

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2019

8:07a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

John Amery - Aristo Networks/QLife
Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.
Bill Vanek – Chenowith Water

Ed Ortega called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

In Arthur Smith's absence, Ed reviewed the last treasurer's report given in October. Last reported balance was \$3,432.25 with one outstanding check to Rage Graphics. Rage Graphics cannot locate this check and have requested a replacement check. Arthur is going to check with US Bank to see what the stop-payment fee is and offer to reissue the check to Rage Graphics minus the stop-payment fee. Ed did discuss the annual assistance from the State Council that we should be receiving.

Follow Up:

Brewster Whitmire:

- Fort Dalles Fourth statement – not received as of today's meeting. All attending were in agreement that we would not be billed at this point.

Danny Saldivar:

- Reach out to John Buckley regarding a date for the contractor's night. Looking at the 21st of February, 2019.

Other:

- Leathermans Tool / Hydros – After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to hold off on ordering any promotional items at this time as it is going into the slow time of year. Note: At the May 15, 2018 meeting, a motion was made and seconded to purchase 50 promotional items, with a value up to \$400.00. It was discussed to wait until spring 2019 to purchase promotional items.

Old Business:

Ed will reach out to Skamania and Klickitat Counties regarding their interest in a combined contractor's night. At our prior meeting in December, a discussion was held on making a decision at the January, 15, 2019 meeting regarding a date for the contractor's night. Possibility to move date to March/April.

Old Business, continued:

Board Elections – 2019

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Danny Saldivar as Vice President. Motion passed.

President – Ed Ortega

President Elect – Brewster Whitmire

Vice President – Danny Saldivar

Secretary – Jennifer Lindsey

Brewster Whitmire discussed the email that Jennifer Lindsey sent out regarding an advertising outreach using billboards. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to proceed with a billboard advertisement with Meadow Outdoor Advertising in Wasco County, billboard #9716 for the month of April. Motion passed. If location is not available in April, interested in moving to March or May. Jennifer will follow up with Meadow Outdoor and report back at the February meeting.

Continued thoughts for advertising outreach to broaden 811's "Call Before You Dig" message in the following areas:

- Radio – PSA announcements
- Realtor offices
- In utility offices
- Banner located at rental locations
- Social media
- Mass mailing flyer
- Home & Garden Show
- Tri-fold media from website (order from website)

Damages:

None reported.

New Business:

Dale McCabe reported that the City of The Dalles is enforcing the Pedestrian Contrail Plan or TPAR. This is any work posing to close a sidewalk, applicant must complete a sidewalk closure permit for ADA. This is being strictly enforced. If you have questions, please contact City of The Dalles.

Round Table:

Bill Vanek – Chenowith Water

- Meter replacements
- Spring 2019: Replacing line on Hostetler

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Continued fiber replacement

Round Table, Continued

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

- Cutoff on W. 6th by Astro/Franz for new lodging facility
- Blasting next couple of weeks for new lodging facility
- General maintenance

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Pole replacements
- New services
- Winter weather maintenance / ice build-up on lines

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- New lodging facility on W. 6th underway soon
- Crestline Construction on 5th St. / E. 9th / E. 8th – running line downhill
- Sewer project with Crestline Construction
- Sewer line @ E. 18th / Thompson / Morton
- New services
- Maintenance
- Tennison Engineering – Surveying ADA ramps; locations between Union St./4th & 10th, 10th & Jordan & Kelly Avenue for future designs of ADA ramps

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Engineer consulting firm doing design work in the areas of Mill Creek, Orchard Rd., and to Reservoir Rd. for pole relocates
- Pole replacement between Hwy 197 & Brewery Grade OVP for future growth
- Marina work (Hage Electric)
- New services
- Maintenance
- Pole replacements

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary