

Notes from CPO-13 Meeting February 13, 2019

Location: Gales Creek Community Church Fellowship Hall, 9170 NW Sargent Road, Gales Creek, OR

Meeting was called to order by Gary Post at 7:03PM. Approximately 10 in attendance. Gary Post welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Forest Grove Fire & Rescue, Tad Buckingham with public safety message:

Buckingham handed out an informational paper titled 'Snowstorms & Extreme Cold'. He spoke about winter preparedness, another fire fighter moving into the Gales Creek house next to the fire station, a new ladder truck going into service, and a new diesel exhaust system (grant funded) going into the Gales Creek Fire Station. There was then a question and answer session.

Pledge of Allegiance was performed

Newly elected County Commissioner Jerry Willey was the main speaker. Willey introduced himself. He has been a CPA for 35 years and was Hillsboro Mayor for 8 years. He serves the 4th district of 4 and represents 900,000 people. District 4 is very rural. He is focused on transportation, affordable housing, homelessness, commute times, and growth. He expects many small towns in his district will double in size in the next five years. This will cause a lot of demands on city services, and small cities must work together on this. Other topics were Council Creek Trail, Salmonberry Trail, Yamhelas Westsider trail proposal, internet service for rural residents, Metro purchasing land outside their boundaries, Sheriff's coverage in rural areas, cell phone coverage (especially over the coast range travel routes), solar farms, permit costs for new homes, deregulation, Washington County fairgrounds, and the bill at the state level to no longer allow single family housing. Willey promised to do his homework and return in a month with some answers to questions brought up.

CPO elections will take place in March. Nominations were tonight. Chair: Gary Post nominated and seconded. Vice Chari: no nominations. Secretary: Melinda Fischer was nominated and seconded.

Community Calendar:

Ran out of time

Open Floor:

There was discussion on how to handle local residents who are in need of mental health & drug treatment services.

Next CPO-13 meeting:
March 13, 2019 at the Verboort Parish
Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM
Melinda Fischer, Secretary