



**Minutes**  
**Community Enrichment Of Klickitat/Skamania County**  
**Board Meeting July 12, 2017**

**Attending**

**Directors Karen Long, Barbara Sexton, Johanna Roe, Linda Williams,  
Darla Johnston, Brian Wanless, Bruce Bolme**

**Guests**

**Laurie Damian, Pam Hilton, Jake Andersen, Sharon Carter,  
Julie Odell, Kari Fagerness**

**Linda Williams called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.**

Introduction of guests: Laurie Damian with the Stevenson Carson Education Foundation.

**Action Items:**

The minutes from the June 2017 CEKC board meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Bruce Bolme, seconded by Brian Wanless. There were no corrections or additions.

The Treasurer report was presented by Brian Wanless.

- He reported the White Salmon Grange received their \$25,000 grant from the Kitchens Foundation, and when it was sent they included \$5,000 additionally for CEKC use.
- CEKC currently has \$24,878 in its coffers.
- The Senior account has approximately \$94,000 in it.
- The Power of Produce Project (RDI) in Stevenson has received \$5,000 from the Community Foundation of SW Washington.
- Linda Williams noted the Commerce budget has been signed, and there will be \$10,000 available for CEKC. Linda will be meeting with Commerce representatives to discuss projects for 2017-2018.

The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously on a motion by Johanna Roe with a second by Bruce Bolme.

**Communications:**

- Linda reported she received a letter from Ron Anderson of Goldendale. He is moving from the area and wanted to thank CEKC for its work. He noted there were some issues taking place with the Goldendale Gleaner's that is affecting their program.
- Richard Foster with Klickitat County's EDC sent an email. He is currently on Reserve duty. He noted that the Governor's Career Connected Learning Summit recently held in Dallesport had 35-40 people attend. Custom Interface in White Salmon has received a \$22,000 grant for training and certification of employees.
- Liz with Oregon Solutions invited a CEKC representative to the July 19th meeting regarding food security.
- Linda reported talking with Sasha Bentley with Klickitat Advocacy. They are a new group and may be interested in working with CEKC. Because of their advocacy work they may not be appropriate.

**New Business:**

- Laurie Damian with the Stevenson-Carson Education Foundation presented their application to become a project under CEKC. Linda asked her to pass it around so board members could read it before deciding. There were questions regarding the insurance needed for events and what funds they had available for start-up costs. Kari Fagerness noted that Rene Hanks may have some funds available that could be transferred and used for the SCEF.

Laurie reported that due to the school counselor at Stevenson High School resigning, some scholarships now need to be managed and dispersed through another venue. Laurie asked if the SCEF could do that. It was determined more information is needed.

Johanna noted that even though the state budget has passed with changes to school funding, levy dollars for enrichment purposes will still be needed.

- The board voted unanimously to accept the Stevenson-Carson Education Foundation as a new CEKC project following a motion by Johanna Roe with a second by Bruce Bolme.
- The new forms for CEKC projects as developed by the board (with Julie's guidance and utmost patience, and Jan's hard work) were approved unanimously following a motion by Brian Wanless and a second by Barbara Sexton.

### **Committee Reports**

Sharon Carter with KC Senior Services reported on the Aging Mastery Program. She deemed it very successful. The ages of attendees ranged from 56-96. She is looking to Skyline Hospital Foundation to sponsor the next series. She is looking for a physician to come in for an elective class on speaking with your doctor. There will be a series offered in Goldendale this fall. The class time may be extended in order to shorten the total number of weeks attendees need to be at.

Sharon shared information on upcoming improvements to Mt. Adams Transportation Services. A large WaDOT grant will help them offer more transportation options, including a fixed route shuttle between White Salmon and Goldendale and Goldendale and The Dalles. Stops at the Community College and other transit centers will be offered. She noted highest usage is for dial-a-ride appointments for medical purposes.

Linda Williams suggested a possible Senior Summit may be a good idea to help educate residents on the new service.

Karen Long with Mid Columbia Housing Authority reported the recent round of financial education classes have attracted 20 participants. The curriculum will be changing from Smart Money to Your Money, Your Goals. The classes are made up of 4 sessions, 2 hours each. The Community College is offering financial ed classes as well-Realizing Your Potential. Bruce Bolme reported that Washington Gorge Action Programs may require tenants in their new program to attend financial education classes. There will be a regional Asset Building Summit/Neighborhood Partnerships offered in Hood River at the Community college on September 12th from 11-1. Skamania and Klickitat County providers are welcome to participate.

Kari Fagerness with Skamania County EDC noted the success of the Power of Produce Club taking place at the Stevenson Farmer's Market.

Their recent PUB Talks were successful.

She attended a program at the Port of The Dalles put on by McMinville Works regarding local internships. There is a steering committee looking to find businesses to sign on.

Skamania County received a grant to assess brownfield sites for possible redevelopment.

The Stevenson Community Pool is open. The first week over 100 lessons were sold.

Kari is working with the local school levy committee to promote its passage due to its importance to the community.

The Stevenson Downtown Association has just hired a p/t Ex. Director. They are working on a potential project for the courthouse lawn area to make it a more publicly attractive and useful space.

Darla Johnston provided an update on the Underwood Community Center. An irrigation system for the grounds is needed, but will take several years to finalize and fund. Music events are being held to help raise funds, and an old car rally is being planned for July 22.

Barbara Sexton reported the Lyle Activity Center is happy the state budget was approved. Repairs to the roof are still needed and bids are being re-issued.

Bruce Bolme noted the WS Farmer's Market is having another successful season. The new setting at the park is working well, with 12-14 vendors attending. They also have a Power of Produce program for children, but have decided to expand it to include seniors.

Jake Anderson shared that the local broadband provider WAVE is merging with RC Services. Mosier Wirenet is expanding and the Klickitat County Broadband team is working on encouraging them to set their equipment on Klickitat County towers.

Century Link now offers DSL services 11 miles up the Snowden Road.

Workforce Development: Insitu is increasing their internships and apprenticeships for high school age youth.

Low participation in adult education classes at colleges resulting in colleges not offering them as often. The idea may be now for employees to attend classes as part of their work.

Jake shared information on a possible way for rural areas to receive high speed internet. Microsoft is proposing the use of 'white space' or unused television airwaves.

#### Klickitat Community Center

Pam Hilton reported the senior meals are going well. They are held the third Thursday of each month. 41 participants enjoyed a meal last time, with 10-12 volunteers helping.

A KLASAC Fun day is planned for July 12th from 1-3, with July 13th set for the Fun day in Lyle. These are part of KLASAC's summer community outreach.

Canyon Days are scheduled for the end of July.

Rural Family/Business Emergency Preparedness Expo Set for October 7th in Underwood.

Johanna and Jan held a phone meeting on the 7th of July. They developed a list of contacts to invite and topics to offer to those attending. The focus will be on family and business preparation. Johanna still needs to ask the Goldendale Grange about using the building to put on another expo in Goldendale sometime in October.

#### **Grants:**

Johanna shared information on a rural grant program offered by the Northwest Farm Credit Services. Their next application round is scheduled for October.

<https://www.northwestfcs.com/en/Stewardship/rural-communities/rural-community-grant-program>

#### **Good of the order:**

Linda Williams expressed a desire for the board to consider somehow supporting the re-establishment of local community councils. She believes they are essential to local communities and would like to see CEKC provide leadership training or other activities. No decision was requested for today, but she will revisit the topic at another meeting.

Bruce Bolme related there will be a training on Non-Violent Communication techniques on July 22 at the Columbia Center for the Arts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.