

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2018

8:04 a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

John Amery	Aristo Networks
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco Co. PUD
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey	Wasco Electric Cooperative
Aaron Westfall	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Greg Jenson	Crestline Construction
Jean Corbin	City of The Dalles Public Works
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Scott Peters	Oregon Dept. of Transportation

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Danny Saldivar gave the treasurer's report. It was indicated that there is approximately \$2,400.00 in the account. Danny will follow up with Arthur Smith regarding any transactions. Dale McCabe stated that the community clean up banner cost was reduced from \$769.00 to around \$300.00 due to reusing a prior banner.

Damages:

Dale McCabe reported that ODOT locates along I-84 are difficult to find.

Scott Peters arrived

Aaron Westfall reported that when looking for ODOT locates at the on/off ramp exits, there are discrepancies with ticket descriptions.

Scott Peters indicated that he will obtain information regarding the ticket locate descriptions and pass along the discrepancies for locate markers/signs in hopes of resolving this issue of properly locating the locate markers.

Damages, continued

John Amery suggested having locates GPS coordinated. Dale indicated that the white paint is still needed as GPS coordinates are not all accurate and the cost involved for utilities to become GPS friendly can be costly. Ed Ortega indicated that mapping is not always accurate when GPS coordinates are used; each map can differ with GPS coordinates.

Old Business:

Dale McCabe had a meeting with Samantha at Centurylink regarding obtaining a primary contact for locates, issues, etc. The new contact is Jermee Beal, 360-699-3546.

Danny Saldivar will continue to work in getting a contractor's night set up, possibly in September.

New Business:

Brewster Whitmire reported that we have not been billed for the Fort Dalles Forth sponsorship. He did not attend the event however was told that we were mentioned as a sponsor.

Danny will follow up regarding the Chamber Events Committee meeting that he will be attending today.

Round Table:

Aaron Westfall / Yogi Rattay – NW Natural

- Service work
- Maintenance
- Waiting for Lone Pine project to begin
- Repairing damages in Hood River

Greg Jenson – Crestline

- Finished up with Second Street project
- Lone Pine utility installation - drill & shoot (press release when/if it happens)
- Work in O'Dell / Parkdale area

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Finish up project's with Crestline
- ADA Ramps around town
- Moving forward with sewer project on 8th Street to East Second Street ROW
- Maintenance
- Trying to finish East 18th Street project with Centurylink
- Lone Pine project
- Holiday Inn Express permit completing stages
- Elberta & 14th Subdivision

Scott Peters – Oregon Department of Transportation

- Charter above Big Jims upgrade crossing
- New water line – Sheers Highway

Round Table, continued

John Amery – Aristo Networks

- Second Street Overhead Lines
- Lone Pine project

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco PUD

- Dufur tower
- Finishing up with Tygh Valley work
- Lone Pine project
- Maintenance

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

- Water @ 75% capacity
- Inspection (last week) – safety related compliance work to be done
- Maintenance

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- New Services
- Maintenance
- Fire restoration
- Pole replacements
- Locates

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary