Lyle Community Council meeting
1.8.25
Called to order at 6:30 pm

Greetings and Introductions:
Members in attendance: Bill Weiler, asst chair; Oren Johnson, Brian Pfealy, treasurer; Marty Denis, acting secretary. Wendy Luisi on Zoom. Bill is running the meeting in Glenda Lovejoy's place; she is out of town. Glenda is chair.
Lori Zoller in attendance as well as several community members.

No December minutes available to approve.

Treasurer report: Brian Pfealy - paid two bills: $219.17 for website; $59.30 for website security. $1117.61 current balance. Brian motion to reimburse Marty $107.80 for Santa party expenses. Oren seconded. Unanimous approval.

Fire Dept report: Justin Ramsay - 201 calls in 2024 including EMS and fire calls. The LFD is working on grants; solar: cut back on electric bill to zero. Working on acquiring a DNR truck which is bigger than the one it is replacing. Putting monitor on front and having lettering done; can be run by one person. Other grants: new fire danger signs; used grant for the monitor; new SCBA equipment. Oren commented that people are commenting approvingly on filling tanks here.
Justin: rock falls are more WADOT issue than law enforcement.

Lyle School report: Anne Varkados - Jan 20 no school, MLK day; Jan 22 school board meeting; Jan 23 end of semester; Jan 24 grades due. Still need bus drivers, can apply by calling school for contact number; still need paraprofessionals to work with kids who need them. Still need teacher, paraprofessional and bus driver substitutes. Families were very grateful for the Christmas gifts.

Lyle Lions report: Terry Mills - Game day is every third Friday of the month, usually have 6-8 people attend. Gave out 106 gift/food boxes to support over 300 people. Spent over $10,000; Dallesport donated 1700 lbs food; donors gave large amounts of staples such as peanut butter, ramen and cereal. School sponsored a cereal drive. Lions administered eye exams to two children. Reader board will be two-sided, approximately 3x5 and will cost between $45,000 and $48,000. Have raised up to $17,000 so far. There is so much they can do with a reader board, such as announcing community and school events, fire safety information etc. Lions cannot do things without the support of the community.
Jessica inquired whether the public can attend Lions meetings, Terry answered affirmatively. She inquired about getting information to join; materials are available at meetings. Lyle Lions is a 501c3 non-profit; donations are tax deductible. Terry observed that December is a very busy month for the Lions.

<u>New Business</u>
Anna Barlow from Color Outside the Lines was unable to come to the meeting to talk about her company's role in the mural project. We will invite her to the February meeting.

PUD representative was unable to attend to give update on status of funding for Lyle water projects since the conference in October.

Election of Council Officers: Nominations: Glenda to retain chair; Bill to retain vice-chair; Brian to retain treasurer; Marty was elected as secretary. Brian moved and Oren seconded. All so moved, seconded and approved.

Old Business
EV charging stations project - Vern Harpole: should have chargers by end of summer at the Merc. Will be located at the NW corner of the parking lot. Six total: 4 fast (2 Tesla, 2 ordinary), 2 slow for locals' use for overnight charging. The fast charging stations are expected to be used by tourists and visitors to Lyle.

Mural update: Marty - announced that Anna could not come tonight due to her husband's accident requiring surgery. Marty said that Anna's company has been involved with a mural in Bingen and another (she thinks) in White Salmon as well as others around the Gorge. Marty observed that the process is much slower than anticipated and that the LCC unanimously approved our involvement in the mural project last April.

Klickitat Trailhead Safety Committee update: Oren - three people are meeting with Oren next week; he anticipates that the closing and opening of the gate there will begin early this spring.

Comments/concerns for the good of the community
Ken Hansen, President of Klickitat Trail Conservancy: welcomed Bill Weiler to the Board of Directors; gave brief update. Oren stated that there is interest in increasing lumens at the trailhead, meaning brighter lights. Dimmer lights are ok for esthetics but not so much for security. Jessica observed that dimmer lights are better for birds and other wildlife.

Lyle Delta: Vern and Bill: USFS involved. The plan - with Dan Miller - Forest Service grant for community outreach. Yakima Nation is on board now. Hoping for county commissioners to address issues like parking and lowering speed limits at edges of Lyle town. Yakima Nation agrees that recreation and fishing can coexist.
What to do with potential Klickitat River mouth dredging spoils: truck it away, expensive; add to delta, can plant on it (Yakima idea/preference); allow to drift downstream.
Zoom meeting on February 12 at 10 am with Dan Miller, LCC members, windsurfing people. Army Corps Of Engineers and Yakima Nation in talks. Oren observed that it was all farmland at one point; suggested to maybe add dredging spoils to railroad fill at west end of delta.

Tracy McCune inquired about the income on the chargers. Vern stated that residents pay 12 cents/KwH; national average for selling electricity at chargers is 38 cents/KwH. The Merc will pay 11 cents/KwH and collect 38 cents, will also be responsible for paying fees for management. The project received a grant of $360,000 with a minimum match of 25% from the Merc. The whole project is expected to run $500,000 with CEKC receiving a 5% stipend. There will be no net change in electricity rates; the grant pays for a new transformer.

Oren stated that he and Vern chatted about an idea called "Paint the Town" where LCC could offer to provide paint and hopefully painters to put a fresh coat of paint on the buildings of Lyle. Need to solicit contributions from community members; perhaps get a CEKC grant; potential summer work for students; approach paint companies: for the Old Lyle Elementary School, Oren observed that Sherwin Williams matched the amount of paint they donated to the amount that was purchased and they also sold the paint at wholesale cost.

Oren raised a little under $1200 for the new Santa suit last year with $600 in cash and the rest in kind. He will solicit donations for projects that he believes in.

CEKC gets a 5% cut of any funds raised over $1000.
Brian stated that we need to be accountable for fundraising.

Tracy McCune mentioned that parcel maps have been updated in the last quarter of 2024. She found hers to be incorrect and urged community members to check their parcels on the new maps.

Oren observed that there are two construction sites in Lyle: one is adjacent to Centerville Hwy. Oren is concerned that soil can slough onto the roadway. The other is not on Centerville but adjacent; he is having a meeting with Jeff Hunter, Dir. of Public Works

Bill observed that we are hoping that Senior Services gets the grant for creating a bus route with a stop in Lyle; Lori Zoller is involved: two options: CAT or Mt Adams Transportation.

Bill called Claire West to the front of the room to present her with a book about plants for her help with LCC Zoom meetings.

Adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marty Denis

Feb. 12, 2025 Lyle Community Council Meeting Call to Order @ 6:42pm

LCC members: Glenda Lovejoy, President - Bill Weiler, VP - Wendy Luisi, *acting* Sec.
(*while Marty Denis is out of town*) *(Brian Pfealy, Treasurer communicated report by text)*

Greetings & Introductions:

- Lyle School Update—Ann Varkados
  Friday is senior night. Basketball at 6pm. No school on Monday Feb.17th for Presidents Day. Track sign up March 3rd. Spring Carnival coming. Ian Moynihan will be playing music for the Grant March Foundation.
- Treasurer's Report: Brian Pfealy - $1009.81 current balance.
  $107.80 to reimburse Marty for Santa Night supplies; $219. for website
- Lyle Fire Dept Update—Patty Elkins
  January had 12 calls; burn pile limits; smoke challenges can cause disputes, 1st - encourage conversations, 2nd - contact non emergency dispatch for help.
  SCPA grant was released 2/10; FEMA $500k grant on hold; DNR grant still in process.
- Lions Club—Terry Mills
  Club is slowly growing with over $100 in donations and 115 people for fundraiser

Speakers

1. Speaker--Anna Barlow from Color Outside the Lines (COTL)
   Mural project presentation: Anna went over how COTL works with underserved populations to create community oriented art projects, helping to build a deck for funders. Anna met with Lyle Market owner and presented one option as;
   Artist Tobi Grubbs, from This.Studio, Hood River, willing to fund total project, includes community party with kid involvement. His prototype mural showcased 3 wall panel sections of a bird/salmon/trees-flowers,
   Timeframe: late summer / early fall
   Wendy inquired about possibilities if town prefers local Lyle artist, Anna affirmed
   Budget range: $3,500 - $10k. (breakdown avg. of $3k to artist & $1k for supplies)
   Glenda reminded us the town voted for wildflowers, wildlife, Mt. Adams/ Mt. Hood, local history, kiteboarding, which Anna says Tobi can incorporate and draft.

Old Business

1. Update on EV charging station—Claire affirmed grant being managed
2. Klickitat Delta Update—Bill

FS showed progress in speaking with BNSF Railways, they are open to an access underneath the crossing, however this poses access issues for EMT (confirmed by Patty Elkins). The next step is finding a petitioner, possibly the Klickitat County Commissioner.

New Business

1. Postponing appointment to the open seat at position1 due to Council quorum not present.
2. KPUD will be here for the Annual Update of Lyle water/waste findings in May
re: any funding options may have come out of their Annual Conference in October.
3. Spring Clean Up: April 12 & 13

Community Notes:
Bill brought up possible interest in learning more about fire insurance options for the town.

Mtg adjourned @ 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Luisi

Lyle Community Council meeting
3.12.25
Called to order 6:35 pm

Greetings and introductions:
Members in attendance: Glenda Lovejoy, chair, Bill Weiler, asst chair, Brian Pfealy, Treas, Marty Denis, Secy, Wendy Luisi, Oren Johnson. 23 total in attendance.

Posted on blackboard: Meeting in Dallesport Thursday May 1, 6-8 pm. Sponsored by Klickitat County Planning Dept regarding updating the comprehensive plan for the county.

Lyle School update: postponed

Treasurer report: Brian Pfealy: no financial activity in the month of February. Balance $1009.81

Lyle Fire Dept update: Patty Elkins: 8 calls including 5 medical (1 motor vehicle - rocks in road); 1 fire - smoke investigation. In 2024, there were 201 calls, 59% medical which is lower than usual. Wildfires are on the increase; be FireWise.
Brian is going after grants - eg new fire danger signs being placed around our area. DNR grant to upgrade brush rig. Solar plan still ongoing.
Been advertising to hire more EMS; only 2 interested so far. Please put the word out to contact Lyle Fire Dept.
Patty retiring as of 4.1.25.
Patty recounted a lifesaving cardiac call involving Bingen/White Salmon Fire Dept and county ambulance services. Dispatcher walked wife through CPR; the husband survived the event.

Lions Club: Terry Mills: Served 125 breakfasts in February. Conducted 2 eye exams; provided a pair of glasses for an elderly lady.
Starting fundraising for the new reader board on May 4. Vern Harpole stated that CEKC will provide a matching grant of $15,000. Terry commented that we generally know little about our community - He wasn't aware that CEKC had their own funds to give out.
Fundraisers: another classic car event; taco feed; silent auction/raffle tickets.

Oren moved to approved February minutes; Bill seconded. Approved.

Speakers
KPUD annual update regarding any funding opportunities coming out of their conference last October: pushed to April.

Mt Adams Resource Stewards (MARS) re: reducing fire risk; Sarah Allaben presenting. Sarah@mtadamsstewards.org; Phone: 440.497.8224. Fire adapted community coordinator; Community Wildfire Risk Reduction. As of 2020.
Structures: home hardening: eg, good roof; wire screens over vents
Property & Neighborhoods: defensible spaces
Community & Landscapes: Community/neighborhood fuel breaks; mechanics due reduction; hand crews; prescribed fires.
Evacuation planning: emergency alerts; go bags; smoke preparedness; post fire planning.

Trout Lake
Volunteer-led group with MARS coordinating staffing; eg evacuation routes brochures; newsletter and education
FACT program
Annual free chipping service is popular
Ember defense mesh (screening); gravel distribution
Defensible space on properties
Ambassadors
Neighborhood people (HOA, road, small developments) coordinators like Sarah
Divided Trout Lake into zones to make it workable

Mow 30 feet around house and keep green if possible
Developing contractor list

Collection of grants, $3-4000; MARS $30,000, 2 or 3 grants

Bill: could we get a chipper for clean-up days; have to sign up
Vern: Youth employment stipends for eg weed whacking? Regs for hiring kids

Plenty to do with just volunteers: newsletter; FireWise

Prescribed fire: Planned, skilled application of fire within a defined range
Mt Adams Prescribed Burn Assoc (PBA): Coalition, mutual support, training, equipment to borrow
Timeline: Planning: majority of time spent - consult, burn plan writing, assist with permitting, unit prep resources
Fire: equipment cache, volunteers & experienced staff; monitoring the burn
Review: after-action, plan additional entries to property
This is available to private properties

Patty: prescribed burns in partnership with FireWise saved homes in San Francisco

PBA
Learn & Burn workshops
Burn unit prep
Small landowner burn in Glenwood
Pile burning with Columbia Land Trust

Next steps - with Sarah
$4000 micro grant through FireWise USA
Join Mt Adams PBA
Learn & Burn Saturday May 17
Request prescribed fire site visit

Wendy: timeframe for neighborhood burns? Whatever community wants, where interests and priorities are
Oren: small cedars along driveway by his house need to be removed

Bilingual Brochures are in the Post Office

Charlie - DNR - wildfireready.com

Lyle Schools: Ann Varkados: 3/19 school board meeting. 3/19-3/21 conferences, early dismissal. 3/24-3/28 spring break.
Students of the month this month: Perseverance.
All Klickitat County school participating in safety drills during March. 1st week, planning. 2nd week, secure. 3rd week, lockdown. 4th week, evacuate & shelter. To prepare kids so they don't freak out.
4/12 Spring Carnival 11-2pm.
Still need subs: teachers, para, bus drivers
PTO 1st Tuesday at 5 pm.

Old Business

Spring Clean-up: Glenda Lovejoy: April 12 & 13, 9 am - 4 pm. Yard debris drop box from Columbia Gorge Disposal, delivery Thursday, pick up Tuesday after clean-up. 20-30 yard box.
3 containers from Republic for trash.
Need volunteers: no volunteer coordinator. Sharon will speak to her senior volunteers
Banner: $80 for 3x6; $110 for 4x8. Need a new one.
Oren moved that we get a 4x8 banner; Brian 2nd.
QR code to PayPal for donations; checks are also acceptable. For tax deduction, need to provide EIN number.
Website will have volunteer sign-up links.

EV Charging stations: Vern Harpole: Meeting this Friday: MCEDD and Kelly (property owner). Discussion to see if Kelly can provide matching funds to qualify for the grant.

Delta/sand bar: Bill Weiler: Plans will soon be completed regarding dredging the mouth of the Klickitat. Community meetings, UCD. Must deal with dredgings, either spread on sandbar or let go downstream.

Vern: Trying to get Klickitat County to sponsor crossing railroad tracks. Need to survey community for support and need Lyle Fire Department support as well.

Transportation Plan: Ron Harvey: bike, walk, road and sidewalks - to get funding need to be on that plan.
Also, Comprehensive Plan review; probably a 2-year plan; solar and battery storage standards

Brian: Where did you paint come from to cover up graffiti under bridge? Patty Elkins stated that community members provided their own paint

New Business

Appointment to LCC Position 1 open seat: Glenda Lovejoy: Oren moved that Jessica Smith be appointed to the 1st seat position on the Community Council. Position will expire this year then must be reelected to serve a full 3-year term. Marty 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Lyle Beautification: Wendy Luisi: Learning from Bill Weiler how to propose/write grants.
Tree planting - beautification: what is the community interested in?
Wendy's thoughts: tree planting locations: 1 parking lot where kite boarders park to provide shade; 2 Confluence Cafe lot - they would like some trees - more intentional, not just scattering of trees; 3 around Lyle Activity Center, maybe some fruit trees; 4 by the Merc and French's Farm; 5 perhaps some fruit trees in the in-lieu site if residents want them; 6 rows of trees along Hwy 14 through town.

A program, America in Bloom was suggested; they can provide national beautification grants.

County Comprehensive Planning outreach meeting: Dallesport May 1 6-8 pm sponsored by the Klickitat CountyPlanning Dept.

Suicide Prevention and Info
Lisa Baranek: attended last night (3/11/25); was very informative
Additional sessions: March 17 Klickitat Community Center; April 15 White Salmon Senior Services; childcare and dinner provided

Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Marty Denis

Lyle Community Council meeting
4.9.25
Called to order 6:39 pm

Greetings and introductions
All members present except Brian Pfealy; Glenda Lovejoy via Zoom

Lyle School update: Ann Varkados: April 12 School carnival 11am - 2pm; April 23 School board meeting; April 30 pictures; May 29 Art in the Park; June 6 Graduation; June 9 8th grade promotion

March was all about Honesty. Safety drills continue - all schools in Klickitat County; Lyle drills every Wednesday.
Still need teacher and para subs; bus drivers as well.

Treasurer report: no report

Lyle Fire Dept update: no report

Lyle Lions Club: no report

March minutes: Oren moved to approve; Wendy 2nd; all in favor.

Speakers
KPUD: Gwen Miller current GM; Russ Patton engineer; Vicente engineer in training; Brandon; Sharon; Doug Miller.
Sharon: Public rate meeting to discuss water and wastewater rates - May 20 at 3pm in Goldendale; and you can call in.
Brandon: Waste water system: $256,000 in bank. Projects, 2026: Sewer System videoing to find all problem areas. 2027-2028-2029 additional $25,000 potential repairs
2026: $50,000 software update to reprogram everything, mostly labor cost.
Last year $3/mo rate increase; next year $6/mo rate increase.
Loan will be paid off in 2026 - public works trust fund.
Current sewer system at 45% capacity now - approx 476 customers; capacity to 980, good to 2060.
Brandon (con't): Water system: $70,000 in bank - purchased equipment: reducer, sample stations. Projected new well cost forecast $900,000.
Russ Patton: his first job was here in Lyle 20 years ago on the new waste water treatment system. Current upper new well can handle entire city. Lower well not so great. No redundancy. Omeg well is the only well. Have water rights at the school property; can put in new well and pump up to reservoir. Creating report of current situation. Have new pump to install if necessary. Q?: Can rehab old well? Will check in fall, otherwise new well.
Oren: Q?: money, long process, 2.5+ years? Sharon: checking on inter funding loan to speed things up.
Russ: Trying to prevent long drawn out process
Brandon: good communication with Fire Department and Dispatch; he can monitor water levels from Goldendale now.
Sharon: Lead and copper service inventory - get water samples from each home, test for lead which leaches into water from pipe soldering. Will be required eventually and will need to be replaced. If you already know, tell KPUD.
Russ: Have not found lead service lines here yet; periodic random sampling. Marty: Q? Free testing or fee? If you ask for a test, there is probably a fee.
Oren: No water siren - didn't go off; would like redundancy. Russ: KPUD had to repurpose conduit to the siren so cannot use anymore.

KLASAC: Laura Bales - Klickitat Lyle Against Substance Abuse Coalition
Bill: All local community councils met at LAC today prior to our LCC meeting. One meeting per month. Bill attended today, met Laura.

Laura: Secretary; started 2013. Sheila Crapper is full time coordinator; could not attend tonight. KLASAC tries to meet every other month in Lyle or Klickitat. Student assistant professionals at both schools (SAP), Lyle-Michelle; Klickitat-Liz.
Programs: Project Northland - middle school prevention curriculum; Class Action - high school prevention curriculum.
Mainly prevention strategies: Family outreach night; Family game night; Family cooking night. Include parent classes, daycare and meal.
Executive committee also meets monthly; meetings have Zoom component.
Youth leadership group TADAA (Teens Advocating for Drug and Alcohol Awareness). Have taken kids to national conventions. 2024 - more outreach with other local communities. They also do training, for example the best way or most helpful way to say something.
Wendy: Q?: components? Family and Youth; adults. Q?: Counselors on staff? No, provide resources, eg current ongoing suicide prevention workshops with partners like the VA.

Old Business
Bill: Spring Cleanup this weekend: three trash dumpsters and one yard debris dumpster.
Wendy: signups; still need people for Sunday in specific slots.
Deb Draper: Chipper will be available in mid-may. Will come to your house and chip there.
Claire West: EV Stations; bid was accepted; finalizing contract next Monday at CEKC meeting.
Bill: Klickitat Delta update: 11 am Zoom meeting on Friday. No update on dredging yet. The Delta became DNR property when they got Balfour property. Several steps involved: permission, funding, Army Corps and Yakima Tribe will meet and decide.
Boat ramp: Jeff Hunter notified Bill that they are moving ahead on the boat ramp phase 2, probably next year. Pulling permits this year.
Wendy: Beautification: Lori Zoller has become involved in acquiring a grant. America in Bloom, a type of buy-in organization that helps communities beautify. Must apply now for next year. Potential source for funds: casinos.
Annick: Klickitat Trail parking lot: new light has been installed.

New Business
In agenda but not addressed at the meeting: LCC was awarded a micro grant of $3843 from DNR for Fire Risk Reduction. To fund event advertising, chipping mowing/weed-eating. Will happen after Spring Cleanup. Lisa Beranek will be coordinating with MARS in early June for the chipping crew. All pruning and cutting of material is expected to be completed before MARS crew comes to town. OK to get to work on fire risk reduction around your property. Still working on plans for mowing/weed eating crew. Watch for updates.

Comments/Concerns
Laurece: do something about speed limits; trucks still speeding through town.
Claire: “Community volunteers” painted paw prints leading to school. (In response to discussion about crosswalk near school on Centerville Hwy.
What about mural: Marty: Anna Barlow presentation in February: Toby Grubb in Portland is willing to do it and help fund but we need to put up some money. Marty would like to explore more local artists.
CEKC to finalize EV grant next Monday 10am -12pm meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:01pm

Amendment to the April minutes:
Pursuant to an email submitted by LCC member Brian Pfealy on April 7, 2025 to the Lyle Community Council at large, Brian has resigned from the Community Council effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted by Marty Denis, Secretary

Lyle Community Council meeting
5.14.25
Called to order 6:30 pm

Greetings and introductions
All members present except Oren Johnson; Jessica Smith via phone

Lyle School update: Julie Larson: May 29 Art in the Park, 5 - 7 pm; Graduation June 6 @ 6 pm; 8th Grade Promotion June 9; Athletic recognition June 10; Last day of school June 12. Music teacher taking students to jazz festival in Yakima.

Treasurer's report: Glenda Lovejoy: Deposit of $315, donations from Lyle Clean-up Days. Current balance $1319.81. We used tally counters to count the number of people who attended either the dumpster site or the Lyle Pile site; there were over 200 people who attended either site from Saturday to Sunday, April 12 & 13.

Lyle Fire Dept update: Patty Elkins: 14 calls in April, mostly medical; multiple fire alarms at the school; 7 vehicle accidents; 3 structure fires; burn pile calls.
Burn ban for the entire county will be activated as of June 2. Current fire chief is moving out of the area as of the end of June. Job description is posted on the website. Long list of expectations. There is a per diem; pays up to $10,000 plus benefits. Tender grant received; will get the truck in two years. Also working on a brush rig. Pursuing a grant for AED support on the fire department vehicles. New recruits and EMT recruits - district is working on coordinating countywide training. Residents are encouraged to check the criteria for outdoor burning on the Community Facebook page.

Lyle Lions Club/Museum: Terry Mills: Lions are providing cutlery and bowls for Art in the Park event. On 5/27, the music teacher is bringing 5th graders to sing for the Seniors at lunch. Easter egg hunt went great, lots of participation. First Saturday breakfast was well-attended with 132 people this month. Hotrods & Tacos event made $6674 from sale of tacos, silent auction and donations. Lions are only $9000 away from funding the reader board; the board is now on order and will be received in 8 - 12 weeks.
Twin Bridges Museum: Opening June 7 for the season; open every Saturday 12 - 5 through the summer.
Estate - Yard sale will be held on Friday, June 6 from 9 am - 4 pm and Saturday, June 7 from 8 am - 5 pm.

April minutes: Bill Weiler: moved to accept April minutes; Wendy seconded. All approved.

Old Business
Spring Clean-up review: Glenda et al: We almost filled all three dumpsters with trash and discarded items. Lyle Pile: it was great to see how much stuff didn't end up in the landfill. Lots of recycling; Girl Scouts collected clothing items for fabric.

Klickitat Delta update: Bill Weiler: nothing new to report. USFS owns the property. Will invite student Calista to the next meeting to present her research. Railroad only wants below grade access to the delta despite surface access at Doug's Beach. Yakima Nation: Fish restoration is top priority. Recreation is secondary. The Delta waters are so shallow that it's easy pickings on small fish. Dredging is planned: dredged spoils will either be allowed to drift downriver or will be pumped to augment both shores of the Delta. Yakima Nation owns the East shore. Calista emailed the railroad; they responded saying they prefer recreational access under the tracks. She has questions to ask Bill after the meeting tonight.

Lyle Beautification/Tree Planting: Wendy Luisi: No updates yet. A few grants are in the works.

New Business
Glenda: Vacant seat on the Lyle Community Council due to Brian Pfealy's resignation: appoint Matt Bynum? Patty highly approves of Matt's appointment. Motion to approve Matt's appointment: Bill Weiler. Wendy Luisi second. Unanimous approval of LCC board members present including Jessica by phone. Matt introduced himself to all present.

Appointment of new Treasurer: postpone to next meeting.

Patty Elkins inquired as to progress on the mural project: Marty Denis stated that she has contacted Lee Sekaquaptewa, a local Native artist, to develop some sketches or drawings and forwarded to him the results of the survey undertaken

last spring for inspiration. Patty noted that there is a new mural being produced for the White Salmon Wildflower Fest. Terry noted that there were lots of people who came to the taco & car event who don't usually attend these events.

Fire Risk Reduction: Brochures available online; sign-up is due by May 31 for chipping in June. Registration is available online at the LCC website, lylewa.com. Chipping is available only to residents of the Lyle Fire District #4. A volunteer list is being compiled on the website for resources such as mowing, limbing, etc. There is also a list for people to get chips from those who had the service done but don't want or need all of their chips. Glenda stated that she would like us to coordinate with other localities for all aspects of the clean-up annually.

Columbia Gorge Cat Rescue: Glenda Lovejoy: Their phone number is out of service; their website has a Hood River address for the 501-C3. They hold cat care clinics here every three weeks, The program was started in 2007; over 6300 cats have been spayed or neutered. This service is 100% funded by private donations. They don't have a shelter; people shouldn't bring kittens to be adopted. But there is a stray/feral kitten foster program. They partner with Petco and their pet adoption program. The Cat Rescue only has 3-4 volunteers now, contact them through the website to volunteer: clinics, administration, trapping, lots of jobs. They possibly will close down over the winter months in the future. Also, with Petco pets can be publicized if lost or found. Q: will it become an issue if OLESS loses the rent? A: Probably, yes.

Projected for June meeting: Juliet Pouillon will try to come and bring the CEO from Skyline Hospital. It's important for him to hear from the EMS people.

General comments
Bill Weiler: He has been attending the Klickitat County Community Council meetings. All CC's support parks and they want to focus on working on a grant for parks in all the towns. Must pull parks from the Comprehensive Planning documents in order to receive a grant that can be sought for improvements to existing county parks; every community has a parks issue and this seems more expedient than waiting for the Comprehensive Plan to be fully updated.

Glenda Lovejoy: Most of the town on county water and sewer received a letter from KPUD. People on private wells and septic were not included. There will be a rate meeting on May 27 at KPUD regarding the entire county, for example rate changes. The 2025 increase of $3/month for water and the 2025 increase of $6/month for sewer amount to a 10% increase over previous rates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marty Denis, Secretary

Lyle Community Council
6.11.25
Called to order at 6:35 pm

Greetings and introductions
All members present: Glenda Lovejoy; Bill Weiler; Oren Johnson; Matt Bynum; Marty Denis; Wendy Luisi; Jessica Smith

Special announcement by Bill: Transportation access has been approved for our area between Bingen and Wishram along Highway 14.

Lyle School Update: Ann Varkados temporarily unavailable. Glenda reported that tomorrow is the last day of school.

Treasurer's Report: Glenda: no activity for the month.

Lyle Fire Dept Update: Patty Elkins: 15 calls for the month of May: 2 fires (one structure, one wildland); 7 medical calls; 2 vehicle crashes; 3 false alarms at the school; 1 report of smoke.
Rowena wildfire that started today, apparent cause is a train creating sparks. Fire is at least 1000 acres now. Also two wildfires near Carson today.
We can get information on social media: Columbia Gorge Wildland & Fire Information Page on Facebook is extremely accurate. Watch Duty app is also an excellent resource.

Lyle Lions Club: Terry Mills: Lyle Schools staff appreciation breakfast; 32 people were served including all teachers and staff. The 8th grade held a sleepover on May 30. Students played music for the Tuesday lunch at the Lions Club; was very well received.
Breakfast was slow this month, possibly due to several local graduations and a few funerals in the area.
Lions provided silverware and bowls for the school Art in the Park event.
New bracing needs to be installed to support the reader board, which is underway.

Lyle School Update: Ann Varkados (no longer unavailable): May recognition for elementary students. High school graduation was held on June 6 with 9 grads; speeches by valedictorian and salutatorian. A beautiful evening.
Eighth grade promotion was held Monday night.
Field day was held today; tug-o-war, relay races, and the kids got wet.
Bus drivers are still needed: perfect time to apply, summer training is paid for.
Athletics: athletes were able to compete at the U of O stadium. Awards banquet was held last night.

Terry Mills: Museum update: yard sale went well. Museum is now open Saturdays from 12 - 5.

Speaker
Matt Kollman, CEO at Skyline Health: The hospital received an appropriation of $1 million from the state, hoping for another $3 million through the Agriculture Dept (Federal). Designated for an approximately $6 million upgrade of available space for surgery. Surgery program is growing. Hoping for another appropriation from the state next year.
Hospital goals: great healthcare and great jobs.
Evolving clinical program: Stroke robot - OHSU neurologists guide local attending doctors to do what is required while having access to the patient via the robot. Mammography has an excellent diagnostician.
Sneak preview of the report that is coming out in July or August which tells the story of Skyline in numbers and stories.
Skyline is in Public Hospital District 2 in Klickitat County. The primary service area is defined by Medicare. 23,875 people in the county are served. 15% total volume comes from Oregon. (Lots more statistics were provided)
Challenges; mostly positive comments from patients especially from the Emergency Department. The hospital is committed to providing quality services otherwise they won't do it.
Skyline is strong financially. They feel that a primary job is to provide advocacy for state and federal reforms.
Very collaborative with One Community Health.
Skyline Clinic has 4 primary care physicians.
Mental health/alcohol-related services: they work closely with Klickitat County Health. Overall strategy is to support county services. The hospital will try to hire a psychiatrist who can prescribe, including alternative medicines.
"We're proud of everything we do. Better never stops."
CT personnel available 24/7. Fast door to intervention time regarding strokes.
Recruiting: lack of affordable housing and childcare are limiting factors

Guidelines for rural health clinics: 51% has to be primary care.

Old Business
Bill/Wendy: Delta Report: Bill Sharp was invited but did not attend.
Callista: home-schooled student: read us her essay that is entered for a contest; she feels it's her responsibility to bring this to the attention of LCC. The Delta is used for water sports such as kiteboarding. Accessing the Delta by crossing the railroad tracks is a misdemeanor. She has talked to railroad personnel; it would cost between $1 million - $20 million to provide access to the Delta for underpass or overpass. Must apply to Utilities Commission.

Mural report: Marty: We have engaged artist Lee Sepaquaptewa to create a concept design; she showed the design to attendees and the council members who all appreciated the vibrant colors and creativity. Marty, Julie Larson and Kelly (owner of Lyle Market) met last week to look at the design and plan what's next. We decided to try to meet with Lee on either June 16 or 17 to discuss the design; meeting is scheduled for June 17. Kelly was very impressed with the design and now wants to have the east-facing side of the building painted concurrently with the south-facing side. She would like to see sports and wildlife on the south-facing side and community and culture on the east-facing side. She will pay the $200 stipend that Marty and Julie were going to pay Lee as well as a $200 stipend for the new wall design.

Chipping Report: Glenda: chipping was performed at seven addresses; generally very well received. A glitch: the chipper provided was smaller than the one expected so some larger logs could not be chipped up. We may collaborate with High Prairie and Appleton next year or perhaps every other year; to be determined. Lisa and Glenda will start planning in October for next year. There is room for growth especially if we have the bigger chipper.

Charging Stations Report: Vern via Glenda: Construction is slated to start in a couple of weeks and should be completed by the end of August.

New Business
Appointment of new Treasurer: Glenda: asked for a volunteer; Marty volunteered. Motion to appoint Marty as Treasurer and add her as a signer on the existing checking account: Oren so moved. Bill seconded. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Washington Gorge Action Programs: Glenda: The published report identified several areas of community needs in Klickitat and Skamania Counties. There are many unmet or poorly met needs in our communities.

Klickitat County Services: Glenda: Sharon Carter is looking for volunteers for the Klickitat County Senior Advisory Board. There are three openings available and they are looking for representation from Commissioner District 2 which is our district.

Comments/concerns for the good of the community
Patty: Fire Chief Dave McCune is retiring as of the end of the month. Would be much appreciated if people would express their gratitude via social media or personally via email to chief@lylefire.com or via mail at PO Box 63, Lyle WA 98635. No replacement has been found yet.

Laurece: Traffic was very slow today due to the volume because of the closure of I-84 from the Rowena fire, but usually semi trucks go too fast. Would like something to be done. LCC discussion revolved around what we have asked for.

May minutes approval: Bill so moved, Oren seconded. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by Marty Denis, Secretary

Lyle Community Council
8.13.25
Called to order 6:30 pm
All council members present. Several community members present.

Greetings and introductions: Glenda welcomed Brian Beaulaurier to our meeting.
Speaker
Brian Beaulaurier, Interim District 4 Fire Chief until October 31. Appointed to succeed Chief McCune upon his retirement in June.
Brian has been with the Lyle fire department for about 9 years. Shout-out to the volunteers who had to quit protecting their own homes during the Burdoin Fire (began 7.18.25) to protect residents' property. "Truly amazing"
We will see smoke occasionally until late fall or early winter when the rain/snow comes. He didn't have actual numbers, but there are 2 - 7 calls per day for smoke investigation. He is "really looking forward to winter."
Barbara Robinson: Attended county commissioner meeting yesterday (8.12.25). Since Lyle is unincorporated, we must rely on the County for ordinances. She recognizes dangers to Lyle and especially to the school. Wondered what if kids are in school and a fire started - How would they evacuate students if a fire burned on Keasey Ave? Keasey is lined with lots of very flammable weeds. Other exit is Johnson which is very narrow.
County is looking at new ordinances. She suggested that they could pass an ordinance that says anyone with a vacant lot must either control grass/weed growth themselves or the county could do it and charge double what it costs because fines don't work - people pay the fine and ignore the rest; perhaps fees as a lien on the property.
Oren Johnson: Easiest to get the county to come and mow whenever residents don't.
Barbara R: Perhaps grants are available to put in hardened retaining walls along Keasey to protect from grass overgrowth?
Tracy McCune: Talked about start of Burdoin Fire. She also asked Brian B if he thought it was a conflict of interest that he owned a fire truck, a water tanker, and mobile bathrooms. Brian clarified that he has a red truck (previously a fire truck that was surplussed) and the other equipment that is property of his personal business. He also clarified that he is a volunteer firefighter and has to make a living like anyone else.
Oren J: Asked whether Lyle Fire was involved with any structure fires: Brian replied affirmatively.
Bill Weiler: Fire crossed river at his house near Oliver Point; Brian B called in fire departments and Skamania was first on scene. Had 20 units at his property!

Glenda Lovejoy: Lisa Baranek attended a 9 agency meeting on 8.12.25; asked Glenda to share information and to post Lyle Community Council's website: lylewa.com. Asked people to sign up for LCC communications and to please open emails even if they don't read them.
There is lots going on behind the scenes, for example erosion control post-fire.
If you haven't, please take the district damage survey, linked via the website; this helps agencies make plans.
Chipper/yard debris days - if you want to reduce fuels on your property please contact LCC via email lylewa@gmail.com or through the website. Money is still available for one more chipper day either this fall or early next spring.

Lyle School District: Ann Varkados: Aug 18 High School parent meeting for Football and Volleyball; Aug 19 sports physicals available at Lions Club parking lot - check school website for times; Aug 25-26 teacher training; Aug 27 grades 1 - 12 first day; Sept 2 first day for PreK and Kindergarten. Sept 11 first home volleyball game; Sept 19 first home football game; Sept 24 Picture day.
The school has been repainted; will soon have a new, more welcoming sign and will match new paint. New swing set being installed; financed/fundraising by classified employees.
School has applied for emergency grants, eg applied for new fire alarm system, was denied. Hard for school to get Federal funds, easier to get state funds. Maybe attention from fire will help. A disaster was not declared; a person from emergency prep said we need 200 houses burned to declare a disaster.
School teamed with Lions for resources for people affected by the fire. Will continue to look for grants regarding fire safety.
Oren J: Suggested a significant generator for operations and lights, water etc in loss of power.
DNR used the building for firefighters to shower etc. They brought in potties.
Patty Elkins: From her observations: kudos to Ann!
Bill W: Offered to help Ann re: grants

Treasurer's report: Marty Denis: As of July 31, balance was $1419.81; no deposits or checks drawn.
Lyle Fire Dept update: no report

Lyle Lions Club/Museum update: Terry Mills: Museum fundraiser dinner on Sept 20. Lions: Reader board is up, there is a learning curve to figure out how to do/use everything. The reader board is fully paid for ($50,000) through grants and donations.
The August First Saturday breakfast raised $9000; all funds are earmarked to help fire victims; $5500 disbursed so far. 221 people attended (normally ~120); Lyle Celebration Center also raised funds and the Lions and church are working together.
Recovery workshop on Aug 6 - communications not great between agencies; may do another in 2-3 months. County won't share names of victims so Lions can assist them - please encourage victims to contact Lions for assistance.
Oren J: Who is in charge of the reader board? Terry: should email Lions and someone will contact you. Will be able to do lots of things once they figure it all out.

Emily Steele: Does "Process Work"; wants to do healing/support/come together for Lyle.
Matt Bynum: He has space at the Cafe - room for small groups. It was suggested that she could help the firefighters re: fire-related personal anxiety. Glenda will share contact info with her.

July minutes approval: Oren moved to approve, Marty seconded (minutes were compiled by Bill and Wendy). Unanimous approval.

Old Business
Klickitat Delta: no report

Mural Project: Marty Denis: Committee has met July 18 and August 8. At July meeting, Kelly (owner of Lyle Market) asked Lee Sekaquaptewa (artist) to design additional concept for East-facing wall of store in addition to the South-facing wall. Discussed adding salmon, fox, coyote, bluebird, wind/water sports. August meeting: Lee brought Nick Furey (Husum resident) who has experience and can fundraise locally. Lee estimates that the mural will cost about $17,000 for both walls. He showed a list of paints and explained that the cost includes his fees, wall prep, the paint colors, UV protective layer and anti-graffiti treatment.

New Business
Postponed Sharon Carter from Klickitat County Senior Services to September.

Floor was opened to fire discussion. A large discussion ensued regarding the Burdoin Fire. Glenda explained a lot of the processes. Marty recapped August 6 community meeting at Lions with County Commissioners; she described their uncertainty of whether their house still stood. Their Ting plug-in unit kept reporting status of power outages so they knew the house was still there. Marty recommended that everyone should have a Ting. Oren upset that he received no evacuation notifications; Julie offered to help him sign up. Tracy McCune reported that she heard Jeff King report that approximately $15 million has been spent on fire suppression thus far and expected it would take about the same to finish up the necessary work to finish the required work. Tracy suggested that some of the remediation money should go to victims.

Chance, a teacher and track coach from the school, gave an update re: plans to add a track at the football field and pickleball and basketball courts to the green space at the Lyle Activity Center. Wendy Luisi voiced that there needs to be some collaboration re: plans for the green space, as she's already met with OLESS.

Wendy Luisi: Community Councils meeting at LAC today. Pat Arnold (Trout Lake Council Chair) and Evan, the senior Klickitat County Planner, provided a format for each town to report preliminary Parks Plan-Existing Conditions; to compile statistics, eg number of people per park acreage, and to revise outdated Park Plan goals as best we can. This is only a draft version that will help councils become familiar with all that goes into the Comprehensive Plan, and to support a possible future grant endeavor, that will be submitted in February, if we are able to complete all the parts.
Breaking ground for EV chargers at Lyle Market next Monday. Should be completed by end of September.

Jessica Smith announced she is running for Lyle School Board.
Oren stated that he has seen several large cats up in his area.
Bill mentioned that a neighbor used a leaf blower to direct the fire away from her house and may have saved the house.
Glenda described how watching 8 planes can be filling from the river in 4 minutes, dump load and return in 2 minutes to refill. They did this for hours on the Burdoin Fire.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Lyle Community Council
9.10.25
Called to order 6:37 pm
All council members present except Oren Johnson. Jessica Smith by Zoom.

Greetings and introductions: 17 guests and community members.

Matt: Motion to approve minutes; Bill seconded. Approved.

Lyle School Update: Ann Varkados:
- Sept 24 special board meeting - interviews for candidates for Board position vacated by Dan Smith; September 17 applications should be submitted or nominations made;
- Enrollment 169; K12 +9 students, Transitional-K +8 students;
- Playground upgrades: swings, 2 tether balls; landscaping done by Brewster Landscaping;
- Job openings: need subs for bus drivers and teaching; have custodial and art;
- Volleyball and football games scheduled

Lyle Fire: Patty Elkins:
- Over 31 calls in August;
- 17 smoke investigation;
- Please call if you see "smoke;"
- 4 fire; 3 fire investigation; 6 medical; no car crashes;
- Wahkiakus Fire Chief/EMT was lost; huge memorial celebration on Sunday September 7

Twin Bridges Museum: Terry Mills:
- Museum is open on Saturdays in September 12-5;
- Sept 20: Spaghetti dinner 5-7 pm

Lyle Lions Club: Terry Mills:
- August: 110 for breakfast;
- Sept 27: Hotrods & Hamburgers fundraiser for Christmas boxes;
- Lions International grant $15,000, Cattle Women $200; Fire Victims fund $3500
- About $18,000 has been given out or designated

Speakers
Sharon Carter: MAT, Klickitat Senior Services:
- Connector route through Lyle; MCEDD matching funds, Washington State Department of Transportation;
- Mon-Fri: 2 routes Goldendale to The Dalles, White Salmon to Hood River with Gorge Transit;
- Connector Bus will come from Pioneer Center in White Salmon with stops in White Salmon, Bingen; stop at the trailhead parking lot; stop at Lyle Market or elsewhere; Murdock; connect to Dallesport or WatersEdge;
- LINK has new routes in The Dalles; CAT in Hood River; Lyle connector will travel in both directions; people want access to Skyline, One Community Health, WatersEdge, Community College;
- Start date TBD; need vehicle, drivers; Cost is $1.00 per any trip; Best option is Gorge Transit pass, $40/calendar year; works on all fixed routes; Columbia Gorge Express is $10;
- Still want/need feedback regarding stops;
- Lyle will have 4 runs/day 7am - 7 pm; 14 passenger capacity; a good problem if more people ride;
- Dial-a-ride is still available
- Fixed route is challenging to fund and for logistics;
- Promotion at Senior meal sites; Senior newsletter; radio spots; Gorge News; Lyle Community Council; brochures with schedules; gorgetransit.com
- Travel trainer works with WAGAP, other services; farmers markets, other events; youth groups; Field trips to teach youth, seniors how to use; help with planning a route, eg to get to PDX.
- Amtrak stops in Wishram, Bingen.

Kathy Fitzpatrick: MCEDD: Needs analysis: how do people get to a stop/access? Crosswalks? Bike lanes? Really need to know needs - needs analysis - then go out for grant money; grants for sidewalks etc.

Kellie Fenton: David Evans & Assoc: Mid-Columbia Active Transportation Needs Assessment project; how do people get around? Fill in gaps. Must document need in counties to apply for grants. Create a better network. Five-county survey handouts WA/OR, all present filled out surveys.
Q: Bill: lower speed limits? A: yes, that too.
Sharon: Survey provides more weight for needs of multi-county area - for funding.
Discussion re: traffic-slowing devices: roundabouts, flashing speed signs, curb bump outs.

Dan Richardson: Underwood Conservation District:
- Non-regulatory; wildfire mitigation;
- Sent out surveys: conducting rapid assessments: forest/trees/farmland
- Fire came through really fast with a light touch; but did burn some homes, other outbuildings;
- What to do? Thin? Most people should just leave the land alone;
- Pines less hardy especially if fire burned all the way up to top;
- Plan to offer chipping this fall, please wait to cut up wood (beetles)
- Most people just want a new pair of eyes on their property
- FSA, Farm Service Agency - replacing fencing; generous 75% cost share;
- DNR still getting resources together; will repair damage caused by firefighters (ie, ponds drained, fencing cut)
- Remove pines all at once if needed during winter.

Q: Did homes that were lost follow or contradict FireWise? A: Reducing fire hazards always yields better results; Often it's embers, not direct fire; People who have done the work benefitted; eg: Leaves in gutters vs tree nearby,

Lisa B: in High Prairie on Sept 15, DNR will present wildfire mitigation.

Q: Erosion after fire? What do to prepare? If organic matter is still there, probably ok. Smaller acreage - can lay wheat-free straw if concerned about erosion.
Q: Do deciduous trees catch embers to prevent fire access on houses? A: Dan: I have a bias against evergreens. Walk around your property, if you could flick a match and a fire could start, move that away from your house. Earlier fire seasons; longer, dryer summers. Any tightly packed community should think about it: be mindful. Make your places harder to ignite.
Q: Can you make recommendations about planting around homes? A: yes absolutely.

MacKenzie Aamodt: Columbia River Gorge Commission: re: Permitting; CRGC
- Process: need to apply for permit to build if you live in the scenic area. Coordinating with county to expedite permitting.
- Review: submit application to generate notice to public to generate federal analysis to generate permits.
- Apply within two years to replace structure. Can take up to 10 years to replace.
- Fastest: like for like replacement; can be up to +10% footprint. May need survey.
- Metal roofs ARE allowed; color and texture must comply.
- To rebuild a different house - fill out formal application.
- Prioritizing Burdoin fire victims,
- Allowing emergency temporary housing.
- We recognize that properties are unique: come talk to us.
- Management plan amendments: lengthen timeline; submit comments about your experiences with rebuilding; trying to make plan as useful as possible.

Old Business
Was skipped.

New Business

Comments: Laurece: Some kids were noticed on the roof of the LAC; they got into the building; Julie Larson will look into it and follow up.

Meeting adjourned: 8:37 pm
Next meeting: Oct 8, 2025

Lyle Community Council General Meeting
11.12.25

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm. All council members in attendance except Oren Johnson who was ill. Bill Weiler attended via Zoom. Thirteen members of the public in attendance.

No minutes for month of October: Candidates' Night

Ann Varkados: Lyle Community Schools Update:
Fall concert is tonight; the new music teacher is fantastic
Nov 13 - Basketball parents meeting scheduled
Nov 17 - Basketball practice begins
Nov 20 - 25 - Early release and Conferences
Nov 26 - 28 - No school: Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Days
Enrollment: 169 students in K-12; actual enrollment 173.6 students in K-12; 9 in TK
Bookmobile Nov 19 & Dec 3
Volunteer: Parents and community members are always welcome to volunteer. Required: volunteer application and background check.
Substitutes: still looking for kitchen and custodial subs.
Bus drivers: Mid-Columbia Transportation Cooperative looking for sub bus drivers for Lyle hub. Paid training.
Cougar athletics: Local fire dept and county EMS sent them off in style; lost in first round; they played with heart and grit

Patty Elkins: Lyle Fire Dept Update:
For month of October, 8 medical and 5 fire/smoke investigation for High Prairie and Lyle - smoke was from prescribed burns; more burns are planned
Oct 1: Alarm at school
Nov: Numerous alarm calls at the school
Lyle Fire is trying to become more connected to the community
Justin Ramsay: Asst Chief, Acting Chief; joined 2004: EMS, Fire Fighter 1 & 2, Wildland fires; well-respected; commitments to family prevent him from becoming chief.
Dec 31: Patty is stepping away.

Terry Mills: Lyle Lions:
Working on food boxes for Christmas; applications now being accepted;
Donations of food and money are being accepted.
Terry Mills: Twin Bridges Museum:
Had a good year

Marty Denis: Treasurer's Report
Cash on hand $1419.81; Mural Balance $3552; total $4971.81

Speaker
Benjamin Briggs: White Salmon Valley Pool
Design completed 2023; submitted for permits; approved by state; waiting on county approval
Pool at same campus as High School and Middle School
Huge cost escalation from 2020 - now at $8.4 million (doubled since COVID pandemic)
$2.8 million RCO grants; now focusing on private fundraising; trying for $1 million by end of year
Plan to break ground next year
Nov 13 at WS Elks - open house 4 - 7 pm
Q re: memberships: similar to other local fees; Park District - In district White Salmon Valley minus Underwood; out of district - all else
Raise awareness: new urgency other than construction cost increases: Time constraints on RCO grants which are on a two-year funding cycle

Public hearing in Jan/Feb 2026;
Hope to reduct cost of project by having construction companies offer services at cost
Estimated 13,000 people in service area: Trout Lake, Underwood, White Salmon, Lyle
Interview is posted on their website for more information

Old Business
Bill Weiler: Klickitat Delta: Forest Service contacts not available due to govt. shutdown
Marty Denis: Mural Project: Going to go to CEKC tomorrow to find out about 5% fee and what they need for us to apply for grants

New Business
Elections: No updated secret ballot method; Zoom participants shall message directly to Claire to ensure privacy

Santa Night: Typically first weekend in December; Coordinate with High School games schedule, no game Dec 13; Oren loves this event, let's involve him without putting pressure on him
Glenda wants to coordinate with Lions to find out about food donations, $ donations
Need to expand support beyond LCC; Glenda will call Barb, email Kristen

Food Pantry: Some community interest in this
Julie Larson and Lisa Baranek are trying to understand needs in our community
Put together small group (Neighbor2Neighbor)
Feel that LCC would/could be umbrella
Maybe partner with WAGAP
Lisa B: Resources exist; exciting opportunity to get involved
Bill W: Klickitat County advisory Board - this is right up their alley
Ann V: Frustrated that no services exist in Lyle; WAGAP hours are not helpful; Will be easier to have services come to Lyle
Julie L: Resource (people) list is put together; phone line is already live

Glenda: Need motion to form subcommittee to assess need, need council member on subcommittee; Matt B: so moved; Wendy L, Jessica S, Marty D seconded; Passed unanimously.
Need to ask WAGAP whether there is a magic number of clients to have them come to Lyle
Glenda L: Coat drive; has 12 bags of coats previously collected; can hand out/collect coats at Santa Night

Jessica S: why are cell phones being weird? Solar/electromagnetic flares?

Bill W: Eagle Days - End of January/first week of February

Jessica S: Bring back "Pioneer Days" rebrand as "Salmon Days"

Wendy L: Will join Santa event; Handing in transport surveys soon; Council has no say over location of bus stops;
Eve Eiderwell: Having a hard time getting in touch with the Merc regarding bus stop; Starting to interview for drivers

Wendy L: Re: Grant money - was designated for EV stations; could not have been used for anything else.

Election results: Jessica Smith: elected to Position 1
Matt Bynum: elected to Position 2

Adjourned at 8:03 pm
Respectfully submitted by Marty Denis, Secretary

Lyle Community Council Meeting Minutes
12.10.25

Called to order at 6:40 pm. Eleven people attending. Council members present: Glenda Lovejoy, Marty Denis, Matt Bynum, Oren Johnson, Jessica Smith; Bill Weiler and Wendy Luisi attending on Zoom.

Community Reports
Lyle Fire update: Brian:
Got Little Red back after rebuild by students at The Dalles High School at cost; Not ready for Santa yet, needs new tires etc.
Received $100,000 grant from DNR for new truck
Eight new volunteers in training: great energy at the department
185 calls to date, not including Burdoin fire
Jessica Q: accept learn & burn buildings, eg trailers?
A: low likelihood: asbestos, etc. Send email to inquire. Forest learn & burn program.
Bill Comment: fabulous process done at his house

Lyle Lions update: Terry:
Food baskets, 106 last year, 131 so far this year.
Spent over $11,000 buying food; Dallesport food collection and their church donations; donations of food and money; Lyle School cereal drive; superintendent and friend also donated.
Start packing up food on December 12; distribution December 20.
All money donated goes back into the community.

Lyle Schools update: Ann:
Holiday program tonight: K-5th grade; great turnout; Santa surprise visit.
Secondary students had program earlier.
Enrollment December: 175 students, more than budgeted. 12 TK
November theme: gratitude
Schoolwide ornament-making: PreK - 12th grade
1st and 2nd graders visited Senior Lunch at Lyle Lions: well-received.
Need subs for kitchen, custodial, bus drivers.
Athletics: on to basketball now. One senior (Jack Thiemann) has achieved 1000 career points; another (Carson Ramsay) is close.
Running the levy in February.

November minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business
Treasurer report: Marty:
Total cash on hand: $5971.81; Mural balance $4552.00

Delta report: Bill: all quiet

Lyle Market: Kelly Ma:
Market may be restricted from accepting USDA/SNAP cards for six months due to selling unqualified items to an investigator three times since the summer. Restriction would be bad for the community and bad for business. Need a letter of support within 10 days by December 19.
Oren motion: should do letter; Marty seconded.
Julie Larson comment: This probably falls under Food Stamp fraud.
Jessica, Julie, and Claire volunteered to see to the matter.

Mural project report: Marty
We have been offered a $1000 donation if we can get new donations to that amount.
Kelly has paid for a banner in the store.

Santa Night update: Glenda, Marty, Jessica:
Need three coatracks; Jessica is cleaning all the coats; will grab extras from lost & found at the school.
10 trees will be donated for residents to take home.
Marty has donated a new backdrop and frame for Santa Night.
Jessica and friends have put together awesome goodie bags.

Glenda: 8 years ago today, Lyle Community Council was re-founded, thanks to Julie and Oren. A facilitator helped organize. Spaghetti dinner in 2017.

New Business
Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N): Julie:
A phone number has been set up; leave messages and texts; match up with donors, Lions, Pastor Shannon.
Mini-pantry through OLESS; need MOU with LCC.
How to make community aware of One Community Health/La Clinica van? Through schools, Lions, church.
Matt: paring La Clinica with food is a great idea; coffee and cookies
Julie: Community, connecting with people
Shannon: community breakfast; have snacks at La Clinica; soup at LAC? Ideas
Oren: Day and time is important
Matt: A good place to start: build on things; we can hand out flyers.

Oren: twinkle lights, zipties etc need reimbursement. Estimated $100-150

Spring Cleanup: Glenda:
April 11-12; has grant form to fill out for dumpsters; working with Lisa Baranek;
3 trash dumpsters and one compost dumpster
Need large volume of volunteers for all sites

Laurece: Street light go out or cycle off and on; what to do? Glenda: Call in tag number on pole