

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2018

8:06a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

John Amery - Aristo Networks/QLife
Elliott Whitmire – Crestline Construction
Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

Brewster Whitmire called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

In Arthur Smith's absence, Brewster reviewed the last treasurer's report given in October. Last reported balance was \$3,432.25 with one outstanding check to Rage Graphics. Rage Graphics cannot locate this check and have requested a replacement check. Arthur is going to check with US Bank to see what the stop-payment fee is and offer to reissue the check to Rage Graphics minus the stop-payment fee.

Follow Up:

Brewster Whitmire:

- Fort Dalles Fourth statement – not received as of today's meeting.

Danny Saldivar:

- Reach out to John Buckley regarding a date for the contractor's night. Looking at the 21st of February, 2019.

Other:

- Leathermans Tool / Hydros – After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to hold off on ordering any promotional items at this time as it is going into the slow time of year. Note: At the May 15, 2018 meeting, a motion was made and seconded to purchase 50 promotional items, with a value up to \$400.00. It was discussed to wait until spring 2019 to purchase promotional items.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on making a decision at the January, 15, 2019 meeting regarding a date for the contractor's night. Ed Ortega will send email to Don Patterson regarding this as well as who would be involved in the group. Possibility to move date to March/April.

Old Business, continued:

2019 Board Elections – Ed discussed nominations and mentioned that at the January meeting, elections need to be held. Ed will follow up with an email reminding members of this. Elections would include nominations for a Vice President, President Elect and Secretary. Jennifer Lindsey stated that she would continue as Secretary if nominated.

Advertising outreach – goal is to broaden 811's "Call Before You Dig" message. Suggestions for future advertisement were:

- Radio
- Realtor offices
- In utility offices
- Banner located at rental locations
- Social media
- Mass mailing flyer
- Home & Garden Show
- Tri-fold media from website (order from website)
- Outdoor billboards – See information included with email

Damages:

Dale McCabe – Continued work with CenturyLink at E 18th Street.

New Business:

Ed – Locates being submitted as emergency locates when they are not necessarily an emergency. Indicated that the call in system the caller is being pushed to ask for a emergency locate due to needing locate within two days. A short notice request needs to be added.

Ed will bring information on 811 changes to the January meeting. Ed noted that Arthur ordered the 811 sticky calendars.

Round Table:

Elliott Whitmire – Crestline Construction

- New jobs will begin soon

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Continued work at Three Mile Crossing under bridge
- Work in Maupin
- Antelope – bid
- Avangrid – January; numerous loads going thru The Dalles on I-84

Ed Ortega – Norther Wasco P.U.D.

- Engineer consulting firm doing design work in the areas of Mill Creek, Orchard Rd., and to Reservoir Rd. for pole relocates
- Pole replacement between Hwy 197 & Brewery Grade OVP for future growth
- Marina work (Hage Electric)

Ed Ortega – Norther Wasco P.U.D., continued

- Lodging facility breaking ground on W 6th Street – sometime possibly in January
- Scenic Drive phase work
- Lone Pine
- Maintenance
- Customer Service requests

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Sewer project w/Crestline beginning in January
- Sewer line @ E 18th / Thompson / Morton – completion
- Water extensions @ E 19th / Morton / Richmond St.
- Maintenance

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Fiber Installation
- Complete road bore

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- UG wrapping up at Young Life / Muddy Ranch
- Wrapping up Maupin Fiber project
- C-line in Pine Hollow area
- Maupin City Center – ug work
- Car charging station in Rufus – no longer happening
- Pole replacements
- New services

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary