



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2024

8:31 a.m.

Attendance:

Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Rex Rosenberg – Locating, Inc.
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works
Weslee Cyphers – The Dalles Irrigation District
Aaron Westfall – NW Natural
Dale McCabe - City of The Dalles Public Works
John Amery – Qlife

John Buckley – Hood River U.C.C.
Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction
Alyssa Shoaf – Wasco Electric Cooperative
JC Sanchez – NW Natural
Conner Reed – Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Tonya Brumley – NW Natural
Jacob Gilbertson – NW Natural

President Weslee Cyphers called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. from the banquet room at Cousins Restaurant

Minutes:

After review by the attending council, consensus was reached and the minutes from the March 20, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

Report of Officers:

President, Weslee Cyphers – None reported.

President-Elect, Brewster Whitmire – absent

Treasurer, Arthur Smith - reported that the council has not issued the check for the community clean-up for the refreshments in the amount of \$500.00. Arthur will be voiding the check for the Cherry Festival parade candy that was written for \$350.00 and write a replacement check in the amount of \$320.71, due to the cost of candy being less than expected. This will result in an ending balance of \$1,699.49.

Recording Secretary, Jennifer Lindsey – None reported

Unfinished business

None reported.

New Business

Jacob Gilbertson reported that Big Screen Ads reached out to him regarding advertising at the cinema for three months plus a bonus month for approximately \$1400. It was mentioned that the cinema (in The Dalles) was possibly closing as the property is for sale. Consensus was had to not proceed with advertising with Big Screen Ads.

New Business, Continued

Jennifer Lindsey discussed Wasco Electric Cooperative's Member Appreciation event that will be held Saturday, June 22, at the Wasco County Fairgrounds, in Tygh Valley. The 811 trailer will be onsite and we are looking for anyone interested in assisting at the 811 trailer during the event. The hours would be 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with lunch being provided. Tonya Brumley and Aaron Westfall indicated that they would check their availability and report back at the May meeting if they are able assist at the 811 trailer.

Jennifer Lindsey reviewed with the council the Cherry Festival 811 trailer schedule, for Saturday, April 20, 2024. At the March meeting, the following schedule was arranged:

9 a.m. – Noon – Jesse Adams & Weslee Cyphers

Noon – 4 p.m. – *Brewster Whitmire, Jacob Gilbertson, & *Tonya Brumley,

*Brewster and Tonya will both be in the parade and may be late arriving to the 811 trailer after the parade.

Damages

Jacob Gilbertson reported that there is a lot of fence repair occurring, not so many locates being called in. NW Natural has noted over 500 contractors that have not called for locates. They have contacted most of these contractors; for those who report these contractors, there are incentives. If you see anybody digging, and the area is not located, please give Jacob a call.

Tonya Brumley inquired if any communication had been carried out in the South County area; Jacob Gilbertson did not believe so. This is an area that he will work on and get communication out.

Round Table

John Buckley – Hood River U.C.C.

- Inquired to see if Hood River council would benefit to satellite with The Dalles council
- Jacob Gilbertson will work with John in resurrecting the Hood River council
- Council members in The Dalles may be called upon to assist in Jacob and John in getting the Hood River council established in the next month or so

John Amery - QLife

- Fiber work in Port District on Klindt Drive

Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction

- When digging, and you run into orange paint, it is for telecommunication line (fiber/phone, etc.) and these companies are very hard to get ahold of for information on their utility. (Jacob Gilbertson has more contacts he will email to Greg) Telecommunication contacts are difficult.

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

-None reported

Weslee Cyphers – The Dalles Irrigation District

- Beginning of Irrigation Season

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

- 8th & Chenowith – pipe replacement
- Excess flow valves

Round Table, Continued

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- Chip sealing:
 - Old Moody Road (Deschutes Park) – Hwy 30 to end of the pavement
 - Skyline Road – Olney Road to the end of the pavement
 - Lower 8 Mile Road – 15 Mile to Emerson Loop
 - Carroll Road – State Road to Vensel Road
 - Huskey Road – State Road to the end of the pavement
 - State Road – 7 Mile Hill to Mosier Creek Road
 - 7 Mile Hill Road – Harvey Pit (County Pit) to State Road
 - Cherry Heights Road – Patton Drive to Wells Road
- Pavement patching

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- 2nd Street (2nd and Webber) Utility Project- new storm and sanitary sewer – under way; completion middle of June
- Still working on 10th street; Safe Routes to School Projects – finishing up design – up to bid later this spring – construction to begin later this summer; there will be some NWPUD poles that will need to be relocated, will also contact NW Natural regarding the gas lines in that area.
- Sidewalk and storm project for surveying and design – Centurywest Company - Thompson/12th & Richmond – calling for locates – surveying has started - bidding next fall
- RBC – installing big fiber line down by river – Crates Way to Crates Way – currently working off of west 2nd street (google side before they go over to River Road portion)
- Sewer line on East 9th & Thompson; new water line
- Street crews – 2nd St.– Cherry Heights and Terminal – April 29th – May 2nd – pothole repairs
- Chip seal contract – June 10th – June 16th
- Design for upgrading sewer on 1st between Webber and cherry growers (quite a ways out) Locating on 1st Street & Webber with Public Works Dept for sewer project

Jacob Gilbertson - NW Natural

- Speaking in Hood River on Broadband & Excavation

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 15, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m.**, and will be held at **Cousin's Restaurant in The Dalles in the Banquet/Meeting room.**

There will not be a link to attend remotely for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

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Recording Secretary