

Snowden Community Council – 11.02.2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Council Members present: Roger Gadway, Chuck Kliesh, Jenne Patterson, Jenn Sharp, Tom Montag.

Absent: Bob Conner, Lloyd Olson, Dan Spatz, Chris Stein. There were 3 additional Snowden Community members present.

Roger called the meeting to order in the Cherry Lane Fire Station Meeting Room at 7:10 PM. Tom moved and Chuck seconded to approve the October Meeting **Minutes** as previously presented by email; the Minutes were approved. Bea apologized for being unprepared to report on recently received **Correspondence** to the Council. Roger reported the first letter was a Short Plat alert from the County, about four 10 acre lots at Pearce and Mountain Brook Roads. The second correspondence was from the County Adult Probation Services, requesting notification of roadside litter so they can clean up for us; and, their willingness to support Snowden Community in organizing our own roadside litter cleanup teams. During discussion, Roger announced that the County now has a Compliance Officer, who will be invoked by making a complaint.

Chuck reported the **Treasury** contains \$1,287.94, which includes a deposit of \$30 from donations, and with an outstanding check for \$157.50 to Aaron Kemp our website consultant. The balance will be \$1,129.44 when this check clears. We expect one more invoice from Aaron.

Jenn requested an **Additions to the Agenda** to discuss adverse weather plans for SCC Meetings.

Old Business: Website Committee: Jenne reported that she and Jenn have received a zoom training session from consultant Aaron and are prepared to begin training the rest of the Website Committee how to update the website, and add selected material from the previous website. Jenne assured Chuck that any Council member who wishes can also receive training to access the website.

Broadband Committee: In Chair Dan's absence, Roger reported that Dan has contacted the Department of Commerce regarding money for a Feasibility Study. In the following discussion it was agreed that the SCC must work with other local Community Councils to coordinate our needs, plans and efforts; and that participation in BoCC meetings will be helpful. Roger framed our dilemma: with federal broadband support money beginning to flow in, do we wait to plan around our needs and possibilities first, but then discourage grants to providers eager to get to work now? The Council agreed that the County needs to have a Broadband Office and staff to apply for grants and coordinate community needs with provider's efforts.

New Business. SCC Meeting plan in Adverse Weather: In Council discussion it was agreed to use Zoom for Council Meetings during episodes of difficult/hazardous winter weather, and our website to provide invitation and access to the Zoom meetings.

Fire District #3 Report: Tom reported that Lloyd, Bob and Eric were absent from SCC meeting because they are attending Fire District #3 Task Force meeting for the next 6 or 7 Wednesday evenings, to draft the White Salmon Cooperative Service Agreement. It has been recognized since 2013 that regional sharing of Fire District costs, insurance, and equipment would be mutually beneficial. The Task Force has 5 representatives from White Salmon, 5 from FD #3, and 3 others including Husum, and Pucker Huddle. Their goal is to re-organize the separate firefighting and emergency response units as one Southwest County Fire District.

Bea asked how our community can support Fire District #3 in getting the County and local internet providers that own the cable running in front of the Cherry Lane station to immediately provide adequate internet service to the station. After discussion, Jenn moved and Tom seconded that Bea shall draft a letter on behalf of the SCC to this effect to Commissioner Jake Anderson. A draft of the letter shall be presented for approval at the December Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no further comments **For the Good of the Order**, Roger adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Bea Lackaff SCC Secretary (pro tem)