

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2019

8:06 a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation
John Amery - Aristo Networks/QLife
Bill Vanek - Chenoweth Water P.U.D.
Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Jean Corbin – City of The Dalles Public Works
Ryan Winfree – NW Natural Gas
Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith reported an ending balance in the amount of \$2,852.88, 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.

New Business:

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. Ed mentioned sponsoring a chute. For this to occur, need to locate 811 banner.

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. Jean will reach out to Jill (regulatory officer) regarding availability and additional vendor information. Dale also suggested asking Jill if she would be interested in manning the booth. Jean will report back at the August meeting.

Bill Vanek inquired about the distribution of 811 ink pens. Suggested that we offer these at the front counter when customers come in for information or to make a payment.

New Business, Continued:

Ed mentioned that an emergency locate was called in. Response time was 3.5 hours and the responder came out of Vancouver, WA. Concern here is what would a reasonable response time be? Who is responsible if something happens before area is marked properly due to response time? Can this be discussed at the district/state meetings?

Aric Skinner emailed pricing information regarding the Gorge 811 logo on sweatshirts and t-shirts. T-shirts \$8.50/each, sweatshirts \$23.50/each, Camo hat \$17.45/each (HRUCC request) and black hat \$15.95/each (HRUCC request). If anyone is interested in ordering, let Aric know **ASAP**. He is placing an order no later than July 19, 2019.

Follow Up:

Ed Ortega:

- Contractor's night: Revisit at August 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:

- Farmer's Market booth: Contact Jill to see what it would involve to get 811 materials out to attendees and would she be interested in manning a booth if we had one? Follow up at the August meeting.

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.

Other:

- Promotional items: Leatherman's Tool/Hydros – After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to hold off on ordering any promotional items at this time. **At the May 15, 2018** meeting, a motion was made and seconded to purchase 50 promotional items, with a combined value of up to \$400.00. Prior discussion was to hold off until Spring 2019 to purchase promotional items.

Damage Report:

None reported.

Round Table:

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department

- Chip sealing – Wamic/Pine Hollow area then to Juniper Flats

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Fiber over freeways scheduled for end of July

Round Table, Continued:

Bill Vanek – Chenoweth Water P.U.D.

- Water meters
- Hostetler; potholing, investigating new line location

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- New services
- Maintenance

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- 4th St. sewer project wrapping up
- 9th St. sewer project
- Concrete contract issued; out to contractors mid-July
- ADA Ramps: 19th St. across from Dry Hollow, Round About/base of Brewery Grade
 - 10th & Union St., at corner of High School
- Street crew: 6th St. repairs between Chenoweth Loop & Hostetler, EB lanes
- Sewer work on Irvine between 7th St. & 8th St. for private development
- Park Place subdivision – finishing Phase 1; Phase 2 beginning soon

Ryan Winfree – NW Natural Gas

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

Scott Peters – Oregon Department of Transportation

- PUD pole replacements
- I-84 EB slow down; windmill blades coming thru to Goldendale
- Closure @ Exit #85 – screens being installed
- Chip sealing: Mosier to The Dalles – Hwy 30
- General maintenance
- Locates – trying new site posts

Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Line extension auditors in Chenoweth are

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Pole Replacements
- Continued work on Fred Meyer renovation
- Contractor work
- Magnum Power: working in area of Mill Creek to Downtown feeder; finishing up Nov. 1
- Secondary wire replacements
- Maintenance

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary