

# Trout Lake Community Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes February 1, 2022

Zoom Video – 7:00 – 8:30 PM

| Topic   | Discussion Lead        | Time Allotted |
|---|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Meeting called to order</b>  | @ 7:02                 | <b>5 min</b>  |
| <p><b>Council members in Attendance:</b> Daina Bambe, Dave Wampler, Laurie Sherburne, Pat Arnold, Lucas King, Gail Phares,<br/> <b>Community Members Present:</b> Owen Tattersall, Jessica Crone, Sarah Arnold, Simone Tattersall, Leslie Naramore, Margo McGehee-Kelly, Jim White, Sharon Frazey, Jay McLaughlin, Deborah Walts</p>  |                        |               |
| <b>Agenda Review</b><br>Pat moved, Laurie second, passed.   | <b>Daina</b>           | <b>5 min</b>  |
| <b>Minutes review:</b> January meeting  | <b>Daina</b>           | <b>5 min</b>  |
| <b>WAGAP:</b><br>Program overview and updates   | <b>Leslie Naramore</b> | <b>15 min</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leslie is Executive Director</li> <li>● Services for low-mid income level               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Energy assistance</li> <li>○ Domestic Violence Shelter, new (Klickitat County)</li> <li>○ Food Bank</li> <li>○ Warming/Cooling Shelter, currently using hotels during Covid</li> <li>○ Helping Families who have lost income during Covid</li> <li>○ &amp; more</li> <li>○ Planning for a mobile food bank to outlying areas in Klickitat County, including Trout Lake                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Timeline April 2022</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Pat: How do we think about this as a community?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAGAP does have programs to help support this.</li> <li>○ There are housing challenges to overcome to find people housing</li> <li>○ WAGAP can be a good place to start, just one phone call away.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cooling center               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ still using hotels, White Salmon using city hall</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Daina: What can TLCC do to help WAGAP?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Biggest challenges is working through the pandemic</li> <li>○ Do what you can to advocate for the work that WAGAP does</li> <li>○ Bring awareness to housing, food insecurity issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                        |               |

- Contributions are welcome
- Foodbank always looking for volunteers
  - Build Boxes
  - Sort Food
- Secondhand Store
  - Gently used clothing
  - Second hand furniture
  - But also offer vouchers through the store.
- WAGAP.org is updated regularly

**Main topic:**

**Jay McLaughlin**

**20 min**

*Forest practices on working forest lands*

- Community Forest interests & Forest Practices
- Daina: How the topic came us was through SDS, CLT Conservation Easement, working lands, etc
- Sharing SDS Forest Maps
  - Green Diamond / The Conservation Fund
- Forest Legacy is funded fairly well, \$50-100 million annually
  - Selling development rights
  - SDS lands likely sold in the \$3000-4000/acre range
- Community Forest
  - Local governing structure outright purchases land, and makes management decision, what does harvest look like, watershed protection, wildlife habitat
- Qs
- Jim White: Community Forest is a fairly undefined term-
- Ownership Ranges from NGOs, Counties, Cities, Tribes, WA DNR Community Forest Trust Program
- Pat: Is Forest Legacy Funding a viable option to help MARS acquire land for Community Forest?
  - Jay: Maybe, but Forest Legacy and the USFS Community Forest program are not compatible.
- Would the TLCC be interested in having a conversation with MARS about a community forests ringing the valley for recreation, fuel breaks, education, forestry, etc
- Daina: Conservation fund is looking to sell the land that they acquired within 10 years, is MARS interested in acquiring some of these for Community Forests,
- Further conversation should be had to put together a proposal to engage in a big picture, support from all community council members in attendance.
- Jim White: Support from TLCC would be good, major factor is money, more support we have the better. The more you can prevent fragmentation of your timberland, watershed, wildlife, the better & easier it is to manage for all these things.
- Pat: Where is the Dry Creek area?
- Where should MARS & community focus on prioritization? Need to have a TLCC special meeting to start brainstorming

- Jim White: a much stronger proposal when you have a community buy-in, and a strategy. ex) 400 acres ringing Trout Lake that could be managed for timber, wildfire fuel break, recreation, etc

**Update on Redistricting process** **Pat/Laurie** **20 min**

- Pat: Petition for review filed with Superior Court, county responded 1/31/22.
- The petitioners (4 local residents) will have to decide what they want to do.
- If the court grants a hearing
  - If petitioners want to continue, they will likely need an attorney.
  - Could a GoFundMe be set up to help with funding?
- Does TLCC want to offer support to help petitioners?
  - Fundraising, affidavits, etc
- Daina: would like the council to send a letter highlighting the county's response to the petitions as a disrespectful tone? She (Daina) was offended by its tone.
- Committee needs to meet with signers, and report to them that they would have the backing and support from members on the council.

**FACT committee - decision by committee on goals and whether to share info on our Facebook page and webpage**

**Daina** **10 min**

- Both Lucas & Daina, are on the FACT (Fire Adapted Community Trout Lake) subcommittee
- Daina: what are the TLCC goals, of getting people more knowledgeable & engaged about wildfire, and working towards becoming a Firewise community
- Where can people find information? Pat would like to post on Trout Lake Community Council page, but doesn't want to step on people toes.

**Chad Thompson submitted his resignation from the Council**

- Feeling private work life was making it difficult to attend, that we have to do things over zoom versus in-person he wasn't feeling connected, and would like us to fill his position asap.
- Daina: How do we want to fill the position?
  - Past election did not have any additional candidates other than those that were elected.
  - Idea to get some outreach and get interest statements from interested community members, then council will vote on who to nominate.

**Round Robin Share** **All** **5 min**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Laurie moves to adjourn, Dave seconds, moved.

**Future meetings topics/guests**

**March 1st 2022 – Nate Ulrich – Conservation easements**

- Climate Change resolution discussion
- Marty from Weed Board

**April 5th, 2022** – Invite Commissioner Anderson and new County Compliance Officer to discuss compliance program – recreation and residential