

Trout Lake Community Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes In person at the Grange August 8, 2023

6:00 – 8:06 PM

Topic	Council Lead	Start Time
Meeting called to order		6:01
Council Members in Attendance: Daina Bambe, Joanna Turner, Pat Arnold, Tom Binder, Gail Phares, Dave Wampler, Beyyine Ozkan, Travis Pearson, Lucas King		
Guest speakers:		
Columbia Land Trust - Nate Ulrich		
Smart Meter Awareness Group – Kevin Sipe, Ryan Webb, Seth Lambert, Shanea Harp, Duane Farnham,		
Klick Networks – Shane Milburn		
Community members in attendance: Ryan Chard, Rick Allen, Michelle Farnham, Laurie & Dave Sherburne, Bonnie Reynolds, Brian King & Ronda King, Renee Sipe, Karissa Pearson, Sarah Arnold, Brian A., Max Ginsburg, MC Metscher,		
Agenda Review	Daina	
All in favor		
Minutes review:		
June 6 meeting minutes	Daina	
Motion to approve as amended (the title of the document) - Pat, 2nd - Dave		
All in favor		
Forest Legacy Conservation Easement Update and Next Steps		6:07
Nate Ulrich – Columbia Land Trust (CLT)		
2 years of support from council for working forest lands around TL community		
The goal – to purchase 45k acres of conservation easements so that forests stay intact as working forests over time.		
US forest service grant program is funding land trust, DNR implements grant & negotiates with Twin Creeks Timber (managed by Green Diamond).		
Other local community entities may be able to subdivide larger easement, will ensure public access.		
Phase 2 - 14k acres along White Salmon into Skamania co - not funded last year, will reapply this year and CLT is asking for an updated letter of support from the council by the end of the month.		
Timeline for future phases has moved up due to increase in program funding.		
Little Mountain is eligible to be managed this way but would still be available for harvest		
Parcels eligible to be funded doesn't mean WILL be - it's a negotiation.		
Motion for letter of support - Joanna Turner, 2nd Beyyine, all in favor		

Smart Metering

Travis

6:23

Kevin Sipe – community member – Briefing Sheet submitted, group includes Shanea Harpe, Ryan Webb, Duane Farnham, and Seth Lambert

Smart Meter awareness action program (about 40 members)

Have taken action with KPUD

Their goal to unite and educate community

Cost of meters outweigh benefits

KPUD hasn't properly informed the community

Opt out isn't an actual opt out because of cost and limitations on who can opt out.

Why? There is a global shortage of electric supply, they want/need consumers to change when and how their use electricity.

KPUD will be able to override usage. We will see rate increases

Taking existing meters and replacing them with cheaper, plastic, computerized meters which aren't as high quality and known to fail. Increased fire hazard. Meters aren't grounded, they have resistors which can fail.

Data/privacy concerns - KPUD will be able to control smart thermostats and other devices.

Safety - FCC's research was pre 1996 so not accurate.

KPUD has only tested functionality of devices, not safety

Do not want the PUD at their community meeting - they are vested and so aren't going to present a non-partial point.

Ask - will the council write a letter to support a stay on this for our community?

Laurie - address \$200 opt out fees/charges

Travis - letter to give community time to learn more

Tom - need more information

Pat - concerned about rates

Motion - Pat - letter to PUD to delay implementation of meters in order to learn more and come talk to us at a community council meeting about smart meters. 2nd - Beyyine. all in favor. Need to include that the May 2nd Community Council meeting (via Zoom) was focused on the Warner substation plans and wasn't a smart meter information meeting.

Shanea - we have tacitly consented to these meters because we've been "notified" via the Ruralite

Travis - Addend motion: to include in the letter a statement that the Community Council has not tacitly consented to the implementation of smart meters pending further information.

2nd - Beyyine, all in favor

Break

7:00

Klick Networks – High Speed Internet Service Provider

7:05

Shane Milburn – info on business and info needs from TL community

Talked to folks in Snowden last week

New ISP in Klickitat and Skamania Counties

They can guarantee min bandwidths, no artificial data limits, month-to-month plan,

Hybrid solution using fiber and wireless community micro-networks

Scalable,

Building the infrastructure right now, gathering community interest.

Applying for state/fed \$ to implement

Goal - deliver fast, reliable internet

Need anchor points

Example: Could use Grange space for anchor point and in exchange the Grange would get free internet.

Asking to get word out for interested community members to fill out the questionnaire – found at: www.klicknetworks.com

5gh frequency

Used in Alberta, CA - brought broadband to 1st Nations communities.

Use Century Link fiber optic cables - bandwidth purchased through them

Is working with BAT (broadband action team)

For profit vs co-op style?

There is capacity for VOIP, wifi calling etc

Motion by Joanna - to promote questionnaire on tl.org website and our Facebook page
2nd Gail, in favor - 6, opposed – 2 (Pat and Travis)

Subarea land use planning Overview

Pat

7:45

Comprehensive Plan handout -

Purpose - policies and implementation strategies for the county

KC hasn't been able to hire a planner in last 18+ months

TLCC write a subarea plan for TL, needs to be consistent with the county plan.

Comp plan in a vision - not requirements - it is used to guide zoning, land use applications etc

Eventually there will be a county comp plan,

Current plan was approved in 1976, TL subarea was updated in 95.

Dave and Pat will create cheat sheets that can be posted so we as the council understand the depth of the planning process and can prepare for the planning process.

Program of Work Review and Update

All

7:56

Updates:

Community received solar feasibility/planning grant!! Still awaiting the official letter (Jonah, school, fire station). Once this phase completed then the separate building owners can apply for an implementation grant that will fund cost 70%.

Fair was a huge success this year

FACT divided TL into 10 neighborhoods with the intention of having Fire ambassadors starting on W side to increase information and education. Intention to get TL designated as a fire wise community to increase funding and resources within the community.

Adjourn

8:06

Motion by Lucas, 2nd by Travis - all in favor

Ongoing and Future topics:

Land Use Planning: Community session – September; County Planning Dept - October

Program of work topic each month

Community Forest and Conservation Easements - ongoing

Affordable building lots – planning challenges and issues

Climate change - a continuing conversation

Incorporation – September or October