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LBUCC Meeting Minutes

CASCADE GRILL—ALBANY, OR

Friday, March 22nd, 2024 from 12:00 PM—1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order by President Garry Black at 12:00 PM on March 22nd, 2024.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Members in Attendance
 - Jason Williams—NW Natural
 - Garry Black—City of Philomath
 - Whitney Craft—Consumers Power
 - Jeff Gill—City of Albany
 - Glen Freeman—Pioneer Connect
 - Andy Ridinger—City of Halsey
 - Billie Jones—City of Halsey
 - Mike Allen—Comcast
 - Bill Balagot—ODOT
 - Ron Wheeler—City of Corvallis
 - Ian McGuire—Benton County

REVIEW THE MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

- Glen Freeman motioned to approve September minutes
- Bill Balagot seconded the motion
- January minutes were approved

STAFF REPORTS:

TREASURER/SECRETARY REPORT-

- There is currently \$6,500 in the bank account as of the time of the meeting.
- The council received \$1700 from the state.
- Since the last meeting the council spent \$500 on t-shirts and will be spending \$650 at the contractor's breakfast on 4/11.
- Future expenses include another \$1,150 for shirts and the winter contractor's breakfast.
- The council talked about possibly holding a golf tournament but Frank Frenzel wasn't present at the meeting.

P & E REPORT-

- Tom Aldrich was recognized in a local newsletter for putting up banners around the area.
- There is the Albany Spring Home and Garden show at the end of April, Frank and Tom were not present at the meeting but they will likely be the ones manning the booth.

DAMAGES REPORT-

- Jason Williams reported a few damages since the last meeting. RJ Armstrong caused a damage because they failed to maintain their locates.
- Ortiz Communication and Utilities had a locate ticket but drove an auger through the poly 5 feet down.
- M&M Landscape did not have located and caused a damage with a fence post digger.

- Jason Williams was given the Morrison Award.
- Jason Williams reported that if they find people digging without locates they will document it, give them the dig law book and a \$10 giftcard.

STANDARDS REPORT-

- Garry Black talked about positive response. There is a program that utilities can sign up on. Positive response means that once the locate is done, whether they have utilities in the area or not they must report back to the company requesting locates.
- The system is kind of useless unless all utilities are signed up on the app.

STATE REPORT-

- Nothing to report for the State Report.

DISCUSSIONS, MOTIONS, VOTES BASED ON REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSIONS, MOTIONS, VOTES)

- Contractor's breakfast will be held on April 11th at NW Natural. Both ELUCC and LBUCC will be purchasing swag for the breakfast.

OLD BUSINESS (DISCUSSIONS, MOTIONS, VOTES)

- Nothing to Report

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Garry Black reported that the City of Philomath has the downtown street scape project being done by ODOT. A sewer, water a street project from 16th to 17th. Sewer pipes being replaced are 80 years old.
- Ian McGuire reported that the MLK path is being redone.
- Glen Freeman reported that Pioneer is doing work in Kings Valley, Alsea and Lobster Valley.
- Billie Jones reported that they have an ODOT project going on.
- Jeff Gill reported they have a project going on from Marion to Queen.
- Ron Wheeler reported that they have the bridge project going on in Corvallis, as well as a project going on from Washington to Western and a bunch of things going on at OSU.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Garry Black motioned to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm on March 22nd, 2024.