

**Trout Lake Community Council
Approved Meeting Notes
At the Grange
April 7, 2026
7:00 – 9:10 pm**

Topic	Council Lead	Start Time
<p>Regular Council Meeting called to order Council Members in attendance: Jim Lambert, Aaron Schmid, Daina Bambe, Tom Binder, Joanna Turner, Lucas King, Dave Wampler, Travis Pearson, Pat Arnold</p> <p>Guests: Matt and Linda Kollman, Les Dewey</p> <p>Community members in attendance: Sarah Arnold (Documenter for Uplift Local), Margo Kelly,</p>	Daina	7:00
<p>Agenda Review No changes</p>	Daina	
<p>Minutes review: March 3, 2026 Motion to approve with 2 changes (name, ditch name): Lucas, 2nd: Tom - all in favor</p>	Daina	
<p>Guest: Matt Kollman, Skyline Hospital Les Dewey (board member), Matt's wife Linda Changes at Skyline - planned growth, Matt/Linda moved here from Yakima, they really wanted to be in this area. They have been here 3 years this coming August. The 2025 Skyline report talks about the growth they've experienced from the clinic to their med-surg clinic, mammography etc. Our community is aging - need more services. Skyline has hired Dr Brian Petering (family and sports med) and Dr Steven Matous (general surgeon). Portland hospitals are becoming more limited in their capacity to take patients that we can't treat and community surveys show that locals want these services, and they are needed. Skyline is going to start offering dialysis (no other hospitals in the gorge offer that, there is a clinic in The Dalles but they are full). Increasing wound care capacity, will offer speech & language pathology (stroke survivors and speech impairments for youth), increased services for mental health care, social services and therapists. Planning to continue conversations with the county to hire a psychologist. Will be doubling the size of the Physical Therapy clinic in order to increase modalities of care. Skyline needs to make some investments into their infrastructure. Current levy is \$.46 per \$1K of property tax revenue. They also need imaging equipment. Levy lid lift on ballot for April 28th - to \$.75/\$1K. \$17M payroll, buys \$3M worth of goods/services from local businesses. Q: MRI needs - how do they compare to Providence. A: There is a need in the community, difficult to get a timely appointment for imaging.</p>	Joanna	7:05

Q: What happens if the levy isn't passed? They will reimagine the timeline and priorities for their plans. Dialysis is important so that folks can recover in their homes (vs spending weeks in Portland for treatment).

Q: Are you concerned about Fed/state funding being cut? A: Levy will be important because of federal funds being cut.

Q: who/how are decisions made - A: This is a Public hospital district (one of few in the state) with a Board who makes priorities, works with community partners to determine priorities. There are 14 beds currently at Skyline.

Q: How are they advertising the levy and getting support for it? A: Radio, Q&A, public conversations at group/community meetings, newspaper etc. Q: How about a Webinar?

Q Are there other ways to produce revenue other than taxes? Additional services to increase income, cancelling community grants etc. Skyline is mandated to have a sliding fee scale for community members (\$1.8M in costs absorbed in 2025 for those that are unable to pay for care, fully or partially).

Q: Status of Emergency services? Now there are 2 surgeons. May 1st they will add lifeflight and be able to provide surgery 7 days a week. Services are looking good and they feel good re-creating extra income, they are good at not wasting money. We are fortunate that good doctors who want to live here, and are willing to take a cut in pay to do so.

Q: How long will this levy rate be good before it'll need to be raised again? 5-10 years? Over time the levy rates go down because of the increase in property values.

Q Short timeline for information to the community is a concern, also there have been lots of levies lately. A: Skyline is Public Hosp dist #2, doesn't include Goldendale (essentially west of Wahkiacus).

Q: If the levy fails - how long does the current levy last? A: The existing levy is a permanent levy, if it doesn't pass, they don't know what they will do yet to address the shortfall in funding. Please get us info for the community e-newsletter that goes out on the 15th.

Affordable/low-income housing survey Updates on survey

Dave

7:55

93 surveys returned. Renters answered every question. Homeowners skipped around on some questions. The majority of respondents were retired.

Need to reach out to more folks - need families, young people and renters.

Lucas will reach out to Big River Community Land Trust and ask for a presentation.

Dave will ask Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing (ORFH) to look at our results

Joanna will ask school etc, we will try to gather more responses for another month.

Dave - Gift Certificate drawing - We had Sarah Arnold draw the entries: Hardware: Kozen, TL Hall: Sean Brown, TL Grocery: Ruth Harpe

Comprehensive Land Use Planning Update: Community Recreation Survey Update

Pat

8:27

119 responses, 5 were questionable and they were removed.

65 and over was more than 50% of responses. Families were really underrepresented.

Need to schedule a public outreach meeting in May to share results with the community.

Need to condense results so we can apply for funding to improve facilities. Good cooperation from the county. Other councils are moving ahead with their own surveys.

There is a central Klickitat Rec area that runs the Goldendale pool. Klickitat County adopted a resolution in 2007 about what community council boundaries are.

Friends of WS is applying for a small fund to support councils sending out direct mail notices for other areas.

Community outreach - Have it at the hall? Maybe a monday taco night. Daina will reach out to Ray.

List of topics for Commissioner Ihrig (May mtg) All 8:53

The park - ditch maintenance (forward issue to public works)

County reorganization - how is it working out to have a co administrator, 911 services etc

Water right claim (info was sent out to council members previously)

Jail

Solar ordinance

Data center updates

Short Term Housing

Round Robin All 9:03

Joanna - Grief circle starts at the end of month, she will miss the June council meeting.

Dave - meeting with Jeff Hunter about the group camp for PCT hikers, the program worked well last year. He will be at the park next week, 15th, for the hazardous fuels walk-through.

These Sacred Hills film - in Hood River on 4/24

Pat - May 8th event at Pushpum, celebration and info about pump storage

For the construction: 3-4K people will be here temporarily (most likely housed in Biggs?) to build solar over a few years - County is beginning to plan for that influx

Jim - met with Carly (UCD) to discuss ditch management in the valley, clean up etc

Travis - Mt Adams Baptist Church bought Bruce property from PUD, leadership would like to come to Council mtg to talk about plans for property. June mtg

Travis - the DNR is going to sell 150 acres south of the hardware store. Plans are to log it, sell it, anticipate it will be available for development if they get a rezone approved.

Daina - park clean up day 5/9, sandwiches/snacks at shelter afterward

Tom - school board voted to move ahead with solar install!

Lucas - solar install at the Firehall should be done by end of year

Adjourn 8:

Motion: Lucas 2nd: Travis - all in favor