



## WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2020

8:10 a.m. Zoom/Teleconference

#### Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife  
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.  
Will Hart – NW Natural Gas

Brewster Whitmire led the meeting via Zoom/Teleconference due to the continued COVID-19 social distancing guidelines set forth by Governor Kate Brown.

#### Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report:

No report was given. Last reported balance on October 20, 2020 was \$2,501.79.

#### Old Business:

**Contractor's Event Lunch/Night: POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2021**

Advertising with Big Screen Ads in The Dalles and Hood River Cinemas during the months of April, May and June 2020 has been extended due to the closure of non-essential businesses. At this time, Nathan with Big Screen Ads does not know when advertising will commence due to the social distancing guidelines set forth by Governor Kate Brown. Jean Corbin will continue to keep all posted.

#### Damage Report:

Brewster reported that Wasco Electric Cooperative received notification regarding an emergency locate in an orchard. Work was being done, an old de-energized primary underground cable was hit; no call was made to locate prior to digging.

John Amery with Aristo Networks/QLife reported that a tree was fell at The Dalles High School and dropped onto line into the school; no outage occurred.

John also reported that a fiber was cut by the ballfields at 10<sup>th</sup> and Walnut the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>. He was seeking information as to who caused the damage. Nikki Fimple with Northern Wasco P.U.D. has information regarding incident and will send information to John Amery and Dale McCabe (if it pertains to The City of The Dalles).

#### New Business:

Brewster reminded those in attendance that in December is when we make nominations for 2021 WCUCC officers. Current officers are, Brewster Whitmire - President (Wasco Electric Cooperative), John Amery - Vice President (Aristo Networks/QLife), Danny Saldivar – President-Elect (The Dalles Irrigation District),

**New Business, Continued:**

Arthur Smith - Treasurer (Wasco County Public Works), and Jennifer Lindsey - Secretary (Wasco Electric Cooperative).

**Follow Up:**      None reported.

**Round Table:**

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

- Water crew – galvanized line replacement at alley off of Garrison, between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Locates remainder of week
- Wastewater division – maintenance work/catch basin
- Street maintenance – painting, maintenance work, winter preparation
- Proposed sanitary sewer I-84 crossing submitted to O.D.O.T. for approval – waiting for response
- Spring 2021 – Between Garrison and Liberty St. off 15<sup>th</sup> St – rebuild section of street
- Continue design work off Webber and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, sanitary and storm utility work

**Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation**

- HazMat Dig MP83 on US 26 Thursday, November 19 from 90-gallon diesel spill from truck wreck last Friday
- Centurylink buried cable Shadybrook to Tygh Valley intersection then to Tygh Valley
- Crews have already been plowing on south ends of Sherman and Wasco counties
- All others have moved to winter shifts

**John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife**

- Sorosis Park / new subdivision cable work

**Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.**

- Continued work on college housing – extended temporary service by start of next school year; plan to have dorms ready to go
- Park Place phase 2/Scenic Drive – completion date Spring, 2021
- New services around town; new UG/OH

**Will Hart – NW Natural Gas**

- Maintenance work – Wasco Counties replacing of “vintage” steel services
- Preparing for next round of COVID-19 changes regarding work-type restrictions

**Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative**

- Couple of December underground extensions – currently on hold due to access conditions
- Wrecking out line in Sherman County
- Winter maintenance preparation

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 15, 2020 and will be held via Zoom/Teleconference.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Jennifer Lindsey*  
Secretary