

Snowden Community Council – 03.02.2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Conner, Roger Gadway, Chuck Kliesh, Tom Montag, Lloyd Olson, Jenn Sharp, Jenne Patterson, Dan Spatz.

Absent: None. There were five other Snowden attendees.

With thanks to zoom host Jenn Sharp, Roger called the Meeting to Order at 7:02 PM.

Tom moved and Chuck seconded to approve the February Meeting Minutes as presented earlier by email; the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck reported the Treasury contains \$1,434.67 . The report was approved.

Jenne asked that the **Agenda** include discussion of more methods to inform and invite the Snowden community to Council meetings.

Old Business: Website Committee: Jenne reported she has reached out to the Community College, and to the Lyle Community Council looking for volunteer help with the partitioning glitch that has been holding up progress in establishing our new SCC website. She and Jenn have found "experts" and are establishing an online meeting to work out the difficulties together.

Broadband Committee: Dan reported that the Broadband Committee was pleased to have two new members, Elisabeth Turner, and Roy Connant, who were recruited by the Council's presence on Face Book. Dan said the BB Committee is pursuing 2 Tracks as they work to understand how to improve effective broadband access for our Community. The 1st track is proceeding to work with State Representative Corry, and with WAVE, the fiber company that owns the (community inaccessible) fiber optic cable that runs through Snowden. Their first goal is to find a Public Entity (such as the County, the Port, or PUD) to sponsor the Council's efforts to apply for grant funding for a community broadband access feasibility study. The Committee will keep in touch with Klickitat County Planning Director Mo Chi Linbad, with the PUD, **with** Carrie Pipinich, from the Gorge Broadband Coalition; and is establishing contact with the Port. Track 2 is building communications with our Neighbor Councils, including Glenwood, Trout Lake, Husum, Lyle, etc. Dan concluded that while fiber access for all is the goal, ultimately the geographic and economic diversity of Snowden will require a hybrid solution, including fiber, towers, hot spots, and satellites.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Eric said the Committee's immediate goals are to 1) to find out from the County the status of their most recent (and future?) Buildable Lands Inventory. 2) We need to find and provide the Council with a link to an editable version of the 2009 Snowden Sub-Area Comp Plan. Then everyone could review what we have, and think about what needs to be improved and updated. Possible topics to consider include broadband access, water, evacuation routes, fire preparedness, solar power, other climate change considerations. Eric and Lloyd repeated the caution that we must pay special attention to the degree that our plan is advisory only, or actually establishes protective limits.

New Business. Roger regretfully announced that Janet Turner has resigned from the Board, on good terms; and that it is now necessary to elect a new Vice Chair. Dan moved to nominate Jenn Sharp as Vice Chair, Lloyd seconded the nomination. Jenn was unanimously elected to the office.

The Council discussed how to expand our community outreach. Dan volunteered to write meeting announcements for the Gorge News. Chuck and Bea will fix up the old sandwich board signs to be placed strategically on the side of Snowden Road. There was discussion of putting up notices on local business

community bulletin boards, and contacting new neighbors. We will continue to use our connections with the Snowden FaceBook page.

Fire District #3 Commissioner's Report: Tom reported that the Cherry Lane Station, badly damaged by heavy snowfall, is awaiting the insurance company's approval, expected next week, to proceed with the repairs. The District has not yet decided whether to total or repair the back-up engine that was damaged. The Hood River Art Club is eager to start re-painting the water tank.

The Husum station has finished most improvements, but still must wait for new 600 amp electric panel, ordered last August, now promised by this July. They plan to get a temporary permit to hook up a 400 amp panel for the interim, and hope to get power to the office buildings by next week.

Roger thanked Tom for his report, and adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Bea Lackaff SCC Secretary (pro tem)