

Notes from Jan 14th LCC work shop, in lieu of Public Meeting. All members present except Jessica due to conflict with School Board work shop. Marty was OOT but listened and participated via cell phone speaker. Laurece Bonham did not see any of the notifications that we had cancelled the regular public mtg, and showed up. She subsequently opted to leave when she learned it was a workshop. Of note, LCC needs to do a better job of notifications for those that do not use email or social media. Lori Zoller, KC Commissioner for our district also showed up and opted to stay, and announced that in response to the damages caused by the Rowena and the Burdoin fires, the Gorge Commission has created an expedited review process for those that are planning to rebuild in the same foot print, and in addition, they have 10 years to do it in now.

In response to the request to change LCC meetings to a Tues or Thurs, it was decided by a majority vote to keep the meeting scheduled for the 2nd Wed of the month. Currently the planning meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning at 6:30 pm. There was no discussion about changing the date or time of this mtg.

A 2 hour discussion commenced, identifying issues, suggestions for changes, and identification of current regular LCC community activities, as well as discussion of creating a Mission Statement and a Strategic Plan, as well as a process for discussion and to provide guidance to LCC in re: to determining if proposals or requests are deemed appropriate for LCC action or need to be declined/possibly referred elsewhere. Lori Zoller offered assistance via connections with an outside 3rd party to develop a Strategic Plan.

- Current regular activities: Spring Clean Up, Santa Night, Trunk or Treat.
- A project that happened surprisingly quickly, and is a positive for the Lyle Community is the clean up and grading of the area at the boat ramp.
- A need for regular fundraising and a regular community event was mentioned again, e.g. Go Fly a Kite.
- Re-engaging and following up on the Brainstorming sessions that Wendy and Jessica led in the summer of 2025 was identified as a need, as a means to better connect with our community as a whole, and get more community participation with/in LCC meetings.
- The need for sidewalks was mentioned again.

The Mural Project, N2N, and Kelly's request for support re: the possible shutting of SNAP/EBT benefits for 6 months as punishment for ongoing errors with The Merc following EBT regulations were identified as problematic in re: to the process and how they moved forward and are currently rather vaguely attached to LCC without a lot of clarity about what's going on.

Work shop adjourned after 2 hours, with some homework assigned: consider what our mission is and work on building a Mission Statement; bring to the mtg next week ideas about a process we can use to guide us to better communicate and clarify proposals/requests to better avoid the current frustrations we have about the above mentioned projects; bring any new ideas about projects/events for our community.

Notes from Jan 21st LCC work shop: Bill OOT, Matt unavailable, Jessica and Marty attended via Zoom. This workshop is a continuation of Jan 14th workshop. In efforts to better understand the conflicts raised about the Mural Project, Kelly's request for support to avoid a 6 month EBT ban due to repeated errors resulting in fraud, and the N2N project and the request for LCC to sign MOU with OLESS, we focused specifically on these 3 issues.

The primary issue seems to be that decisions are made based primarily on whether or not LCC likes the idea or not, and there is not adequate communication about the project/proposal/request before it's off and running with 1 or 2 LCC members and community volunteers. In the case of a letter being written about the possibility of The Merc/the community losing EBT benefits for 6 months, the time line of needing a response within 10 days was such that time was of the essence. There was no opportunity for review a letter in a public meeting before the situation would default to an automatic loss of EBT for 6 months in Lyle.

- **Mural Project:** Marty and Julie have done considerable work on this. It is now recognized that it would have been helpful to have further discussions with Kelly to clarify vision, roles, funding, and develop a timeline. We are now at the point where LCC is in need of clarification of this information, given that it was not addressed before now. Efforts to get an MOU of sorts, perhaps a contract with Kelly, explore insurance needs for the project will be underway in the very near future.
- **Neighbor to Neighbor:** Given the cancellation of SNAP benefits across the country, and the closing of the WAGAP food bank in Lyle awhile ago, the need for food support in our community was identified and brought to the November 2025 LCC mtg. Julie Larsen and Marty volunteered to further explore this and seek additional community volunteers to address this. At the December LCC mtg, there was mention that this group had spoken with OLESS about the idea of building a Mini Pantry to be placed at the Lyle Activity Center. OLESS would have the say about design and placement on the Mini Pantry, and they requested an MOU with LCC to clarify upkeep, cleaning up, and management of the Mini Pantry. At the December mtg, the group also discussed further efforts to connect neighbors in need with neighbors who have time/skills/ability to offer a variety of things

such as yard work, transportation, etc. Posters have been put up around Lyle that indicate N2N is sponsored by LCC, before the MOU has been able to be discussed and voted upon. In addition, we discovered that LCC also is the abbreviation for Lyle Celebration Center, who is also organizing a community pantry. LCCNeighbor2Neighbor has started a FaceBook page, and there has been a bit of confusion about which LCC is N2N and which is the Church's food pantry. In speaking with Shannon Bren , Pastor at LCC on 1/23, he is not concerned about duplication of services, and notes that Lyle Celebration Center is working towards fixing up the space in their meeting room area and to set things up so that they would have regular hours that their pantry would be open with volunteer support vs what they are doing now, where people call in and make an appointment to stop in.

Again, further communication about goals and roles and methods initially before jumping into action would have provided the Council with a better sense of scope, roles, as well as a better understanding.

- **Letter re: SNAP/EBT benefits:** Kelly attended the December LCC mtg to request LCC support in the form of a letter from LCC in response to a letter she got from the State of WA advising her that they were going to be banning the use of SNAP in her store for 6 months due to fraudulent use of EBT cards. In this particular case, the 10 day timeline for response put the process in a time crunch. LCC did not initially have a full understanding of how many times Kelly/The Merc had been caught making an error. In particular, Wendy had an issue with the fact that fraud was happening and was concerned that LCC would repeat this support of Kelly/The Merc if she came to LCC in the future with a similar request. Marty clarified that the letter did note fraudulent behavior, and that Kelly and her staff needed to perhaps have more training and to be more vigilant. It was my position, as well as others in the workshop, that there would be no repeat of support in the case that the errors persisted. Major kudos to Marty for her further due diligence on the issue, and her careful drafting of a well written letter. It apparently worked, in that there is no planned 6 month suspension at this time.

As there was no opportunity for further discussion of this situation or the letter in a next LCC mtg, the Council would have benefitted from additional discussion/clarification so that all would have a clear understanding of the situation, and the concerns. Jessica noted that this letter wasn't written for Kelly, it was written for the benefit of Lyle community members who rely on The Merc and SNAP benefits.

Sincere thanks to everyone for their work in these workshops. It wasn't a cake walk for sure, but I think we got a lot done, and have come away with a better understanding of how we got where we are, and what to do to avoid frustrations like this in the future. I still think it would be great to come up with a Strategic Plan, and it might be really helpful to have outside help to create it.

Lyle Community Council Meeting Minutes

2.11.26

Called to order at 6:37pm. In attendance: Glenda Lovejoy, Marty Denis, Wendy Luisi, Oren Johnson
Members absent: Matt Bynum, Bill Weiler, Jessica Smith (A problem with Zoom prevented council members from accessing the meeting)

Approximately 30 additional attendees including people from Lyle, Dallesport, High Prairie and Goldendale

Special guest: Pat Arnold: working with other local community councils to create a recreation plan - what communities need - playgrounds etc, nothing about development. Creating survey to use to assist in applying for funding, asked attendees to fill it out. Two year funding cycle so this would be for money in the next cycle, 2027. Distributed form with QR code on it. Wishram and Dallesport have land for parks but no funding.

Ann Varkados was unable to provide a school update because of the Zoom snafu.

Treasurer's report: Marty Denis: Current balance according to statement \$5843.12, including a working balance of \$1141.12 and a current mural balance of \$4702.00.

Lyle Lions update: Terry Mills: 133 families received Christmas food boxes, feeding approximately 400 people. 128 attended the last Saturday Lions' breakfast.

Minutes required no corrections. Oren motioned and Marty seconded their acceptance. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Neighbor to Neighbor & MOU for Mini Pantry

There was considerable discussion concerning the Neighbor2Neighbor (N2N) program. Oren expressed concern regarding potential liability for council members, particularly regarding providing transportation for community members and is frustrated that N2N has not been tabled at this time. Wendy expressed considerable frustration regarding limited communication between LCC and N2N, and frustration with council processes/communications in general. She claimed that minutes are being provided through AI. Glenda rebutted that assertion.

Lisa Berenak, speaking on behalf of N2N reports that they have had conversations with the school and OLESS, and LCC signing an MOU would only pertain to the mini pantry. She clarified who is responsible for what. She stated 3 separate times during the meeting that the N2N volunteers are clear that they do not want to become a non-profit and have no interest in seeking or raising funds or accepting cash donations. She insists that they are not trying to duplicate available services, but such services tend to fall short in meeting the needs of local residents. Lisa clarified that the concept of N2N was brought to the council in October and that it was placed on the November agenda.

Comments from those in attendance: There is a food pantry at the church; why duplicate? Lisa reiterated that the role of N2N is not to replace or recreate efforts that are currently in place at WAGAP or Mt Adams Transportation but to connect neighbors in need with neighbors who are willing to help out periodically. Further comments from those in attendance indicate there was limited understanding about how this could work. No vote was held on the MOU for the mini food pantry between the LCC and OLESS.

Other community members spoke up concerning formation of council subcommittees and their concern about safety of/tampering with food left unattended at a mini pantry.

Lisa further clarified that N2N was recently able to assist some neighbors in need with filling out WAGAP forms. She also pointed out that N2N coordinated a river clean-up and hauled away a considerable amount of trash. Lori Zoller agreed to look into the legality and liability exposure for our community council.

Lyle Market Mural Project

Marty gave an update on funds raised for the mural: \$7577 including all current donations not reflected by recent bank statements. She explained that the mural project will be a community-building event.

No update on the Delta Project

New Business

Council officer elections were tabled until next month.

Annual Spring Clean-up

Glenda: Event will be held April 11, 12. Three dumpsters for garbage; limit on tires; one dumpster for yard debris. Won't have particulars re: recyclables until closer to the event; may include textile recycling; also coats collection. Lyle Pile: reusable household items. Claire: need volunteers? Glenda: yes; sign-ups coming to website

Comments/concerns:

Marty stated she had been at the latest CEKC meeting. Lions club has a commercial kitchen and WAGAP arranged free use for training purposes. It was mentioned at the meeting that people who would attend this training were scared/intimidated to come to Lyle because the Trump sign is unwelcoming and off-putting. Training was moved to White Salmon as a result. Wendy dismissed the concern by stating that a sign doesn't mean anything.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Lyle Community Council Minutes

3.11.26

Called to order at 6:33 pm - All council board members in attendance by 7:15 pm - 42 members of the public in attendance from Lyle, High Prairie and other surrounding communities.

Matt Kolman - Skyline Health update: CEO about three years now.

Growth: Substantial: Mammography, surgery, imaging, etc

Strategic planning for 2026-2028: will put levy on April ballot: gap between compensated and uncompensated care has grown: increasing levy ask from \$.49/\$1000 to \$.75/\$1000. Will be used and invested in adult and child services, and replace/upgrade equipment.

Have already doubled general surgery to 365 days/yr. Brought in highly-qualified sports medicine doctor - not just for athletes. Deficits in pediatric care - just takes additional dollars to allow local people to stay local for treatment. There are enough healthcare dollars generated to make Skyline stable into the future with minimal need to come back and ask for more money via levy. Keeping healthcare dollars local: \$20 million expenses/year including payroll and local services, stimulates local small businesses. Diversification of services: hospital board is proactive, sharing services with other communities (eg lab services when necessary), building gynecology services but not enough babies for labor & delivery here.

February minutes - Oren reiterated request for balance of Christmas funds - will be reported with treasurer's report. Oren-moved, Matt 2nd - unanimous approval

No Lyle School Report

Treasurer's Report: Marty Denis: beginning balance \$5843.12, ending balance \$8873.12. Working funds \$1141.12; \$7732.00 mural balance. Oren's Christmas funds: Originally \$710.00 deposited; \$435.12 spent, \$274.58 remaining.

Lyle Fire Report: Justin Ramsay: 28 calls so far; 18 medical, 1 MVA, 1 barn fire, a few CO calls. A couple alarms from school. 27 LFD volunteers, doing really well. 80% red card cert (wildfire). Grants: DNR \$100,000 Type 3 engine dual response and mutual aid. Got free DNR truck Type 6, 500 gallon. Another grant of a few thousand to replace/swap pump and tank. Another DNR grant for more signage, handouts, chipper cost. Federal grant last year for new pumper tender 1250 gallon pump, 3000 gallon tank. Little Red: TDHS got it running again, first fire truck in Lyle. Station: damage to roof in last windstorm - insurance paid \$35,000, about half of cost for new roof; will upgrade to metal roof; follow up with solar panels. Casino grant - exhaust system for station. Capacity now stands at 7000 gallons on wheels out of 2 stations (Courtney Rd). Ten vehicles in total. LFD: with Kenji and Matt - after school REACH program today. Needs: most turnout gear 20 years old and wearing out; seeking FEMA grant to replace gear, need \$80-100,000 to replace all gear, 30 sets. Seeking new casino grant for AEDs \$67,000. Personnel: new fire chief, Brian Beaulaurier; new commissioner upcoming. Taxes: FD4 receives \$98-100,000/year; cannot keep up with inflation, looking to lift levy lid. Main engine through FEMA grant 20 years old, new ones cost up to \$1,000,000. 15 FD in the county with various budgets. Will be holding town hall meetings in April to explain need. Follow on Instagram and Facebook. Last levy lid lift about 20 years ago. Fundraiser at Everybody's March/April.

Lyle Lions: Terry Mills: Easter egg hunt coming up. One Community Health van: not enough volume; no plans to come back.

Pat Arnold: multiple community councils re: County Comprehensive Plan established 1976; not revised since 1979. New process for most people; Jeff Hunter (KC Public Works) has told them there are no park plans or funding. Dallesport and Wishram have land, no funding, so councils are working on this while county is updating comprehensive plan. Survey Monkey: asking communities - to see what kind of recreation is needed/wanted in Lyle: locations, barriers; need Lyle input. Need this information to seek funding. Pat reviewed format of Survey Monkey questionnaire. Surveys will be delivered electronically and on paper. When results come in, they can see where gaps are and can address those issues. Develop consensus first.

N2N: followup liability issue: Glenda: Not duplicating MAT or WAGAP; more networking, connecting neighbors for errands, yard work etc to foster community and goodwill. Per Lori Zoller, no liability on LCC or county

commissioners given it's not providing official transport. Health dept clarified that as long as foodstuffs are non-perishable, no home-baked goods, no meals being served - not concerned. Discussing MOU: Oren doesn't want anything affixed to the building. Jessica: free-standing pantry on a post, not affixed to any building. Oren: grounds are school property, they should have say. School assumes liability; Oren doesn't want LCC to have liability; LCC is insured through CEKC. MOU clarifies that OLESS has say in location and maintenance of pantry and litter control; will be revisited in 90 days. Intent is to serve people in need; high need in Lyle. Need outstrips what church is doing; outstrips what school is doing. The issue is the MOU not the need. Patty recommended that all four entities (LCC, CEKC, OLESS, N2N) come together to create a resolution. OLESS insurance agent said that what is done under N2N falls under Good Samaritan action.

Lyle Mural project: Marty Denis: received \$3030; MOU being updated

Delta update: Bill Weiler: ongoing many years, many people want access. RR says any access has to be below grade. Many people believe access was granted when DNR acquired the delta. Lawyer is looking into it. Yakama Nation plans to dredge - may never happen. RR not cooperating regarding easing access. Discussion regarding Doug's Beach and Horsethief Lake access.

July 4 celebration: Jessica: no-fireworks celebration; full day affair, passport of some kind, potential soccer competition with Fire Dept. Need reason to celebrate Lyle.

Zoom account: Oren: we need our own account. Google Meet: we can afford it; need test run to set up and use. Oren: move to get test run on Google Meet account; Matt 2nd; Erin Hartford spoke about High Prairie having their own Zoom account, \$135/year. Matt suggested that we discuss at planning meeting. Motion passed.

Council officers: Glenda: Are officers willing to continue? Bill and Glenda happy to continue; Marty suggested that if someone wants to assume one of her jobs, that it be Secretary not Treasurer because it was very involved to change names and access on the bank account. Discussion regarding who and when anyone is considered a member of the Lyle community and/or a council member. Jessica moved to keep current Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer; Marty 2nd. Four in favor (Matt, Jessica, Bill, Marty); 2 opposed (Oren, Wendy). Motion carried. Patty suggested the Board take up the issue of who is a resident/non-resident of Lyle as per the bylaws. Jessica moved that the council review the bylaws as written and the requirements necessary for dwelling within the fire district to hold a council position. Glenda clarified that the intent of the bylaws and of every community council that she has been on (which is 2) has been that the Lyle community as far as the council is concerned is defined by the fire district boundaries and that one must live in the fire district to be on the council and that one must live in the fire district to vote. Bill 2nd. Unanimous passage.

Andy Kallinen spoke for himself as a candidate for District 2 of the KC Commissioners.

Patty suggested that we limit the time for public to offer their opinions in discussion.

Bill announced that we are getting bus service through Lyle as of April 1st.

Meeting adjourned 9:07 pm

Lyle Community Council General Meeting Minutes

4.8.26

Members present: Glenda Lovejoy, Marty Denis, Matt Bynum, Oren Johnson. Bill Weiler and Jessica Smith arriving asap. Wendy Luisi: absence unexcused. 25 attendees including speakers and LCC members.

Oren would like March workshop meeting minutes transcribed. The minutes for that meeting have since been transcribed and distributed.

Minutes: Corrections to the March 11 minutes: spelling of Brian Beaulaurier's name corrected. Matt moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Marty seconded. Passed with no objection.

Lyle School Update by Glenda: Enrollment exceeded budgeted enrollment: budgeted 169 students plus 8.86 in Pre-K. Actual was 180.5 FTE (full tie equivalent). March students honored for honesty. Spring Carnival 4.23.26 from 4 - 6:30 pm; hosted by 6th - 12th graders. Prom May 2 @ Columbia River Hotel in The Dalles. Post-secondary scholarships are on district website. Still need adult volunteers on campus; contact marci.ramsay@lyleschool.org for application or stop by office. Still need kitchen & custodial workers; also bus drivers. Track dates scheduled for April and May.

Treasurer's Report: Marty D: As of the end of March the bank balance was \$8873.12; unchanged from the end of February. Current mural donations balance \$7732; available working balance \$1141.12.

Lyle Fire Dept Report: Brian Beaulaurier: 28 fire calls; new members sacrificing a lot of time in training, about 30 hours each this month and next. Exploratory discussion about a levy lid lift April 6 at Lyle Lions; next one is April 19 at 3 pm at Lyle Lions. Want to hear from constituents, what level of service you want.

Lyle Lions Club: Terry Mills: 100 attendees for recent breakfast; nice turnout for Easter egg hunt. Game day still on 3rd Friday, may move to later time in the day due to poor attendance. Glenda observed that there is now a Lyle Connector Route bus stop very close to the Lions Club.

KCPUD Update: Shout-out to Lyle Fire and community for Burdoin Fire. Capital projects: well issues dating from last year, upper well had collapsed; cannot repair. Looked at lower well, did rehab, new pump motor, water quality testing. Will drill a new well near there with higher pump rate than existing. Engineers developed a scope and plan for new well. Will cost about \$1,000,000. Sewer projects scheduled. \$75,000 worth of parts ordered, arriving in December. Will install as soon as received. Replacement of PLC, \$4000; upgrade for redundancy for remote alarm system, both sewer and water. In case of fire, if levels are low, can alert LFD. Also helps prevent overflow of sewage. Diffusers, digesters and Omega poles that shows levels of liquid. Radar system is much more accurate than floats. Can adjust levels on iPad. Workers can check water and sewage levels remotely. Capacity of new well is around 600 gpm, approximately 480 - 500 - 550 feet deep. Calendar year is referenced when discussing projects.

Have had to buy whole new set of computer hardware for new, updated software. \$8.47/month increase for basic fee water/sewer. With water usage, amounts to \$14.00/user. The utility is running out of reserves. Want to finance reserves so that going into grant/loan program with Ecology or Commerce will have enough fiscal backing to buy down the interest rate. On waste water side, \$3.40 increase/month. Lots of room for growth, at about 41% capacity. With new well, better growth potential, increasing capacity by about half. Current expense for waste water treatment plant expire by mid-year; will build up cash reserves going forward. Community pays 50 cents/month/household for water and sewer for the Lyle Activity Center. Need to increase by 35 cents - if not approved, LAC must pick up difference. Oren suggested surveying community about the increase. Previously rate was just approved by the LCC. Presenting rates to KCBoc on May 26. Will be calling residents asking for 10 community volunteers for water quality sampling. PUD is required to know materials for every water supply line (ref: lead), so if residents dig up service lines at all, let them know. Mandated letter sent out last year countywide regarding unknown lead supply lines. Lyle has 23% water loss; average is 10%. Hydrant usage for the Burdoin fire last year, they don't believe the loss is that high, need to account for that. Will make that comment on the report. Big leak at the school football field for several years; now repaired. Discussion regarding type of piping within a house. Les Haarstad: PVC is not legal; must be either PEX or copper or another approved type. PUD maintains list of every household's materials, many listed as unknown. Some fire hydrants are not functioning; Fire departments notify PUD; PUD will repair or replace.

Bylaws Conversation

Glenda: Lawyer reviewed bylaws specifically regarding definition of Lyle community. In Article III the community was defined by the fire district boundaries which serves throughout the bylaws re: a sitting board member being a resident of the Lyle community. Precedent set by Greg Close resignation; when you no longer live in the fire district, you no longer represent your constituents. This ongoing flap is hindering forward movement. Motion: secretary to write letter to send by certified mail to Wendy by Oren; 2nd by Matt. Passed.

Parks & Rec Survey

We can test; first questionnaire is just a test; final one comes out after the test. Must get as many people who are not online as possible to get fuller survey.

Neighbor2Neighbor (N2N)

Julie Larson listed what activities N2N has done: food boxes delivered; yard work done; cleanup at Klickitat River. N2N withdraws request for LCC sponsorship. Volunteers can call and let them know what they can do; and let them know of your need or someone else's.

Mural Committee

Meeting last week - Marty will see if any newspaper will interview artist to generate interest and donations.

Spring Cleanup

Insurance agent confirmed LCC is covered for this event. Need volunteers for Sunday. Community service people only available Saturday until 2. Hours 9 - 4 Saturday, Sunday 4/11, 4/12. Trash, compost at bus yard, Lyle Pile - household goods - no clothes or books. Confluence Cafe will donate a beverage to volunteers.

Zoom

Tech difficulties tonight; Glenda got an LCC Zoom account.

Fire Department

Next Lid Lift meeting April 19, 3 pm to gauge support; last lift was 20 years ago. Increase of 1% allowed per year. Now they are 20 years behind the curve re: inflation. They have had lots of grants awarded; fire truck fleet is aging (avg age is 25 years). Turnouts are aging out which affects safety of squad, will cost at least \$5000. Can wash wildland gear and yellow part of bunker gear. Washer and dryer at the station now - keeps carcinogenic materials out of their homes. Glenda will find out if gear is US-made. Danner Wildland boots.

Oren: Should get WSRB number lower than 7, impacts everyone in town. Insurance costs have increased. Fire Levy: New assessed cost is \$115/\$100,000; \$345/\$300,000 = 95 cents per day. Glenda: prefer LFD did like school district, raise every three years. If LFD did the same, the increase wouldn't seem as severe. Why not lift the lid every year? Trying to do more with less, pinch pennies. Only administrative wages. Chief and asst may receive stipend; commissioners receive stipend; end-of-year incentive for volunteers based on calls. Multitude of reasons it hasn't lifted more frequently. Money to LFD will go from \$95,000 to \$215,000/year. WSRB expense may go up if equipment is not upgraded. Fire risk is ongoing. Don't want to lose our people, our neighbors; makes sense to be prepared. Costs are overwhelming with increases everywhere. Prefer the town not burn down. What are they going to do with the extra \$100,000/year: 5 or ten year plan? Engine 401, acquired with FEMA grant 20 years ago for about \$500,000 - to replace now is \$800,000 or so. WSRB scale, 10 is worst, 1 is best. If no resources like hydrants, you're a ten. Most insurance companies reference that scale. Tankers cost in the million dollar range now.

What is relationship between Klickitat County Commissioners and community councils? Unique. Were set up to get input to county commissioners. Forestry industry meeting at Skamania Lodge this week, wanting to get forest cutting and thinning systems going again in Skamania. In the past the county has mowed banks on public roads. Jeff Hunter, Public Works, is person to talk to.

Adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Lyle Community Council Minutes

5.13.26

Called to order 6:32 pm

Members in attendance: Glenda, Matt, Bill, Marty. Members absent: Jessica, excused.

Other members absent: Oren, Wendy, unexcused.

13 members of the public in attendance.

We do have a quorum. April regular meeting minutes approved: Matt moved, Marty 2nd.

Amended agenda: discuss move meeting to a different Wednesday in order to allow Jessica to attend. Bill has an update re: delta. Discussion re: school board meeting dates

Lyle School Update: Ann Varkados: May 13 school board work session, May 20 Art in the Park, May 25 Memorial Day, May 27 regular school board meeting, June 5 graduation at 6pm in gym, June 8 8th grade promotion, June 10 last day of school: early release.

April students acknowledged for Perseverance. School lockdown due to threat at Columbia HS and Henckle MS - all Klickitat Co schools locked down.

Columbia Gorge CC career expo 4/17 group of 11th and 12th graders participated; Spring Carnival great success. Band has been representing school at various festivals including Cherry Festival Parade.

School track record was broken by Zeke Marble at Naches Valley Invitational. Personal record; at next meet he bested his PR again!

Per Frank Hewey, Dept Emergency Mgmt: Shooting called into WS school district around 9:30-was a prank. In the past was AI, was not this time. All school districts in the county are notified automatically. All clear around 11:30. Worst issue during lockdown: no bathroom breaks.

Treasurer's Report: Marty: As of end of April, ~\$900 donations for mural, \$830 donations from Lyle Clean-up; bank balance: \$10,591.49. Marty ordered deposit slips, check registers, endorsement stamp - donating them. Approve reimbursement to Glenda for paying for Zoom for a year \$182.81. Bill so moved, Matt 2nd: passed.

Fire Dept update: Justin, asst chief: Burn ban Zones 1 & 2 goes into effect as of May 18. LFD will be asking for \$1.15/\$1000 on ballot to replace turn-out gear, AEDs, training, maintain WSRP rating of 7; saving to replace trucks & maintain buildings. Added (donated DNR surplus engine) brush truck #412 to be stationed at Old Hwy 8 area, have a few volunteers up there. Improve response for Old Hwy 8 area; land donated across from Balch Cemetery for new station there. Membership is up to ~27, 28; lots of training ongoing. Solar panels up with new roof at station. Battery backup, generator. Fun with school kids. Life vests are out at MP1 on Klickitat River and Roland Lake. Expecting bad fire season. Defensible space is key.

Bill Q: burning up off Centerville Hwy? Yes, permit issues, DNR handled with deputy. Glenda announced LFD got unspecified amount from Casino grant for AEDs.

Lions Update: Terry: 147 at breakfast; eye exam and glasses for one person; applications for scholarships for seniors due by May 15th; school staff appreciation breakfast coming up; senior lunches growing & going well.

Museum Update: Terry: opening June 6 for season; June 12 & 13 yard sale fundraiser.

Old Business

Parks & Rec survey is ready. Link in agenda; paper copies to be distributed; specific to each community.

Julie: Want 10% of registered voters; they can isolate age groups etc so they can focus on missing participants. Marty will represent LCC going forward; meetings at LAC second Wednesday at 4 pm.

Mural Project: Marty: Pushing start date to September or October; Lyle Market needs new roof, to complete before mural goes up. Sherwin Williams Paint at cost, about \$48/gallon; \$17,000 fundraising goal for south-facing and east-facing walls. Still haven't heard about Casino grant - 2% for communities and projects, half for infrastructure and half for art and beautification.

America in Bloom: Glenda, Lori Z: First year is free, \$500 subsequent years. National program: For unincorporated towns, help take in the bigger picture at branding for the town. Create a plan with priorities. Will be here week of July 20 - 25th. Klickitat, Lyle, Dallesport, Wishram, High Prairie. Ideas on their website.

Laurece: Lyle Hotel outdoors remodel is beautiful. Set up for events; rooms to rent, kitchen not available.

Speaker: Frank Hewey: Klickitat County Emergency Manager: coord. staffing emergency operations; Zone 1 + 2 Burn ban as of Monday May 18 for all outdoor burning. Klickitat County Commissioners: Zone 3 ban as of June 1. Fire season starts mid-June (Last year was mid-July). Training: 1st responders, - reconnect with other counties. Hood River Co & Skamania Co new managers; out of 5 only 2 have more experience. Only 20% of Klickitat Co residents are signed up for emergency alerts including evacuation notices; you can sign-up up to 3 cell numbers, 3 land lines, 3 emails; can have one or more contacts be your own emergency contacts; free on county webpage. Emergency alerts will post on the county webpage and Facebook, LFD pages. 1st responders & trucks have QR code to access sign-up. Resources Legacy Fund working with them past 16 months to create evacuation plan. Tabletop exercises. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) comprehensive overall plan - zoning, wildland/urban interface. Klickitat Co Wildfire Resource Hub - one stop for all info: DNR, MARS, fire districts, all agencies. www.wildfirereadyklickitat.org. Our side of river recovery much better than Rowena side; Lyle Lions hosted meetings, collected donations; Lyle community support was amazing. Need volunteers: frankth@klickitatcounty.gov ; SAR and amateur radio operator. Screen vents and under decks. Need formal complaint for nuisance properties: code enforcement. Lori Z: best to have community talk to owner first. Glenda: fire chief has sent out letters, people can be held liable for damage to others' property during Burn Bans. Fireworks ban would take effect one year after enactment through KCCC.

Glenda: finalize Position 6 seat issue: Wendy has moved out of district, no longer represents Pos. 6. Motion: remove Wendy as representative board member: Bill so moved, Matt 2nd; unanimous approval.

Move meeting to 1st or 3rd Wednesday to accommodate Jessica's school board schedule. Motion: move general meeting from 2nd Wednesday to 3rd Wednesday; Marty so moved, Matt 2nd; unanimous approval.

Delta Update: Bill: new interim Forest Service director (Casey Getts), tribe now on board for recreational component. Sports use decreasing. \$100,000-200,000 cost for below-grade crossing. NPS will bring in parties; government entity needed to sponsor/supervise: WASDOT, tribe, CEKC, wind surf assn etc. Parking for 15 vehicles needed per Gorge rules. Park service will be in touch with all interested entities.

New Business

LAC water bill: per PUD need additional 35 cents/mo/Lyle water bill. 2009 Horizon project to create LAC community center & created OLESS, residents approved 50 cents. OLESS responsible for mowing. Art in Park (May 20): venue to survey residents. Councilors call neighbors/friends for yes/no; ask at Senior Lunch, have table at Art in Park.

July 4: new community event. No fireworks. Ideas: glow parade, games, hotdogs, wine corral, bike parade.

Elections: Position #6 now vacant; appoint after election. Bill & Glenda seats expire this year. Need candidate stmts by Sept; Candidate night in October, not on general meeting night: county auditor, treasurer, commissioners, state reps, sheriffs?

Sink holes corners of State & Tacoma, also near Post Office. County is aware. Lori will contact Jeff Hunter re: high weeds by Centerville Hwy: mowing.

Community concerns: crosswalks are dangerous, why no Gorge regulations for pedestrians?
Claire/French's Farm: biggest sales day ever: Mother's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Denis