

Minutes of the Dallesport/Murdock Community Council
April 14, 2016

Flag Salute

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call was taken with 4 council members present with Don McDermott, Jack Kincheloe, Elaine Kincheloe, Anthony Rizzi, and Renee Briggs on excused absence. There was not a quorum present so no official business was conducted. Kim McCartney conducted the meeting since Don and Jack were absent. There were 6 citizens and 2 speakers; Jim Smith, Klickitat PUD and Gordon Kelsey, Klickitat County Public Works Director, in the audience.

Speaker: Jim Smith, Klickitat PUD Manager, presented an update on the wastewater and electric systems which serve Dallesport and Murdock. Mr. Smith gave a handout which showed the rate and customer information for the wastewater system. The year 2015 ended with about \$115,597 of net cash flow, an increase of about \$112,000 over 2014. More details of this financial report is available from the PUD. There was discussion about the grinder pumps for the sewage system. A question was asked why there was no camper dump station or a septic tank disposal at the sewage plant. Mr. Smith said he would look into providing those services.

There was a 2% increase in rates on January 1, 2016 and we can expect a rate increase of about 3% in June 2016. There was discussion about how the PUD produces power from hydro, wind, and methane and the efficiency of each source. There was discussion about why and how they use those resources for electricity production. The PUD has a long term contract with BPA which is in effect until 2028. At that time the ratio of power production (hydro, solar, wind, methane) will be reevaluated. There 103 solar customers in the county.

Gordon Kelsey, Director of Public Works, spoke about work items going on in the county. Work is proposed to construct sidewalks in Dallesport road in 2019 and 2020. The sidewalks would be installed along 6th, 3rd, and F streets and Dallesport Road. The sidewalk financing relies on grants for several sources which Mr. Kelsey said they will submit applications at the appropriate times. He will let the Council know about those grant applications and we can write a letter of support for the grant. The airport may get funding to extend the runway north of the fire station which will require a modification to Dallesport Road in the area. Mr. Kelsey said they would construct phase one of the gun range this summer after which people will be able to shoot at that location. There will be a meeting in May in Dallesport for public information and input to the firing range.

Secretary

Minutes (Kim): Since there was not a quorum, no action was taken on the March minutes.

Correspondence: - Klickitat County Senior Newsletter April 2016.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The ending balance as of April 30, 2016 is \$1,484.47.

Bills Presented: No bills were presented at this meeting.

Ways and Means (Elaine): No report

Public Relations: A request for a donation for the July 4th fireworks from the The Dalles fireworks group.

Beautification (Elaine): No report.

Lyle School District (Don): No report.

Dallesport Water District: No report.

County Liaison (Don): No report.

Future Speakers: June 9, 2016 – DSHS or local Senior Services???
July 14, 2016 – Marijuana Industry update???
August 11, 2016 - ????

Public Comment: A citizen brought up some items of concern on the school levy. The vote on the levy is April 26. Some of the concerns of the citizen were who is liable for the computer if lost or stolen, every child in the elementary school does not need a computer until about age 15, students need to learn to write, read books and do things on their own without the aid of computers, and how will privacy of information the student puts on the computer be handled.

Art mentioned that there seems to be a lot less information about construction permits from the county. The council needs to ask more questions of the county to find out more information.

Ron Johnson, RJ's Tavern, commented that the RV park at the tavern had received the final permits from the county and is open for business.

Old Business: PJ was going to check with Don McDermott if he had checked on whether there is a county program to clean up trash along Dallesport Road.

New Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim I. McCartney, Secretary