

**Proposed
Minutes of the Dallesport/Murdock Community Council
March 10, 2016**

Flag Salute

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call was taken with 8 council members present with Renee Briggs on excused absence. There were 2 citizens and 2 speakers (Andrew Kelly and one school board member) in the audience.

Speaker: Andrew Kelly, Lyle School District Superintendent, spoke about the upcoming school levy to be voted on in April 2016. Mr. Kelly explained that since he became the superintendent in July 2015, he has identified several issues with the funding of the school district. These issues were identified via an analysis by a consultant. The State of Washington has not provided mandated funding and maintenance or upgrading the equipment for the students at the school has not occurred in the past years. Mr. Kelly provided handouts which outlined the increase in taxes the levy is requesting and the intended uses of the levy funds. The levy will provide funds to provide a laptop to each student (grade 3 through 12) and provide funding to maintain and upgrade the physical plant resources of both district buildings (Lyle and Dallesport). Mr. Kelly promised to provide annual progress reports of the levy funding. The levy, if passed, will be in effect for 6 years and will provide \$3,300,000. The Lyle School Board approved the levy on February 18, 2016. Public meetings are scheduled for March 22 at the Dallesport School and March 28 in Lyle. The special election will be on April 26, 2016.

Secretary

Minutes (Kim): The January minutes, unavailable for approval at the February meeting and the February minutes were presented for approval. Anthony moved and Arthur seconded the motion to approve both minutes. The motion passed.

Correspondence: - Klickitat County Senior Newsletter March 2016

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Two bills for printing of the newsletter were processed. February 29, 2016 ending balance is \$1,534.47.

Bills Presented: No bills were presented at this meeting.

Ways and Means (Elaine): No report

Public Relations: No report.

Beautification (Elaine): There was discussion about developing a soccer field on sixth street.

Lyle School District (Don): No report.

Dallesport Water District: No report.

County Liaison (Don):

Future Speakers: April 14, 2016 – Klickitat County PUD annual update and discuss the wastewater system. .
May 12, 2016 – Washington/Oregon Fish and Wildlife agencies
June 9, 2016 – Columbia Gorge Commission

Public Comment: Rolf Andersen, Manager at the Airport, reported on several items. The flight school curriculum has been approved which will help bring people to the airport. The golf course developers are still trying to find backers for houses and golf course construction. The airport industrial park is going forward with a general purpose building starting construction starting this summer. There is interest in having a new hangar building constructed for 11 more planes. The Gorge is becoming a destination for recreationists so more planes, personally owned and charter, are using the airport. There are several events planned this year including a fly in (June), motocross, flint napping show, and drag racing (August). Discussion was held on the possibility of the Community Council selling ice cream as a fund raiser at some of the events. Rolf said to view their website for event information.

There will be 2 helicopters based at the airport to fight fires in Washington and Oregon. These spray fire retardants ahead of fires.

Rolf asked if Don could check on availability of county resources to clean up trash on Dallesport road.

There was a question about redoing Dallesport Road. The county has a plan for work in 2017 but specifics were not clear.

Old Business: Jess Jones stated that the meeting room is very dirty but he does not know who rented the room. There is dirt on the floor and the trash cans are full. People who rent the building are supposed to clean it when done.

New Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim I. McCartney, Secretary