

**Trout Lake Community Council  
Approved Meeting Notes  
In person at The Grange  
October 7, 2025  
7:00 – 8:30 pm**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
<p><b>Regular Council Meeting called to order</b> Council Members in attendance: Tom Binder, Daina Bambe, Dave Wampler, Joanna Turner, Pat Arnold, Travis Pearson, Jim Lambert, Aaron Schmid</p> <p>Community Members in Attendance: 3</p>	<b>Daina</b>	<b>7:06</b>
<p><b>Agenda Review</b> No changes</p>	<b>Daina</b>	
<p><b>Minutes review: September 2, 2025</b> Motion - Joanna , 2nd - Dave , all in favor</p>	<b>Daina</b>	
<p><b>Council Elections update:</b> <b>This year: position #'s 4 (Jim), 5(Daina), 6 (Aaron) up for election, Candidate Interest Statements Submitted</b> Mary Morris is signing up folks to staff election table Pat will start process of getting voter rolls this week Daina - we will need to do ballot box duty. Joanna - hung up signs Abandoned vehicle parked behind the ballot box is concerning, need to follow-up with the county about removal. Has there been any interest from other potential members? Not at this time Candidate interest statements should be turned in as soon as possible.</p>	<b>Joanna</b>	<b>7:08</b>
<p><b>ORFH meeting – overview and next steps</b> Daina - interesting meeting, Aaron, Tom, Dave, Jim, Lucas, Daina all attended. Good meeting and questions - Aaron - came away optimistic and concerned about logistics. Who would be in charge? Building Dept? Septic concerns. We do need housing - but not on farmland Pat - septic would be worked out - there is a lot of new technology. Pahto Lane cluster housing? SDS forest land - allowed for cluster development in north corner and resulted in remaining acreage not allowed to be separated into 20 acre parcels. Aaron believes this option ( forest cluster development) is not allowed anymore Are farmland housing clusters still allowed? Daina - a few folks expressed concerns about “affordable” homes being developed and then just being sold as vacation homes (at prices not affordable for those working and living in our community). Didn’t realize this meeting was dedicated to low income housing. In Klickitat County - \$73K is median income.</p>	<b>Daina</b>	<b>7:13</b>

Ashleigh is getting Dave info to back up some of the stats she talked about.

Priority could be given to folks working in the community.

What is the legal entity going to be running the housing development? So many things to figure out.

The community would be part of determining the look and the feel of the housing.

Community survey/needs assessment to be completed.

Dave - volunteering to be part of a working group to work with ORFH,

Joanna will support and ask TLC for a representative

-Need to have a non-profit as the entity to apply for the grant. TL Council is not incorporated as a non-profit. Pat: Highprairie is incorporated as a non profit - don't know if it is state non-profit or federal. She will find out

### **Comprehensive Land Use Planning Update**

**Pat**

**7:36**

- **Park Service Area Discussion**

- **Parks and Rec Survey Questions**

- **Update from Council meetings on Parks and Rec Plans**

Community councils are meeting tomorrow. Sarah Allaben is planning on attending.

Klickitat County Solar ordinance was featured in an article in a solar industry/trade publication and now there is a lot of interest from large solar companies who are against the restrictions in the solar ordinance. Many residents (in the energy/solar overlay zone) don't think it's strict enough.

Public outreach needed for the recreation survey discussion.

Planning dept and commissioners have given consent for us to work on a local parks plan.

This addresses local recreation only, not on tourism.

It's not part of the comp plan because it's not land use development

### **Program of work & Round Robin**

**Dave**

**8:12**

Jim - Likes the Pioneer Center (in White Salmon) which is an enclosed area for folks with parking. Senior bussing to White Salmon is helpful

Tom - pd dennis hartley \$114 for the OFWH presentation

Pat - Sheriff's sale on the 82 rd (Isaac property), homeowners were in financial trouble and were bought out by someone local who also experienced financial trouble. Sheriff's sale (you can bid on it), min bid is \$3M. Toothacres? Back taxes owed. 80 acres? Off grid cabin and shop

Joanna - Fire hall solar grant, commissioners will be voting on it next week.

Aaron - There is a need for paid fire department staff to assist the volunteers with record keeping and equipment inventory to meet state requirements. Limited right now to volunteers Council will explore talking with the TLFd about supporting them to get a levy to support a paid staff member.

Daina - Concerned about lack of affordable housing in the area can affect long-term services - i.e. no DNR engine here anymore due, in part, because a lack of affordable housing resulting in limited applicants to positions in the area.

### **Adjourn**

**8:30**

**Motion - Travis, 2nd -Aaron - all in favor**