Elkins reported 8 calls came in during April, of which 6 were medical in nature and 2 were fire calls.

Burn Bans. The burn ban for Klickitat County Zone 1 will be May 20, and for Zone 2 (which includes Lyle) the ban will start either the end of May or first week in June.

Currently, there are 15 Fire Department members, 5 are new and there are 3 EMS folks total.

4. Lyle School Report: (Please see attached).
5. Lyle Boat Ramp: Bill Weiler discussed the recent on site meeting. Present on site were Oren, Marti, Julie, Bill and Wayne Trosper and Jeff Hunter from KC Public Works, and a Lyle citizen Tim Carse. Jeff explained that there were short-term (easy fixes) to the boat ramp and long-term projects. To accomplish the long-term work will require a County Recreation Plan, which Klickitat County does not have. Short-term work includes: 1. Widening the boat ramp parking area, signage, removal of some of the concrete slabs, and grading the parking area.

The Corps of Engineers was contacted and they stated that no Corps permits would be required as long as equipment stays away from the water (Columbia River). The Corps staff person, Owen Weller, will be visiting the site on Thursday, May 30, at 11:00 a.m.

6. Klickitat Delta: No updates
7. Electric Car Charging: No updates
8. Lyle Market Mural Project: Marti Dennis reported the committee had met three times, and had consulted with local muralists. The next step is to create a Request for Proposals and a

community survey. A \$4,000 grant proposal to the Gorge Community Foundation is being prepared.

9. US Postal Service update: Glenda Lovejoy has not heard back from the regional USPS representative regarding increased post office box rates.
10. Klickitat River Trailhead: Annick from the Klickitat Trail Conservancy said that the LCC sub-committee met twice. They have developed a survey for folks who live along the trail.
11. Public Comments: Laurece Bonham called WASHDOT requesting electric speed limit signs.
12. The next LCC Meeting will be June 12.

July 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Lyle Community Council Meeting

Lyle Activity Center, 308 Klickitat St.

Call to order @ 6:39 pm. LCC members present: Glenda, Doug, Julie, Marty. Brian attended via Zoom. Oren and Bill excused.

Approx. 16 total attendees incl. 3 on Zoom.

Greetings; Thanks to Claire West for setting up and maintaining the Zoom

connection. Reading & approval of June 12 meeting minutes - did not occur. No minutes available.

Lyle School: 196 June headcount; 190 full-time equivalent (FTE); hope to increase FTE this fall. Construction update: Stage 3 to be completed by August 23. Funded by proceeds of sale of Dallesport Elementary and COVID funding.

Summer school: 50-60 students. Field trips to OMSI, Columbia Hills SP, hike to She Who Watches; visit from Skyline Health; dinosaur unit.

Project REACH: parallel to summer school; drum show, trip to Goldendale Observatory; movie; Oregon Zoo; Animal sanctuary. Activities connect to learning.

Need bus drivers; call transportation dept or district office.

Plan for 24-25 school year: Cell phone-free school. Phones are massive distractions. Summer mental health services are available

Local fire affected the Kroeskop family, who lost everything in the fire. They have a HS junior. There is a gofundme for the family.

Treasurer's Report: Current LCC balance is \$1831.xx including \$140 pending PayPal receipts.

Lyle Fire Dept. Update: Kroeskop family lost everything in the fire. Gofundme account. Fire response: Appleton, Bingen, High Prairie, Lyle. Dallesport medical support. House was fully engulfed when Chief and Patty arrived, first on scene. All humans and animals were saved except a gecko.

Red Flag warning in effect for entire Klickitat County, from today at 11 am through tomorrow afternoon. No sparks!

Larch Creek Fire: up to 7100 acres; strike team sent from Washington to assist OR fire teams. We are at Level 4 fire prep for entire US (scale goes up to 5). All of west coast states have fires (CA, OR, WA, AZ, NM) plus several in eastern states.

Most Lyle calls in June were medical.

Entire county is under burn ban.

Response to question from Barb Robinson: Public works takes care of mowing roadsides but aren't responsible for vacant private property.

Drowning at Horsethief Lake yesterday. 4th of July fireworks are still legal in our county.

Need more Lyle FD volunteers.

Lyle Lions Update: they are responsible for putting up and taking down celebratory flags. 3rd Friday 1 pm game day.

Eyeglasses and exams: apply to Lions for assistance. They are at the school once a year for testing.

Donated to Art in the Park and fire victims.

New Business

Bylaws update and vote: Glenda has received only positive feedback. Brian asked to clarify that Zoom voting

will be accepted; affirmative.

Motion to approve changes and updates to the LCC bylaws by Brian. Seconded by Doug. Unanimously approved.

WADOT/traffic safety: resident almost hit IN CROSSWALK twice. Notified WADOT. LCC should move forward with action; followup. Increase in traffic due to HR/WS bridge issues. Lyle is developing more retail which means more pedestrian traffic as well.

PUD update: Sharon Blodgett's letter was read into the minutes (attached) regarding well failure in June. Four issues: upgrading communications system to improve reliability; adding monitoring equipment at headquarters; replacing variable speed drive on pump and have spare on hand; operators are checking system daily and will continue until improvements are made and system is operating reliably.

Council elections: terms expire for 2 positions: Oren and Julie. Oren intends to run again; Julie plans to retire but will remain involved. Glenda will bring statement of interest forms to August meeting.

Old Business

Klickitat Delta: no update.

Electric car charging station: moving along well. Kelly is working on tasks.

Mural committee update: Terry brought filled-out surveys from museum. Marty will take surveys to Senior Lunch next week. Marty announced that we have a potential donor/sponsor and committee is meeting with them tomorrow.

USPS update: no new progress. Julie let us know that the PO called her to let her know that a part had arrived there that she had been anxiously awaiting.

Klickitat Trailhead update: Julie, Oren, Anick. Hoping to make progress soon. Julie has interacted with people who live nearby. Surveillance ranges from from people who keep a close eye to people who are unaware that there's a trailhead. Meeting with state people soon to discuss 911 data.

Boat ramp update: Glenda has received several positive comments regarding the upgrades. Second phase of replacing concrete boat ramp - there are permitting costs and financial and environmental costs to build a new ramp. Improvement district plans must be updated prior to application for funding. It was suggested that we formally acknowledge the work done on the boat launch area.

Lyle Fire dinner update: probably in October; no date set yet.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:42.

Minutes of the June 12, 2024 Lyle Community Council Meeting

Present:

Glenda, Brian, Marty, Oren, Julie, Doug, Bill

I. Meeting convened at 6:32 p.m.

2. Minutes of the May 13, 2024 meeting were read and unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Brian reported there is XXXX in the Council's checking account, and a \$100 donation was deposited.

3. Lyle School Update: Ann Varkados

1. June 14 is the last day of schools
2. Summer School has 60 students enrolled
3. June 19: School officers will be closed
4. June 26 is the next School Board meeting
5. June 11 was the Lyle Cougar Awards Banquet.

The Arts in the Park event was a huge success thanks to sponsorships from the Lyle Lions Club, PTO, and Bienvenis Pizza.

Thirteen seniors made up the 2024 graduating class.

Eleven 8th. graders promoted to high school.

The Lyle Lions Club put together a staff recognition dinner for Lyle School District staff.

The Lyle High School basketball is participating in summer tournaments.

4. Lyle Fire & Rescue Report: Patty Elkins

Four major fires requiring evacuations have occurred in Washington State.

All of Klickitat County is under a burn ban.

In May, 2024, there were 9 medical calls and 1 fire call. There have been 77 total calls in 2024.

Lyle Fire Department participated in the School Field Day.

On a side note, Patty reported that Public Works has been filling in potholes and regrading in Lyle.

6. Lyle Lions Club:

105 folks attended the last monthly Saturday Breakfast

The Lions Club honored 38 Lyle School staff at their recognition dinner.

The Club distributed \$750 in scholarships to two students.

Two Game Days will be offered in the near future.

7. Skyline Hospital Presentation:

Board Member Juliet Pouillon introduced new Skyline Hospital CEO Matt Kollman who talked about:

1. Expanding surgical operations, a \$6.1 million dollar project.
2. Expanding Physical Therapy, and Pediatric services
3. Replacing the hospital's 100-year old boiler
4. Offering eye surgeries and eye surgery recovery

Kollman reported that Skyline was ranked #3 out of 253 surveyed hospitals in patient satisfaction.

8. Council Elections:

Lyle Community Council elections will be held in November for two seats. Forms will be on the LCC webpage, at LCC public meetings, and at the Lyle Merc and Post Office.

LCC by-laws are being updated to cover the timing of reimbursement costs, and developing a LCC dismissal policy.

9. Fire Department Recognition:

The Council wishes to recognize the Lyle Fire Department and hopes to hold a dinner this fall.

10. Community Updates: The Lyle Gas Station will be closing at the end of June, and Country Café will be closing at the end of August.

11. Klickitat PUD: Concerns were raised about recent power outages and local water shortages.
12. Klickitat Delta: The Forest Service was successful in its Community Outreach grant proposal to the National Park Service.
13. Lyle Boat Ramp: Thanks to a team effort including LCC, Klickitat County Public Works, Army Corps of Engineers, and Lyle citizens, the Lyle Boat Ramp has undergone major renovation including: parking lot grading, signage, removal of hazardous concrete slabs from the former boat ramp, and blackberry removal. The place looks great!
14. Mural: The proposed \$4,000 grant was not successful. The Community Mural Survey is ongoing until the end of June. Survey copies are available at tonight's meeting.
15. Lyle Post Office: No update
16. Klickitat Trailhead: No update
17. Next Meeting: July 10

Lyle Community Council
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Called to order at 6:36pm.

A somber anniversary.

Smooth back-to-school transition. School is almost done with HVAC and roof upgrades. Desperate for bus drivers. Outdoor school at Trout Lake - team building grades 6 - 12.

Treasurer's report: \$1831.50. Approval for new invoice from Oren \$155.43.

Fire dept report: Fire ban past 10/1 tentative. 13 calls last month; mostly medical (6), 2 structure fires, 2 out-of-district home fires, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 smoke investigation. 125 YDT calls.

Lions report: Game Day 9.20 at 1 pm. 9.21 fundraiser for Twin Bridges museum and silent auction/raffle. 9.28 Hotdogs and Hot Rods 11 - 2, digital sign fundraiser; need \$20,000.

New Business

WADOT: (Ray Smith) claims that it doesn't work to lower speed limits. Bill asked to move the 40 mph further east and west and lower in-town speed to 25.

Lauren: concerns about trucks speeding through town. Discussion ensued regarding speeding, sidewalks etc.

Matt: we need a plan; crash data etc. Do we need an updated Comprehensive Plan - County - need to address with Planning Dept - Jeff King.

Lori Zoller is our commissioner.

Street lights: contacted PUD; Mark Garner, eng. super. Glenda asked re: transition to LED, costs, new poles

Trunk or Treat: 10.31 on Halloween night. Julie: council should participate again; will make a list in planning session. Jessica Smith and Garrett Frye volunteered to provide LCC candy.

Post Office: Glenda: PO Boxes \$\$ are high - no delivery in town so have to have a PO Box. Why so expensive? Can put box with your address on a route - inconvenient - Terry mentioned that they did that and some mail is marked undeliverable - local PO blames Portland. Patty said that the PO has staffing issues currently. Lauren says mail is being picked up at PO I am now not pm.

Council elections: 3 positions are up: Julie is retiring; Oren will run again; Marty will run again. Need candidate forms by October 9 at next meeting.

November election - Klickitat County submitting renewal EMS levy. Someone will be here in October to present info.

Old business

Lyle Fire Department awards dinner info - should work on it at planning meeting.

EV charging: nothing new

Mural: Julie and Marty went to Goldendale in August to talk to Sandra Choate about their public art projects, Art at the Heart of Goldendale, Four murals represent the four seasons plus mosaics at doorways. We got good feedback with the survey, was recommended to talk to State Rep (Curtis King) for state money. Vern shared the name of a person who may help with logistics. Juliet Pouillon will talk to Matt at the hospital again.

Klickitat Trailhead: nothing new

Lyle boat ramp: nothing new

Comments for the good of the community

Nov. 9 marathon - need EMS support - not a council thing - should contact Brad

Jessica Smith and Garrett Frye - thanks to the community

Juliet Pouillon: prescribed burn of 400 acres near Catherine Creek sometime in October; DNR; concern about smoke taint of grapes, would prefer no earlier than Nov 1.

Motion: write letter supporting local wine industry to delay the burn; seconded; approved.

Adjourned at 7:55pm.

Lyle Community Council Minutes

12.11.24

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

Brian Pfealy filling in for Glenda who is under the weather.

Council members in attendance in person: Oren, Wendy, Marty, Brian

Council members in attendance via Zoom: Bill, Glenda

Ann Varkados-Lyle School update: Dec 18 School board mtg at 5 pm. Moved K-5 concert to next Wed 12/18 @ 6:30 - Many school kids and staff are out sick - Winter break 12/23 - 1/3. Still need bus drivers, need LAP Para-educator; still need teacher, para and bus driver substitutes.

See attached for additional school news.

November minutes - none to approve

Brian motion to record meeting; Marty seconded; all in favor no objections

Brian-Treas report: need to look forward to fundraise as bank account is below \$1500. \$200 was spent on new community tree lights; funds will be coming out of bank account to update the website, Jessica Smith said that she and Oren have bounced around fundraising ideas. To discuss at planning meeting.

Patty Elkins-LFD: Busy, 16 calls majority fire; 180 YTD; train tracks, burn piles out of control; two structures.

Looking hard at infrastructure - some equipment, some vehicles are aging out. All LFD income is taxpayer funded. Frugal and effective use. Applied for grants; need new SCBA equipment. \$40,000 offset with sale of tender and another truck; AEDs are aging out (10 years). Looking forward to 2025.

Lots of positive feedback about truck decorations; great turnout for Santa event 12/7.

Oren grateful for Rand and Mindy's help decorating the community tree; Jessica's as well.

Terry Mills-Lions report: 108 food boxes requested this year (83 last year); serving 250 adults and 120 kids; with Elks help 17,000 lbs of food; 111 boxes cereal; purchased over \$10,000 in food this year, Boxes going out on Saturday 12/14.

New Business

Blaine Parker: Avian predation (avian predators of Columbia River and tributaries fish) coordinator, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC). Worked on delta this past spring; Trenton deBoer and Bill Sharp also attended meeting online, involved with hazing project;

Colonial nesting waterbirds: gulls, white pelicans, Caspian terns, double crested cormorants. Primarily concerned with two species of gulls. Nest on Miller Island-gull colonies; eat substantial amounts of steelhead through spring and summer near Deschutes; also lamprey and salmon fingerlings at mouth of Klickitat R.

Wasn't really a problem until the dams went in. Islands and sandbars attractive to birds;

Columbia River is now a series of lakes: not much change in water levels; creates feeding and loafing areas, Deltas created: habitats to hang out.

Why Klickitat Delta? Bulk of predation occurs here; fish and lamprey have to cross hundreds of yards of shallow water before they get to deeper river water. Predation is learned behavior;

juvenile lamprey as early as January to late spring/early summer. Tens of thousands of fish attract the birds; birds will even wait for trucks to dump juveniles.

2024 efforts: Yakima nation and CRITFC staff put together program plan. Began March, ended May - hazing birds; non-lethal the first month. Birds would see techs in bright vests and go elsewhere. Collected (euthanized) birds (with permission) that kept coming back. Only had one call.

2025 may start earlier in January or February. Want to reduce how much hazing they have to do; Have purchased shotgun that takes suppressor; and pyrotechnics with more flash less bang.

Low water conditions is when they will be out there. Goal is to prevent predation, give fish a break.

Bill Weiler question: how many birds killed? 15.

Bill Sharp: need to create colder deeper refuges

Oren Johnson: dredging in the works?

Bill Sharp: WRDA - positive directions to create cold water refuges in several feeder rivers

Bill Weiler: Delta project: Grant regarding recreational activities was approved. WADOT may put up barriers similar to those at Rowland Lake turnout to force entrance to parking area off Hwy 14 onto Old 8. It was observed that we may need to get signage similar to Rowland Lake and Courtney Rd areas.

Santa Night: Soup was great and lovely surprise from Jackie and Gerald; cookies were plentiful and delicious, a good amount of donations for the Lions Club Christmas boxes were collected. Thank you to Lyle, High Prairie, Appleton and Klickitat Fire Departments for escorting Santa. (Huge thank you to Matt Bynum for his contribution as Santa). Leftover cookies were shared with the Senior Lunch program in Lyle and were much appreciated.

Old Business

EV charging station update: no report

Marty-Mural project; Zoom meeting with Anna of Color Outside the Lines; collating artists that work with Anna as well as our suggestions with contact information; will narrow down to issue requests to the few we prefer.

Oren-Klickitat Trailhead Safety Committee: lighting still an issue; will be having volunteers close/lock the gate at night; State Parks is amenable to this plan.

Meeting adjourned 7:34 pm.

Lyle Community Council Minutes

11.13.24

Meeting called to order 6:32 pm

All council members in attendance

Marc Harvey-Lyle Schools update: Mugs Giving Tree; HVAC should have been completed already; students having to turn in their cell phones-not thrilled but is going well (I do not have a copy of the printed November schools report)

New Business

Introduction of candidates: Marty Denis, Position 5, unopposed; Oren Johnson, Position 7, unopposed; Wendy Luisi, Position 6; Tracy McCune, Position 6-withdrawn pending opening of Position 1 (Doug Hinkle will resign, as he has moved out of the area); Jessica Smith, Position 6-absent. Reading of candidate statements. Private ballots taken at meeting and on Zoom and tabulated.

Regular business meeting resumed

Brian Pfealy-Treas report: Balance \$1596.80; reimbursed Oren \$79.99. Two bills coming due: \$21.99 & \$19.99 for website, total \$41.98 due 12.11.24.

Bill Weiler: Motion to pay website bills; Oren Johnson 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Patty Elkins-Terry Mills cannot be here for Lions report: Need donations of food and cash for Christmas boxes; need especially peanut butter and canned fruits; LFD will also be collecting food in support of Lyle Lions. Barb Mills-Terry Coe: contact them to receive boxes.

Patty Elkins-LFD: Thanks for approving EMS on the ballot. Be cautious of rock falls on Hwy 14 and elsewhere. Potential house fires: clean your flues; plug space heaters directly into wall outlets. Vehicle fire near boat ramp today; fisherman fell into river - was rescued.

Results of Council elections were announced: Marty Denis was re-elected; Oren Johnson was re-elected; Wendy Luisi elected to Position 6.

Old Business

EV charging station update: nothing new to report.

Marty Denis-Mural update: Color Outside the Lines (COTL), Director Anna Barlow, experienced - she says there are potential donors outside of Lyle. Marty visited Madelyne MacNaughton owner at Sun Sun in Bingen to ask about their new mural and working with COTL; gave high recommendations.

Oren Johnson-Klickitat Trailhead update: Bill Weiler will join committee in Julie Larson's place.

Bill Weiler-Lights will update at the beginning of the new year.

Glenda Lovejoy-Trunk or Treat: only 9 trunks this year (usually about 20); Kenji told amazing spooky stories and sang spooky songs; Rocky Schultz (from OLESS) made soup.

Santa Night: Dec 7; tree at pavilion is 29 - 30 feet tall. Oren will provide artificial tree for Santa event for us to decorate at LAC. Doug will loan us the fireplace backdrop again.

Comments/concerns for the good of the community

Laurece: the Christmas Bazaar made about \$700 which is donated back to the Lyle Activity Center.

Julie Larson suggested that the LCC donate to the Lion's reader board; also suggested a donation bucket for Santa night.

Oren Johnson suggested a Sweetheart Dance around Valentine's Day as a fundraiser.

Bill Weiler will remind WADOT to let us know...

Marty Denis requested that Matt Bynum be approved for Santa. He was.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm