

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2018

8:05 a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Aric Skinner – NW Natural
Scott Gallegos – NW Natural
Elliott Whitmire – Crestline Construction

John Amery - Aristo Networks/QLife
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Greg Jenson – Crestline Construction

Danny Saldivar was absent, Brewster Whitmire proceeded with the meeting.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Brewster Whitmire indicated that the estimated balance is \$2,100.00.

Damages:

No damages were reported.

Old Business:

Dale McCabe met with Jerrmee Beal, Project Engineer with Centurylink. Jerrmee is located out of Vancouver, WA and his region covers the Columbia River Gorge from Vancouver, WA to Pendleton, OR. Joey Shelton is an alternate point of contact for CenturyLink and is located out of Hood River. They discussed the continued issues with locates, response to locates as well as attendance to our monthly meetings. Resolve to these issues does not look to be immediate.

Work will continue in getting a contractor's night set up, estimated time frame is October/November. Will need to follow up with Danny Saldivar.

New Business:

Scott Gallegos reported that the OUCC has funds available for sponsorships, promotional items, etc. He mentioned partnering with Hood River at the Hood River Beer Festival this fall.

Aric Skinner mentioned that he attended the OUCC meeting in August. The next OUCC meeting is Tuesday, October 9 at 10 a.m. and OUNC meeting is Wednesday, October 10 at 9 a.m., both will be held at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

Brewster reported that no billing statement has been received for the Fort Dalles Fourth sponsorship.

Round Table:

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Finishing up freeway projects
- 8/30 & 8/31 – EB/WB on 197 closures for upgrades
- Snipes/Pomona projects
- Charter – Freemont across intersection above Big Jim's Restaurant, new pole – height extension
- New water line – Sheers Highway

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- St. Mary's project – under freeway at Weber Street
- Fiber – 10th St., from St. Mary's to Spooky's and to 2nd St., to Port area

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- RBC pave back at 9th St. & Cherry Heights 8/30
- Sewer main extension – 9th St. & Morton
- Water main extension – 9th St. & Morton
- Sewer extension – 16th & Elberta
- Whispering Pines Subdivision – Plans have been submitted
- Lone Pine project

Elliott Whitmire – Crestline Construction

- Continued work on medical facility on 10th St.
- Curb/sidewalk improvements on 13th St.

Aric Skinner – NW Natural

- Maintenance

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Finishing up 200+ pole replacements due to the recent fires
- New service work
- Digging for underground service is now contracted out – it will be up to the contractor to call in necessary notices to 811

Scott Gallegos – NW Natural

- Changes to current 811 guidelines have been accepted by the board; waiting for final adoption/approval. Some briefly discussed were:
 - Circumference moving to 2 feet
 - 48 hour rule changing to 2 full business day rule
 - Ticket life changing to 45 days or the life of the project; whichever is shorter
 - Arrangements for requesting a locate
 - Design locates

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary