

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2019

8:00 a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative
Elliott Whitmire- Crestline Construction
John Amery - Aristo Networks/QLife
Bill Vanek - Chenowith Water P.U.D.
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Work
Jean Corbin – City of The Dalles Public Works
Aaron Westfall – NW Natural Gas

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 16th, 2019 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith reported an ending balance in the amount of \$2,847.88, and reflects the \$5.00 banking service charge for business checking.

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the Community Clean-Up in 2020. It was mutually agreed amongst attendees to continue discussion on this early next year.

A discussion was held regarding the booth at the Cherry Festival Home and Garden Show in 2020. Ed Ortega suggested attending more meetings or to contact The Dalles Chamber of Commerce for additional information. Tabled to next meeting

Wasco County Fair booth – Arthur indicated that he is willing to set up the booth, however booth will essentially be unattended by council. Dates are August 22nd to 25th. Arthur will set up the booth on Wed the 22nd. He ordered and received many items of “free swag” to have at the booth. (Items include Sunglass, Frisbees, Pens, Magnets, and flyers.) He will check and restock items if needed for the weekend.

Jean Corbin suggested an 811 booth at The Dalles Farmer's Market. This takes place every Saturday at the City Park in The Dalles located at 5th and Union, June thru October. Dale stated he felt this would have to take place next spring. Jill (regulatory officer) volunteered her time and offered to add 811 information and 811 give away's to her City of The Dalles booth, she will be hosting next year. Jean handed out the Farmers Market application and information.

Bill Vanek inquired about the distribution of 811 ink pens. Arthur ordered 300 pens in a variety of colors and will bring them to the next WCUCC meeting and distribute them out.

New Business:

- Jon Amery brought up the discussion of advertising for 811 in conjunction with an advertisement for another entity that is affiliated to the WCUCC . A recommendation was made to bring specific requests to council for discussion
- A discussion was made of sending an 811 city wide mailer. The consent was that the cost of this would be prohibitive.
- Arthur Smith felt it would be a good idea to discuss and budget monies in the beginning of the year and allocate where the monies might best be spent.
- Dale McCabe brought up the idea of ordering 811 magnetic bumper stickers to place on WCUCC member's fleet vehicles if interested.
- Elliott Whitmire made the suggestion of looking into getting an advertisement at the movie theater; Jean Corbin stated she would look into the cost of this and bring that information to the next scheduled meeting.
- Brewster Whitmire is going to contact Amy Crowley and get information and cost on how Blue Zone was able to get advertisement on YouTube.

Follow Up:

Ed Ortega:

- Contractor's night: Revisit at September's meeting to see if a date this fall can be made? At the June, 2019 meeting, Aric Skinner indicated that he attended a meeting (May, 2019) in Hood River and they were receptive in getting together. Just need to set a date.

Jean Corbin:

- Advertising: Movie theater 811 advertisement contact and cost.

Jennifer Lindsey:

- Advertising: Reach out to Meadow Outdoor Advertising & Bi-Coastal Media regarding Fall 2019/Spring 2020 advertising. Will report back at the September meeting.

Brewster Whitmire:

- Advertising: Contact Amy Crowley with Blue Zone about YouTube commercials.

Damage Report:

None reported.

Round Table:

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department

- Due to the Flash Flooding on 15 Mile Rd. there is about a mile of extensive repairs needed.
- Maintenance Mode

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Nothing at this time

Round Table, Continued:

Bill Vanek – Chenoweth Water P.U.D.

- Water meters about 2/3 completed
- Hostetler; potholing, investigating new line location
- Lockwood Project

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- New services
- Maintenance
- Underground services mostly land fill property.

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Punch list items on 4th Street Grade
- Slip line contract completed
- East Scenic Dr. Sanitary Sewer Project, Bid opening Sept 5th; project to start in Oct.
- ADA Ramps: 19th St. across from Dry Hollow, Round About/base of Brewery Grade
 - 10th & Union St., at corner of High School
- Scenic Dr. stabilization Phase II bid opening Oct. 31st. Start late winter
- Working w/Kittelson and Associates on evaluation 2nd and Cherry Heights
- Begin surveying/design on W. 2nd St Sanitary/Storm Phase II
- I-84 Undercrossing
- Park Place Subdivision – Phase II plans.

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural Gas

- Scenic Drive work completed week of July 15- Paving to be completed
- New services/conversions

Ryan Winfree – NW Natural Gas-Via email

- Relocate approx. 50 ft. of 2” poly main on Scenic Dr. that was installed over a city sewer
- New service installations

Scott Peters – Oregon Department of Transportation

- Maintenance –Via Email

Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- NA

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- NA

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Corbin stepping in for JenniferLindsey

Secretary