Coos County Utilities Council Meeting Minutes 04/07/2022 NW Natural 1625 N 7<sup>th</sup> St, Coos Bay, OR 97420

### CALL TO ORDER

Ryan McCarty called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM

#### ATTENDEES

Jason Williams	NW Natural
Ryan McCarty	NW Natural
Tracy Pierce	NW Natural
Greg Hambelt	City of Coos Bay
Harry Haines	Ziply Fiber
Jason Sweet	Johnson Rock
Shane Johnson	Johnson Rock
Martin Magnelli	Advanced Underground Utility Locating
Derek Windham	City of North Bend

### **REVIEW THE MINUTES**

January 2022 minutes reviewed

### **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion to approve January 2022 meeting minutes from Jason Williams, second from Tracy Pierce Motion carried

### **STAFF REPORTS**

- Treasurer report: Still waiting to get an EIN for the council. Have been calling the IRS, as it is tax season they are swamped.
- Jason attended the state Utility Coordinating Council meeting, very small attendance as Covid is lifting, nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSIONS, MOTIONS, VOTES)**

- Jason will be presenting a training to Reese Electric due to Reese causing damage to a 1" NW Natural line.
- Jason provides training to any company that requests, and CCB credits are available to the contractor.
- You can request flags to be placed by Locates instead of paint, paint will be used on concrete or asphalt
- Pictures are taken of the locate and can be accessed via the Locates app
- Any ground penetration requires a Locate ticket. Once a locate ticket number is obtained, hand digging with a shovel can occur, nothing larger till actual Locates are performed and marked.

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- A subcontractor can use the general contractors locates if they call in and request their name on the duplicate number. If damage occurs by the subcontractor, they are responsible so a locate number with their name is required. The General contractor is required to be on site as groundwork is being completed in this circumstance.
- It is highly recommended that the subcontractor acquires their own separate Locate ticket number to ensure they are following state law and to avoid any confusion.
- When damage happens the PUC and OSHA will be informed if no Locate was acquired.
- Both the City of North Bend and the City of Coo Bay require permits before digging and acquiring a Locate ticket is a requirement for obtaining a permit.
- If a project is over 700 feet in length, more than 1 Locate ticket number is required.
- In emergency situations, call Locate 811 first! Then can begin to dig by hand till Locate arrives.
- Tracy will have a booth at the Downtown Coos Bay Wednesday market May October and will have 811 information available, also at the Coos County Fair and Martin Magnelli has agreed to volunteer at the fair booth.
- A copy of NW Natural plat can be obtained from Jason Williams or Elden Cooper if needed.
- Meetings will now be held every other month. Next meeting to be held at 1625 N 7<sup>th</sup> St Coos Bay, NW Natural building, Bar-b-que steak lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Tracy and please invite other contractors that will benefit.
- Motion to allow Council to pay for upcoming bar-b-que Jason, Second by Martin, Motion approved
- Spectrum, Knife River, USIC, Locates, Reese Electric, Kyle Electric should be here.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

• The South Slough damage that occurred on Ziply Fiber line took 4 times to try to locate.

# UPCOMING PROJECTS

- City of Coos ay has 7 streets that they are looking to repair, information sent to Elden Cooper
- Pony Creek in North Bend, project is in the planning and would like to be in the works, but the cost of asphalt is holding things up
- Laura Lane
- Ocean Blvd

# **MEETING ADJOURED**

Meeting Adjourned by Ryan McCarty at 1 PM