

Minutes for 1-12-2022 UPRD Regular Meeting

6:00pm at Community Center

Board members: Tina Gallion, Alicia Beyer, Vern Mohlis, Bob Wittenberg, Pat McConnell

Community Members: Kathy LaMotte, Lisa Brown, Melissa Wittenberg, Shay Briones,

Called to order 6:06PM

1. Welcome everybody

2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings: 12/8/2021

- Motion to approve minutes as presented. Pat. 2nd Alicia. Unanimous

3. Reports: Treasurer, facility and usage – See attached report

4. Approve vouchers

- Motion to approve voucher 12/23/2021 for \$1,390.97. 1/12/2022 for \$1,354.71 Pat, 2nd Alicia. Unanimous

5. Election of Commission Officers –

- Chair – Bob Wittenberg
- Vice-Chair – Tina Gallion
- Secretary – Vern Mohlis
- Treasurer – Alicia Beyer

6. Report / visit with County Commissioner Bob Hamlin – Skamania County has had to cancel some larger events but some other events are starting to come back. Covid was low throughout the summer but is coming up fairly quickly this winter which lines up with the rest of the nation.

- Compliment the road crew of keeping Cook Underwood Road clear during snow storm.
- Hours of operation of Underwood Transfer Site (Brad – Solid waste at the county) – been closed because of lack of staffing and because of COVID. The Underwood Site is open only on Saturdays and has been closed the last 4 weekends. Underwood would like the county to look into other creative ways to allow up at least one day a week to be open, so the extended closures do not happen.
- County road snow removal – over the course of the last couple snow storms the plow trucks have created large piles of snow in driveways. Community is looked for a little more curtesy in a sense on not plowing in the driveway creating large berms.
- Speed issue– should be getting the flashing speed signs in the near future. Looking to get them later this summer.

7. Community Committee report – Kathy LaMotte

- Coalition meeting will be 6:00. Dan Miller will be here to facilitate. Dan will speak for 5-10 minutes and open it up for Q & A. Coffee, Tea, and cookies available.
- Blood drive collected 33 pints of blood, which saves 100 lives. Next drive is February 28.

8. Snow removal contract – make contact to have someone to plow the community center and post office. Pat will contact Aaron Kreps to see if he would like to be contracted through the UPRD to remove snow on a regular basis.

- There might be a way to have an interlocal agreement with the county for them to clear snow to the Post Office.
- Look into purchasing some snow shovels to have for volunteers.

9. Pay rate for Facility Manager – Facility Manager was on a salary rate of \$1200/Month.

- Propose not paying at an hourly rate. And go back to a salary rate.
- Motion to create a salary position of Facility Manager at the rate of \$1,300/month. Pat, 2nd Vern. Unanimous
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10. Management of Underwood Community Garden – Postpone to work session. February 1, 6:00

11. Trim trees by cottage – Lisa Brown has contact for a tree trimmer. Lisa with contact him/her and about the job



12. “Authorized Parking Only” sign for Post Office - Purchase a “no Parking sign”

Other items:

- Look into trees for planting at the park
- How are we going to spend our money in 2022?
- Make decision on garden merge

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Approved

Bob Wittenberg, Chair Vern Mohlis, Secretary