

**Minutes of the Dallesport/Murdock Community Council**  
**April 14, 2011**

**Flag Salute**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call was taken with 8 out of the 8 council members present. There were 12 people in the audience.

**Speaker:** Corinna Anthony, the coordinator for Head Start spoke about the Head Start program and how she serves pregnant moms to 3-year olds. She handed out brochures for Early Head Start. She mentioned that she does home visits 1 time a week for 90 minutes. She is trying to recruit families for this program so she's very open to word-of-mouth recommendations. We can put a spot in the Dallesport newsletter. She serves low-income families in the community

Randy Knowles (commissioner) from Klickitat PUD and Ron Irig (operations manager) spoke and provided us with a cash flow statement handout for the waste water system. The Klickitat County Commission sets the rate for the Dallesport sewer system. They will increase 3% per year. Industrial usage (users) pay more. The PUD operates and manages the system for Klickitat County. The debt is not on the statement of operations; Klickitat County takes care of the debt. 2010 was a better year for the PUD. Average customer was without power 2.73 hours in 2010; in 2009, average power outage per customer was over 12 hours. They want to build a double feed for reliability. Their goal is to not be out of power no more than 3.3 hours per customer per year; 99.685% is their goal. Major causes of outages – load becomes unbalanced and upgrading to system & fire/wind/capacity—major 3 causes of outages. Randy then spoke about the transmission capabilities. He said the PUD netted \$2 million in transmission. There will be a rate increase this year. The PUD has not had an increase for 8 years, but we will this year. At least 6-8% increase this year starting in October 2011. The excess sales from the transmission lines have funded the price increases for 8 years but the excess funds/sales have been used up. They are thinking of having a new pump storage system.

Randy also spoke about the landfill gas project—this project cost \$10 million more than they thought it would. They brought the project online in October 2010 and began testing it. The gas in landfills is very dirty; one component isn't working so they shut the project for 16 weeks minimum. AFT is the subcontractor and the actual head contractor is fixing the problem. At the landfill, we are still running at 10 megawatts even with our problem at the landfill.

The PUD can't let the system degrade. They are doing everything to keep costs down so they don't have to pass on the cost increases to us. With Bonneville, we are a "slice" customer. We only get a certain slice of the power. Anything we need over that slice, we have to get on our own.

Rick McComas, Klickitat County Sheriff, asked if he could follow up with some comments from the last meeting. He said he was prepared for a 5% cut; then the commissioners said no cut; then he gets a memo staying a 5% cut. The commissioners put out the budget with a 1% cut. The

sheriff said he returned an excess of \$136K in 2010 but has had to pay it out for pay increases for employees. He is stuck with the 2010 budget with a 1% cut.

Rick also mentioned that the Sheriff's Office will host the 2012 Search & Rescue training program in May 2012. The Search & Rescue people are all volunteers—we have 50 members county-wide. They operate off \$5-8K budget each year. On April 30, there will be a drug take back from 9 am to 12 pm at the Dallesport Community Center. They will take back your prescriptions drugs to dispose of properly.

**Secretary (Ryan):** March minutes have been read by the council. There was 1 correction needed for the March minutes and Elaine K. suggested that we rescind motion to approve the minutes until the correction has been made.

**Correspondence:** Klickitat County Planning Commission hearings were cancelled April 18, 2011. They have been rescheduled for May 16, 2011. Jack K. said we have a letter into them. He'd like the council to see who opposes/okays the ADU; he thinks the commission keeps delaying this ADU Meeting so we'll give up on this meeting and that it will pass. Don doesn't think this is what the commissioners are doing. Since the testimony is closed, it doesn't make sense to go door-to-door to see if people want the ADU. Jack K. said he wants the door-to-door info done for our appeal (for when it goes before the county commissioners). Mike Smith, from the audience, said they aren't dragging their feet—the board members are farmers so they are busy.

### **Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report (Renee):** As of 3-31-2011, there is \$3448.80 currently available in funds for the council + \$100.00 in the cash box. The bank statement is available for anyone to review. 2 bills were presented to be paid—1<sup>st</sup> bill was (\$460.98) from Jack K. for the freezer & trailer he went to Portland to get for the ice cream sales and the 2<sup>nd</sup> bill was (\$72.36) from Renee for her purchasing 2 boxes of checks from Costco and Easter candy. Motion to accept these bills was done by Art; Jack Cherry seconded it.

Dallesport Elementary School would like us to donate about \$200 in ice cream. Ryan motioned to donate the funds/ice cream and Jack K. seconded it.

**Ways and Means (Elaine):** Elaine K. wanted to thank everyone for helping at the Cherry Blossoms Festival. We lost money at this event; it was too cold but we had to work the festival in order to get 50 lbs. worth of pitted & sliced cherries from the Oregon Cherry Growers. The Easter event is coming up next. Troutlake and the drag races are where we make the most of our money. The Troutlake Art Festival wants a \$100 donation for the portapotty and electricity hook ups. We think it is okay to pay this fee since this event is a great source of revenue for us.

**Public Relations (Renee):** Nothing to report

**Beautification (Elaine):** Elaine K. asked who runs/owns the trailer court in Dallesport. Don M. said he would get Elaine this info.

**Lyle School District (Dennis):** Nothing to report

**County Liaison (Don):** Nothing to report

**Public Comment:** Nothing to report

**Old Business:** Nothing to report

**New Business:** Don M. mentioned that we are going to have an audit of the books. We will do this audit every time we have a new treasurer and also we will do it 1 time a year. The audit is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2011 at 4 pm. by Frank Boen, Pauline Coffield and Britt Becker.

We are looking for a new council member. Renee nominated Chris Murray to be our new member. Chris accepted the nomination.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Herweck, Secretary