



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2025

8:32 a.m.

Attendance

Jennifer Lindsey, Wasco Electric Cooperative
Conner Reed, Oregon Department of Transportation
Weslee Cyphers, The Dalles Irrigation District
Tonya Brumley, NW Natural Gas
Geoffrey Lacefield, Northern Wasco P.U.D.

Alyssa Shoaf, Wasco Electric Cooperative
John Buckley, Hood River UCC
Randy Seibel, City of The Dalles
Arthur Smith, Wasco Co. Public Works
Cat Loke, Ajax, Northwest

Council Member, Weslee Cyphers called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. from the Banquet Room at Cousins Restaurant.

Minutes

After review by the attending council, consensus was reached and the minutes from December 10, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

Report of Officers

President, Jesse Adams, absent

Vice President, Dale McCabe, absent

President-Elect, Jacob Gilbertson, absent

Treasurer, Arthur Smith

- Reported an ending balance in the US Bank Checking Account as of January 31, 2025 of \$275.38, with no outstanding payables.
- Form CT-12 to Wicks Emmett- Jennifer Lindsey will complete and submit to Wicks Emmett

Recording Secretary, Jennifer Lindsey

- None reported.

Unfinished business

- None reported.

New Business

- Tonya Brumley with NW Natural inquired about council support for the annual Cherry Festival parade candy and at the Cherry Festival Community Fair with the 811 trailer. If anyone is interested in assisting, please reach out to Tonya.
- Tonya Brumley inquired to the interest the WCUCC has in sponsoring a chute at the Wasco County Fair & Rodeo. Discussion was held and consensus was made with the intent to proceed with the 2025 Chute or possibly Arena sponsor. Information regarding pricing will be provided at a later date, at that time, the council can approve the sponsorship.

- Tonya Brumley inquired about WCUCC's participation with a donation at the Wasco County Community Clean-Up event to be held in May 2025. Tonya will reach out to Cindy Keever for additional information on this event.

Follow-Up

- None reported.

Damages

- Randy Seibel with The City of The Dalles reported from Rocky Pence that reports were made on January 22, 2025 that fiber locates for Zayo were not painted as previously requested. After the incident was reported, locates were painted on January 28, 2025.

Round Table

Weslee Cyphers, The Dalles Irrigation District

- Finishing up off season projects
- Working with PUD & power lines

Randy Seibel, City of The Dalles

- 12th Street, new storm line – from E 12th Street & Thompson Street, almost to Richmond Street
- W. 6th Street Road widening from Webber Street to Hostetler Street, adding center turn lane, upgrading curbs, sidewalks.

Jennifer Lindsey, Wasco Electric Cooperative

- A54 project up Cherry Heights

Tonya Brumley, NW Natural

- Maintenance blow valves
- Idle Risers
 - Note: Engineer is working out of Clark County

Arthur Smith, Wasco County Public Works

- Early budget review
- Pavement preservation in Dufur area and east of Dufur

Geoffrey Lacefield, Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Substation behind hospital has been cancelled will be reworking Columbia Heights substation

Conner Reed, Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Hood River/Coburg crossing
- Federal Hwy admin – sign project on I-84/old Hwy 30, installing new park trailhead signs
- Fiber line in Shaniko completed
- 4 hazmat spills – 3 on Hwy 97 1 on Hwy 26

John Buckley, Hood River UCC

- Jake Gilbertson is doing good job

- Attendance is improving
- Distributed 2025 calendars
- Council funds; still working to have monies reinstated to council – can take up to 9 months.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. **The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 2025,** beginning at 8:30 a.m., and will be held at Cousin's Restaurant in The Dalles in the Banquet/Meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Jennifer Lindsey

Recording Secretary