

**Trout Lake Community Council**  
**REVISED Meeting Agenda and Minutes**  
**Via Zoom**  
**February 6, 2024**  
**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
<b>Council Meeting called to order</b> Members in attendance: Daina Bambe, Joanna Turner, Lucas King, James Lambert, Tom Binder, Dave Wampler, Travis Pearson, Pat Arnold,  Community Members: Jake Anderson, MC Metscher, Candice Shuman, Bekah Rogers, Rick Allen, Ethan Coggins (DNR), Sarah Arnold, Max Ginsburg	<b>Daina</b>	<b>6:32</b>
<b>Agenda Review</b> Approved	<b>Daina</b>	
<b>Minutes review: January 2, 2024</b> Motion to Approve: Tom Binder, 2nd: James - all in favor		
<b>Paxson Short Plat</b> Motion to Approve: Lucas 2nd: James - all in favor	<b>Daina</b>	<b>6:35</b>
<b>Solar Resiliency Grant Update</b> <b>Community engagement update</b> Tom made a withdrawal to pay Rebekah 1st installment. Feasibility Study to start in 2 weeks. State may have completed paperwork but probably won't renew other grants for a bit. Solar community mtg on 2/22 at 6pm, council members arrive early to help set up. Bekah - TL Hall, Booked with Dana, should receive costs for refreshments etc. Event set up on FB	<b>Tom</b> <b>Rebekah</b>	<b>6:40</b>
<b>Comments from Council to present at Klicknet hearing</b> In general, the council supports efforts to increase internet access. This agreement only protects the county, it is a franchise agreement which puts onus on Klickinet to protect/use right of way etc. Jake - Public utilities have the right to the easements. Private companies do not. Franchise agreements put the responsibility for costs such as moving roads onto the company. Motion for letter of support - Tom, 2nd Pat - approved	<b>Daina</b>	<b>6:45</b>
<b>County updates</b> <b>Guest – Commissioner Jake Anderson</b> <b>Commissioner Anderson's County Update (est 15 min)</b>	<b>Jake</b>	<b>7:00</b>

State of the county - the county will have significant headwinds, lost three contracts associated with landfill - this will negatively affect many areas of the county budget. Taxes can't be raised enough to cover costs. Also, commissioners found out in December that the Sheriff's office was over budget by around \$300,000. Snow storm burst pipes, no heat in jail - lots of damage.

Commissioner Anderson is very proud of how the employees and 1st responders worked non stop to bring services back online.

HR bridge - \$520 million project, getting there. Increased fees go towards covering match funds. Reviewing applicants for design build (decisions at end of the month).

Legislative steering committee - WUI (wild/urban interface) bill, incorporates almost all the houses in KC. This bill, as currently written, will allow county to look at individual properties, Commissioners for rural counties are advocating for more flexibility in the bill..

New Co planner has a lot of experience. Starts on March 4th.

Community questions asking for clarification::

Bridge tolls - Port of Hood River will put all bridge tolls towards the bridge starting in June 2026 - negotiated settlement as they proposed to delay until 2028.

Landfill contract - Skajit co landfill contract went to another hauler, even though County bid was lower. He thinks they went with another provider due to rail closure issue last year that resulted in large build-up of containers until rail was re-opened., Incinerator ash out of Spokane (now trucked to oregon), municipal waste for spokane is now going to adams co landfill.

## **Comprehensive Land Use Planning**

**Pat**

**7:20**

### **Council work on subarea plan –**

#### **- A conversation with Commissioner Anderson**

#### **Draft workplan/timeline**

County schedule - Start planning this year. Q2 - new planner working with getting staff caught up. Q3 starting on county-wide comp plan.

Sub area plans will hopefully roll up into county-wide plan.

Controversial issues? Alternative energy, housing (affordable),

Why does the county want to update the comp plan - how will it be used? - to ensure that projects fit into the county's direction. It's supposed to be updated every 10 years and we haven't had a new one since 1976.

1st steps? - get Scott (new planner) to Community Council meetings.

County plan will have to be more general to allow room for subarea plans.to address uniqueness of County's diverse communities.

Review Comp plan Prep process document

Is the council willing to follow through? In support: Travis - most important thing we can do, Joanna - important process, Jim - we represent the community, Lucas - looking forward to

engaging with this, Dave - excited for a more general co plan and more focused sub area plan, Tom - get it done, Daina - Let's talk about timeline at next meeting.

#### **Q&A for Commissioner Anderson**

**Jake**

**8:00**

Flock cameras - no budget, free test from flock for sheriff's office (on state highways - not the county roads).

Wrongful death suit at County Jail, Torte claim for \$20million,

EM budget amendment in Dec because the Sheriff was \$300K over budget. - County is trying to track down why - is it overtime, is it something that is not being accounted for?,

The budget workshops will be zoomed

#### **Council business: Finalize Bylaws**

**8:15**

Motion to Approve with changes: Joanna 2nd: Tom - all in favor

#### **Program of Work Updates and Round Robin Info share**

**All**

**8:20**

Underwood conservation district/Wildfire Presentation 2/21 at Husum fire dept

Travis - have Lori Zoller visit council as well

Lucas - Van camping at the snow parks -

Sarah - lack of plowing is a state issue not the FS, state contracts for these things. Tell the parks dept.

Ethan Coggins

- New DNR Natural Areas Specialist for Klickitat County - responsible for the day-to-day monitoring and maintenance. He will serve as community contact, Higher level management, planning and permitting will still be handled by Keyna Bugner. He hopes to be able to engage with the local community and understand what interests there might be for educational opportunities for the Trout Lake NAP..

- No updates for lupine forest parcels

- Forester position - supposed to happen, it's moving slowly - funding resource is being challenging, may not happen this year.

#### **Adjourn**

**8:40**

Motion to Adjourn: Travis 2nd: Tom - all in favor

#### **Ongoing and Future topics:**

**Comprehensive Land Use Planning:**

**Learning sessions 101 – ongoing;**

**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 – February**