

**WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

May 21, 2019

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

**Attendance:**

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
Scott Gallegos – NW Natural  
Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.  
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works  
Elliott Whitmire – Crestline Construction  
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative

Aric Skinner – NW Natural  
John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife  
Nikki – Northern Wasco P.U.D.  
Bill Vanek – Chenoweth Water  
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

Ed Ortega called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

In Arthur Smith's absence, Ed Ortega reported a balance of \$2,867.88. April's expenditures included \$200.00 for the Cherry Festival parade candy, \$640.00 to BiCoastal Media for radio advertising package, \$350.00 to Meadow Outdoor Advertising for May, and \$502.79 for the food and beverages for the community clean up.

**Old Business:**

A discussion was held on the community clean-up reach out on Saturday, May 4. It was noted that community interaction was minimal and was suggested if we continue to use this time to reach out to the community, to find someone very outgoing to spark interest. Ed indicated that Cindy Kever said that the food was a big success. Brewster Whitmire noted that the 811 trailer may not be a necessity and suggested a banner.

Brewster suggested a booth at the Cherry Festival Home and Garden Show in 2020. Ed will contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding this booth and report back at the next meeting.

John Amery arrived.

Scott Gallegos arrived.

**New Business:**

Dale indicated that there have been a couple of occasions excavations/removal of dirt have occurred in the City of Dufur and no locates have been called in.

Brewster inquired if there was a way to report anything online other than a 48-hour locate request. Ed reported short notices should be able to be reported online. He suggested asking why others may have difficulty reporting short notices at the next state meeting on June 11, in Eagle Crest.

## Damages:

None reported.

## Follow Up:

### **Ed Ortega:**

- Contractors/Excavators Night: Spring 2019 date has been cancelled. Possibly revisit later this summer for a date in the fall? Aric indicated that he attended a meeting in Hood River and they were receptive in getting together. Just need to set a date.
- The Dalles High School Baseball Outfield Banner Sponsorship – Located at the Quinton Street Ballpark. Sponsorship for full banner is \$500.00 and half sponsor would be \$250.00. A motion was made and seconded at the March 19, 2019 meeting to amend the previous motion to sponsor one-half of a banner at \$250.00 with the notation that another sponsor would need to be obtained prior to sponsor being paid. After a discussion with the panel it was also suggested that the individual being sponsored also agree to volunteer with the 811 group at some point during the 2019 year. Motion passed with Ed abstaining.

### **Jennifer Lindsey:**

- I have left 811 brochures and swag items (pens, hats, notepads, stickers) with Ace Hardware Rental Center, Discover Rentals and brochures at AmeriTitle. Will need to order more swag items to leave at other suggested locations.

### **Other:**

- Promotional Items: Leathermans Tool / Hydros – After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to hold off on ordering any promotional items at this time. **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.

## Round Table:

### Aric Skinner – NW Natural

- Small main relocation to be completed by July 1
- General maintenance

### Elliott Whitmire – Crestline Construction

- 4th Street survey beginning week of May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Continued work at Holiday Inn Express location on W 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Possible trenching at Fred Meyers

### Bill Vanek – Chenoweth Water

- Installing new meters
- Working on main lines in June
- Hostetler project, finishing up later this summer

### Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Wrapping up City of Maupin UG project/reroute/pole replacements
- Maintenance
- New Services
- Three Mile project for wine vineyard

## Round Table, Continued

### Scott Peters – Oregon Department of Transportation

- Chip Sealing The Dalles to Mosier (old Hwy) 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August
- I-84 guardrail replacements
- Project off Exit 82; requires long loads
- Qwest OH at Hostetler & 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- Memaloose & West towards Mosier – filling in drainage area – replacement before end of June
- General maintenance

### Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- 4<sup>th</sup> Street grade sewer project with Crestline Construction
- Pipelining project with Insitu
- Concrete contract out for ADA ramps (June)
- Sanitary sewer project in alley of 9<sup>th</sup> Street & Pentland
- UG of utilities in downtown area
- Upgrades on 1<sup>st</sup> Street & Laughlin
- Chip sealing project – beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> & following week in the areas of Snipes to Cherry Heights, Hostetler & Chenowith Loop
- Phase 2 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street utilities up to Webber – beginning soon

### John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Port area – UG fiber project

### Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Pole replacements
- Wire upgrades/change-outs
- Downtown feeder Hwy 197 & Brewery Grade OVP; line replacement
- Fred Meyer remodel – upgrading service
- Customer Service
- OSMOSE – joint use audit; checking all attachments that are not NWPUD; part of the pole inspection program
- Mill Creek re-conductor to Orchard Road, beginning in July

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next regular meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Lindsey*

Secretary