

**PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION**  
**Regular Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Dufur School, Dufur, Oregon**

The Regular Session Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Greg Weast at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Executive Assistant Toepke

- **COMMISSION** Greg Weast, Robert Wallace, Staci Coburn, David Griffith, John Willer
- **STAFF** Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant; Bill Dick, Attorney
- **GUESTS** Ann Ferguson, Merle Keys, Kathy Bostick, Jack Henderson, Shilah Olson, Steve Kramer, 4
- **MEDIA** Alana Lackner, Columbia Gorge News

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Weast

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS** Roll Call assigned to Executive Assistant Toepke, not Executive Director Klaas

**COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE**

- **Ann Ferguson, Secretary/Treasurer, Dufur Recreation District:** Just awarded a grant for \$470,000.00 for a splash park! And just finished an OPRD Grant of \$181,000.00 grant for resurfacing the swimming pool
- **Merle Keys, Mayor Dufur City & Kathy Bostick, Dufur City Recorder:** Water system needs upgrading. Sewer needs to be redone to bring it up to Federal standards. Crack resurfacing to keep the pavement up. Taking care of the infrastructure is a constant project. We apply for grants when we can. Commissioner Wallace requested a wastewater update, Kathy Bostick replied that they opened schedule A bids today. Projects take a long time.
- **Jack Henderson, Superintendent, Dufur School District:** Great year, even though we were in/out of school a couple of different times. There are scholarship opportunities: Jerry Walker \$2.1 million; Ranger Pride Education Foundation \$2.3 million. Minute Taker: brochure included about the foundation. The Ranger Tech Program brought Baker Technical Institute (BTI) to the school this summer to train the students in heavy equipment machinery -- \$36,000.00, all paid through grant funding, except \$5,000.00
- **Shilah Olson, District Manager, Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District:** Hoping to start a test pilot of the *Fifteenmile Managed Underground Storage Project* by Winter 2022 and see something on the ground by Summer 2023. \*Minute Taker: Please see enclosed info sheet for explanation of what the *Fifteenmile Managed Underground Storage Project* is.

**PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION** Bill Stillwell questioned the status of the rebuild of D-Dock at The Dalles Marina after the fire in July 2021? President Weast replied that the Port cannot pay for it, as it is private; that said, he explained that the Port is trying to find possible solutions to have it rebuilt.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS** Stand as included in Meeting Packet, plus Commissioner Weast will join Executive Director Klaas on KODL

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. June 8, 2022, Regular Session Meeting Minutes Stand as Presented
2. June 2022 Financial Reports Stand as Presented

**REPORTS**

1. *Staff Report* Executive Director Klaas Stands as included in the Meeting Packet
2. *Committee Reports*
  - *Community Outreach Team* Executive Director Klaas A Washington, D.C. visit is underway for September. ED Klaas had a meeting with a lobbyist who works for the Ports – it reiterated how important face to face meetings really are, so it's worth it for the COT to visit Washington, D.C. twice per year, to keep those important relationships.

- Urban Renewal Commissioner Coburn Urban Renewal did not meet, they will meet in August.
- Chamber of Commerce Commissioner Griffith FY 2022-2023 budget was approved. Staff is full for the first time in a long time, 7 people in total – 2 are interns. A new board was elected. The outgoing chairperson is Connie Ford, it was her last meeting – they'll be recognized in September. The Chamber is now open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday's, just for the summer.
- Dufur Commissioner Wallace There will be an electric car share out of the school's parking lot. The program is through Bonneville. Anyone that is 21 years and over can reserve a car for \$4 per hour. Hopefully the residents will utilize it. Dufur is the smallest community in the State to have anything like this (electric car share). The car maybe rotated between Dufur & Maupin. Azure added lumber at the hardware store. There are talks of a bakery. The 6 apartments above Kramer's are hoped to be completed in September. The mini-storage and laundry mat were hiring for an onsite manager, they received over 100 applications – because it includes housing. First time to see snow on cherry blossoms in April! Wheat yield will be high! The Dufur Threshing Bee changed to be called Dufur Days, now it is back to the Dufur Threshing Bee – it will be held in August. (Jack Henderson added that there will be 8-man classic football and a volleyball tournament on Labor Day weekend.)
- Wasco County Economic Development Executive Assistant Toepke Beginning to work on Dufur Vision Update. \*Next meeting not until September.

**REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M. & EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED AT 6:07 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 6:43 P.M. & REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 6:45 P.M.**

**ACTION REQUIRED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION** Counter Offer as Presented: 20-year loan at 4.75% to Balloon at 36 months M/S. Coburn, S/R. Wallace, Motion Approved Unanimously

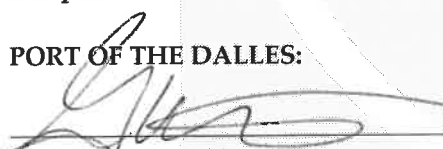
**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- Nomination to keep the same set of Officers: President, Greg Weast; Vice-President, Robert Wallace; Secretary, David Griffith; Treasurer, Staci Coburn; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, John Willer M/R. Wallace, S/J. Willer, Motion Approved Unanimously

**COMMISSION CALL** Happy Birthday to Staci! Appreciate all the Community Partner Updates and warm welcome. It's good to be in Dufur!

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.**

**PORT OF THE DALLES:**

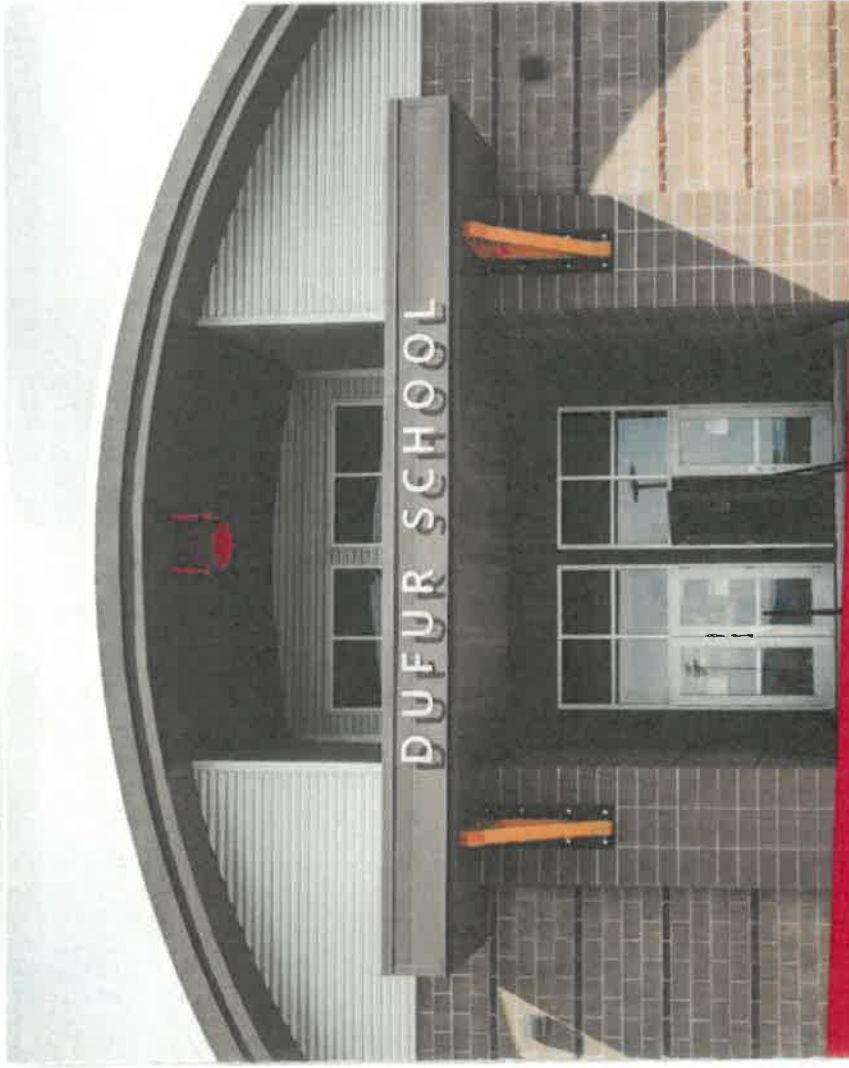
  
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 Greg Weast, President  
 Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

  
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 David A. Griffith, Secretary  
 Board of Commissioners

**DATE APPROVED:** August 10, 2022

**Prepared by:** Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant



# RANGER PRIDE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Dedicated to Education and  
Innovation for Dufur School

# HISTORY

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Like many small towns in rural America, Dufur has made the school the heart of our community. From the annual Homecoming parades through downtown past Kramer's Market, to filling the fields and gyms no matter the activity or event, the community of Dufur will always show up and show their Ranger Pride. Over the years that support began to include donations for small improvements and to continue to fund activities, curriculum, and events for students that may otherwise have been cut due to woefully insufficient state and federal funding.

Enter Sister Patricia Pfenning.

Sister Patricia has been a beloved fixture in the community of Dufur for decades, and it was her influence that encouraged residents to continue to support the Dufur School District by gifting estates and opening scholarships and endowed funds to honor the legacy of loved ones. The small donations began to grow into larger donations, and in recent years it was determined that a scholarship foundation should be established along with the Jerri Walker DePriest Memorial Endowment Scholarship to assist the school with continued growth and further the investment opportunities for these community donations.

In March of 2020, as the pandemic began to change the face of education and all our lives forever, the Dufur School District Board of Directors searched for additional resources to find stability in the face of mounting uncertainty. To this end, the scholarship foundation in its current form was retooled and reestablished as the Ranger Pride Education Foundation with a dedicated Board of Trustees made up of community members and district staff, and an Executive Director to manage the funds and daily operations.

With tremendous thanks to Sister Pat and our humble beginnings, the Ranger Pride Education Foundation now encompasses nine different scholarships and five additional education funds totaling over \$2.2 million dollars with plans to double in size in the next five years to support even more students and more programs for Dufur School.



# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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BARBARA PAIST TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

THE CROSBY SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

DUFUR ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

DON HEISLER SCHOLARSHIP

JIM SHULTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

KENN MCCULLOUGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DOROTHY G. MCMANIGAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ZIPPORAH G. WOODS SCHOLARSHIP

BOB STEVENSON ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

# EDUCATION FUNDS

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BARBARA GARNER ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

BIG RIVER ENDOWMENT FUND

RANGER TECH PATHWAYS PROGRAM FUND

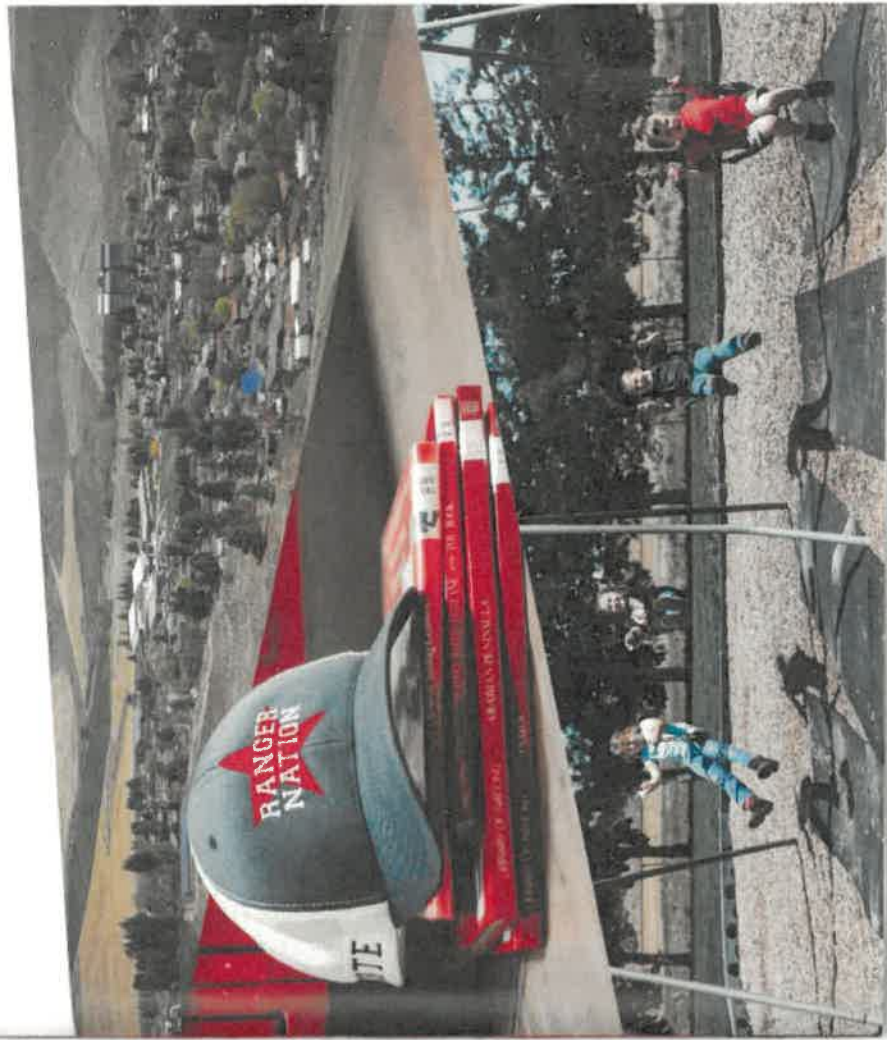
RANGER NATION ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES FUND

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANT FUND

# FUNDRAISING

The Ranger Pride Education Foundation utilizes a combination of events, grants, contributions, sponsorships, and donations to support our education and scholarship funds. Annual events include the Ranger Open Golf Benefit and the student led Walk-A-Thon in the spring and assisting with the 8-man Classic and the Jerri Walker DePriest Memorial Endowment Fund Auction and Dinner in the fall. To learn more about these events and ways that you can donate please visit our website.

[www.rangerpride.org](http://www.rangerpride.org)



# FOUNDATION FOCUS

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The Ranger Pride Education Foundation has two areas of focus, our Education Funds and our Scholarship Funds. All of our funds support our mission and vision for Dufur School. Whether you are looking to support students with post-secondary education and scholarships, or you would like to see more curriculum and endowed teaching positions in the arts or the trades, we have a fund that will match your goals. You can easily donate on-line at [www.rangerpride.org](http://www.rangerpride.org) or send your donation to the school. Your donation makes a tremendous difference in the lives of our students and the entire community of Dufur.



## CONTACT US

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# Fifteenmile Managed Underground Storage Project

The Fifteenmile Managed Underground Storage Project attempts to strike a balance between resource utilization and the maintenance of natural ecosystems by providing an active management solution promoted by both conservationists and agricultural producers alike.

**History** Fifteenmile Creek is a small stream flowing from Mt. Hood, downstream into the Columbia River within Wasco County. Fifteenmile Creek is home to ESA listed Middle Columbia Steelhead, a threatened population segment of steelhead.

In addition to being home to these ESA listed steelhead, the Fifteenmile Watershed also supports a robust agricultural community. This agricultural community relies on irrigation withdrawals from Fifteenmile Creek to produce the goods that support their communities and livelihoods. Like many streams in the American west, Fifteenmile Creek is severely temperature limited. During mid-late summer months, irrigation withdrawals exacerbate naturally low base flows, reducing available habitat and hindering mobility for juvenile and adult fish.

In 2009, low flows and extended high air temperatures combined to kill an unknown but significant number of juvenile fish in Fifteenmile Creek, including threatened steelhead. As a result, an enforcement official from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) investigated claims that the watershed violated the Endangered Species Act (ESA), an offense that carries both civil and criminal penalties. Since then, collaborative efforts between stakeholders have been hard at work to ensure the continued coexistence between irrigators and ESA listed steelhead.

**Implementation** The solution we propose to address the issues facing the Watershed lies within the Fifteenmile Underground Storage Project, a subsurface storage facility designed to catch and store water when flows are abundant, and release water back into the stream when flows are low. The SWCD has sponsored a series of feasibility studies analyzing the projected costs and benefits of several other methods to address low summer stream flows & high temperatures, including above ground storage, water delivery efficiency improvements, and stream restoration.

The underground storage facility will consist of a diversion used to divert water from the creek when flows are high, leading to an infiltration basin of alluvial sediment that provide filtration for the water. Under the infiltration basin will be an underdrain system that will feed into a well, which will then pump water into the target aquifer for storage. The water may then be retrieved and pumped back into the creek during high summer temps, providing thermal refuge for endangered salmonids. An example of the proposed facility can be found within the pictures on the next page.

It is important to note that this water will be protected as it moves down stream, meaning that it is solely to be used for ecological benefits rather than irrigation. That being said, the peace of mind afforded to irrigators by reducing the risk of fish-kill and subsequent enforcement action as a result of utilizing their legally assigned water rights has garnered support of the project from the local agricultural community

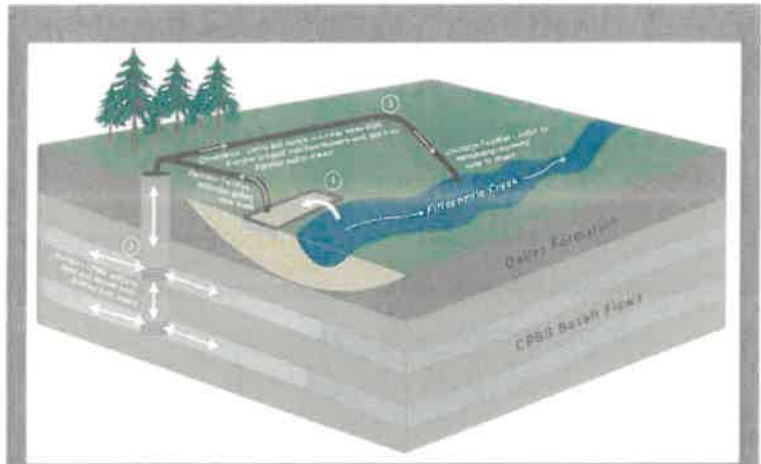




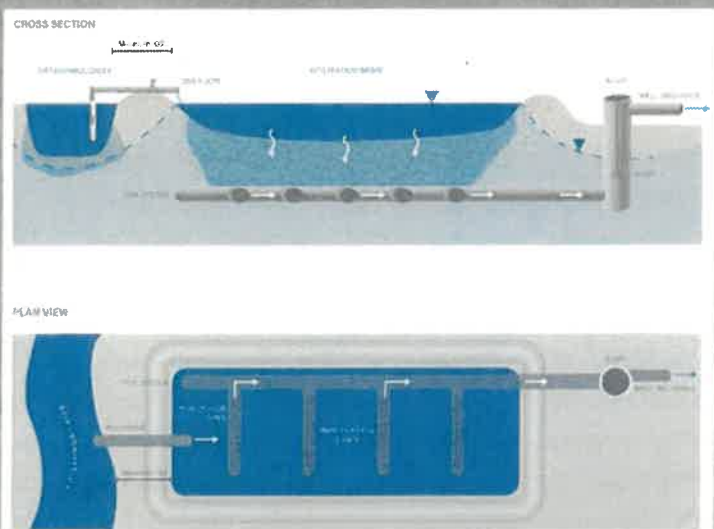
**Next Steps** We are currently conducting a stakeholder engagement and outreach process that attempts to bring together stakeholders from a multitude of different perspectives and interests to figure out the optimal ownership and governance structure for the facility. This stakeholder group has met four times so far, with a consensus recommendation for the SWCD & Council to pursue the project as the owner/operator, as well as to research Safe Harbor Agreements & Water Conservancy Districts.

Occurring alongside these efforts, we're also working to complete the initial pilot study for the project, which will result in the construction of a test infiltration basin and diversion. Once these portions of the facility are constructed, water will be run through the basin, collected, and tested to be sure it meets necessary water quality standards for subsurface storage.

The Fifteenmile Watershed Council, and the SWCD have been at work implementing several other complimentary conservation actions and programs within the Fifteenmile Watershed. The Fifteenmile Watershed Council administers the FAST program, a voluntary program aimed at leaving more water instream by shutting off irrigation when stream temperatures are predicted to reach lethal levels for salmonids. Additionally, over 90% of the perennial reaches within the Fifteenmile Watershed are enrolled in some form of riparian buffer program. The Fifteenmile Watershed Council has also been working with ODFW to tag steelhead within Fifteenmile Creek, to gage the impacts of conservation actions and understand the population viability. We hope that the Underground Storage Project will be a model for future projects, leading to positive impacts on both farms & fish.



Project Conceptual Design



Schematic of Infiltration Basin Treatment



Example Infiltration Treatment Basin Under