

DALLESFORT-MURDOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2019

OPENING

Flag salute.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Don McDermott. Roll call was taken with seven council members present with Councilman Dave McNeil on excused absence. There were 6 citizens in attendance.

SPEAKER

The principal of The Lyle School District, Lori Smith, spoke to the Council regarding her career as a teacher and recent promotion to principal. Mrs. Smith spoke about a levy on the ballot of the February 12, 2019 Special Election to fund the district, implications of the McLeary Act and how levy funds are to be used. Mrs. Smith encouraged the council and community members to vote. She answered council questions regarding district growth, capacity, and recent salary negotiations with teachers.

SECRETARY (VACANT)

Chairman McDermott, standing in as Secretary, brought the draft minutes from the December 13, 2018 Council Meeting to the Council's attention. Treasurer Swing pointed out an error to be corrected in the minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDANCE

Chairman McDermott brought to the Council's attention an email received from Jeffrey Litwak, counsel for the Columbia River Gorge Commission regarding the Urban Area Policy. The letter proposed workshops for 18 February, 26 March, and 17 April 2019 at the Columbia River Gorge Commission office following Mr. Litwak's meeting with the Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development. These workshops are part of ongoing policy development regarding the urban area. Chairman McDermott will endeavor to attend such meetings in the future.

The Lyle School District meeting was discussed. No Councilmember attended the meeting, but guest speaker Principal Smith, noted that Dr. Ann Varkados was approved by the Lyle School Board as Superintendent in the last meeting.

Chairman McDermott brought to the Council's attention an email from Alisa Grumbles, Office Manager, Klickitat County Planning Department regarding the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport SEPA NO. SEPA2018-28 for three new hangars. There followed discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Swing summarized the most recent Treasurer's report, noting the December 1, 2018 beginning balance of \$3,496.16, and the \$50 expense for newsletter printing. The issue of outstanding check no. 1170 for \$150 to KLASAC was discussed. After discussion Councilman Morris made a motion to

reserve funds in the account to cover the \$150 check, Co-Chairman Rizzi seconded motion and the motion carried.

KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman McDermott brought to the Council's attention the Klickitat County Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) 2018 notable minutes. Chairman McDermott and Councilman Morris summarized the minutes including noting that David Sauter's appointment as the County's representative to the Columbia Gorge Housing Authority, county Human Resources Department software upgrades, status of the YNHA development, Keith Arndt's rezone application approval, Sherriff Bob Songer's appointment to a task force in Lyle to address increased criminal activity, and an update from county engineer Jeff Hunter on the Klickitat County Training Center gun range.

DALLESFORT WATER DISTRICT

Councilman Morris summarized recent Dallesport Water District planning, grants and boundary line extensions, including boundary line extensions to incorporate John Foley orchard property, and Ross gravel pit and the potential for development within the expanded boundary.

SPEAKERS

Chairman McDermott noted the future speakers included the Port Authority and Marty Hudson of the Klickitat County Weed Control Board Office.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Morris brought to the Council's attention several calls from County Commissioner David Sauter posing the question to the Council if it requests the County Commissioners continue to report of BOCC activities. The Council discussed and agreed that this is an important service. Councilman Morris agreed to relay this to Mr. Sauter.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport development was discussed including a potential FAA grant, and other funding contributing to airport improvements and how these improvements have and may continue to lead to use of the port property, such as current tenant Life Flight. The airport's capacity for larger aircraft was discussed. Other airport amenities such as a restaurant were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Pauline noted that the Bylaw Committee Chair, Councilman McNeal had made progress revising the Bylaws. The Council discussed how to make progress during Councilman McNeal's absence until April 2019.

Co-Chairman Rizzi summarized the status of the Klickitat County Training Center gun range, including their continued work on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), pending installation of targets, and the effort to hire a manager. Co-Chairman Rizzi noted that law enforcement and posse members have begun using the range for firearm qualification.

Councilwoman Pauline briefed the Council on her call to The Next Door Inc., inviting them to make proposals for grants from the Council for social services benefitting the Dallesport-Murdock community.

Councilman Hotchkiss briefed the Council on updates to the Dallesport-Murdock website and website hosting. There followed discussion.

Chairman McDermott raised the issue of filling the Council Secretary position. Councilman Hotchkiss volunteered to fill the position. A motion was made to appoint Councilman Hotchkiss to the position of Secretary. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairman Rizzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed.

Chairman McDermott adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Caleb Hotchkiss, Secretary