

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2018

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

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Aric Skinner – NW Natural
Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation
Bill Vanek – Chenowith Water
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

John Amery - Aristo Networks/QLife
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco PUD
Jean Corbin – City of The Dalles Public Works
Ryan Winfree – NW Natural

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Danny Saldivar to obtain from Arthur Smith the account balance and if we have received billing for the Ft. Dalles 4th sponsorship.

Follow Up:

Danny Saldivar:

- Fort Dalles Fourth statement – not received as of today's meeting. He will check with Arthur Smith.
- Check with Arthur Smith on getting a check to Brewster for the \$150.00 donation for Wasco Electric's Annual Meeting gifts.
- Reach out to John Buckley regarding a date for the contractor's night. Looking at the 21st of February, 2019.
- Leathermans Tool / Hydros – find out if they were ordered – check with Arthur. At the May 15, 2018 meeting, a motion was made and seconded to purchase 50 promotional items, with a value up to \$400.00.

Damages:

Ed Ortega reported that Trichel Construction broke a neutral on a primary near the Chenowith Rim Apartments & 13th Street on Friday, October 12. No outages or injuries were reported. On Monday, October 15, Trichel Construction hit a secondary, two hot wires; services to Chenowith Rim Apartments were interrupted for about 15 minutes. Note: All locates were marked appropriately.

Old Business:

None Reported

New Business:

Dale McCabe reported that Jean Corbin had an encounter with a customer at City of The Dalles Public Works who indicated that they (customer) may have a lawsuit with Centurylink due to the lack of follow up/follow through with a locate. No more information was available at this time.

Dale reported that Jermee Beal has left Centurylink effective October 13, 2018. New contact is Keith. Keith can be reached at 360-699-3720.

Ed is planning on attending the next OUNC Meeting, scheduled for November 14, 2018 in Sherwood, OR.

Scott Peters reported that in reference to locates, locates over 700 feet apart will need to have a separate locate called in. Concern was that this is going to create 13 locates vs. 1. Ed will check to see of any locate guidelines and get back to us at the next meeting.

Brewster Whitmire discussed the contractor's night with a tentative date of February 21, 2019. Danny will send an invite to Don Patterson with NW Natural.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Contract out to bid for new sanitary sewer line
- Lift station being updated with a gravity line
- Work below 2nd Street / Railroad property
- Sewer crews – begin reinstallation of sewer main up E 18th St., between Thompson & Morton
- Installing sanitary sewer main on 9th St., E of Morton; upsizing water main for future lots
- Winter maintenance
- New Columbia View Pet Hospital on Port – construction beginning

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Drainage on Munson property
- Paving in Shaniko while weather permits
- General maintenance

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- New Columbia View Pet Hospital on Port – construction beginning
- Titan Electric – 69KV transmission line – replacing poles – Hwy 197
- Excavation @ marina – upgrading services from overhead to underground
- 9th St. / 10th St. development
- Lone Pine development
- New services

Greg Jenson – Crestline Construction

- Continued work with client at west end of The Dalles
- Waterline project in O'Dell
- General maintenance

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Continued replacement of fire damaged poles
- New services
- General maintenance
- Finishing up pole replacements in Maupin

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation

- Pump shut-offs scheduled for October 19
- Draining system – week of October 22
- Marking locates for air valve repairs during off season
- New motor control to upgrade facilities
- General maintenance

Bill Vanek – Chenoweth Water

- Replacing lines
- Purchased used back truck
- General maintenance

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Delaying St. Mary's project until Mid-January (under freeway at Weber Street)

Ryan Winfree – NW Natural

- New service work

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2018 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary