



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021

8:02a.m. Zoom/Teleconference

Attendance:

Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Nikki Femple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

Danny Saldivar called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. 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 January 19, 2021 meeting as corrected. Motion passed.

Report of Officers:

None reported.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith reported a balance of \$2,471.79. This balance does not include any disbursement from the State level. 2021 disbursements are available upon request.

Old Business:

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

Dale McCabe reported that advertising with Big Screen Ads in The Dalles and Hood River Cinemas during the months of April, May and June (2020) 2021 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:

None reported.

New Business:

Brewster Whitmire reported that Scott Gallegos has taken a new position with NW Natural and effective immediately, stepped down from the OUCC/OUNC board.

New Business, continued:

In response to the IRS request for an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, a motion was made and seconded to amend current Articles of Incorporation to meet the organizational test of IRS Section 501(c)(3) to include the following:

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Motion passed. Jennifer Lindsey has notified Erica Atiken with Wicks Emmett, LLP of this amendment and Erica will notify the Oregon Secretary of State to have amendment filed. On February 16, 2021 notice of amendment along with signed Information Request Sheet has been emailed to Erica who will also notify the Internal Revenue Service.

Follow Up:

None reported.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Contract out for bid – westside sewer – due end of February
- Contract put together for some concrete repairs/ ADA ramps on Union St. between 7th & 10th and sidewalk upgrades around town
- Design & contract out for paving E. 15th Street between Liberty and Garrison – completion by end of June 2021
- Finished request for proposals (RFP's) for TD Watershed area replacement of pipe construction in 2022
- Crews service work and maintenance work

Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- CGCC on-going projects – waiting for transformers/buildings to be set
- Project at 2700 Old Dufur Rd., pole installation/Conduit install to follow
- Maintenance

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- Going into budget prep cycle
- No chip sealing being done in 2021

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Sorisis Park clean-up project
- Downtown Liberty project

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

- Closed up drains/turn-outs
- Aprox. 30-days to turn on pumps

Follow-Up, continued:

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Delays on I-84 EB due to semi off road @ MP 79 – ruptured fuel tank – will take a week or so for cleanup
- Centurylink – 3 projects; under I-84/Hostetler, Shadybrook @ Tygh Valley intersection and one in South Shaniko
- TD bridge project prep work
- Maintenance

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Pole replacements
- Endersby Substation change out – end of week February 18, 2021 (estimated date, weather dependent)
- Maintenance & new services as they come in

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021 and will be held via Zoom/Teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey
Secretary