

# WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2018

8:00 a.m. @ Shari's Restaurant

### Attendance:

Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey	Wasco Electric Cooperative
Ed Ortega	North Wasco PUD
Aaron Westfall	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
John Amery	Q-Life

### Minutes:

Minutes from the December meeting were approved as corrected.

### Treasurer's Report:

Danny Saldivar gave the treasurer's report.

### New Business:

Ed Ortega and Brewster Whitmire discussed the option for 811/Call Before You Dig radio advertising and a community clean up banner/advertisement in general. Danny will follow up with local radio stations regarding public announcements and present information at the April meeting.

Brewster mentioned the possibility of incorporating 811/Call Before You Dig information along with the school safety program. This program reaches an estimated 250 young children aged Kindergarten through the fourth grade in Wasco & Sherman Counties, as well as youths in Warm Springs, Kah-Ne-Tah and Young Life.

Dale McCabe suggested a promotional item such as a Leatherman's tool for those who have called 811 prior to contacting a rental agency for digging equipment. Dale will contact Matt at Discover Rentals and Jarred at Sawyer's Ace Hardware and have information from them at our March meeting.

Yogi Rattay & Aaron Westfall attended the UCC meeting in Hood River in December. Yogi suggested a combined contractors/WCUCC breakfast/lunch to get both parties together. Yogi indicated that if this were of interest he would connect with John Buckley.

### Old Business:

Danny Saldivar and Ed Ortega will follow up on sponsorships regarding Quinton Street ballpark (Hustler).

Danny will touch base with Arthur Smith to verify the reservation for the OUCC trailer for Cherry Festival Weekend and having it stocked with promotional items.

Dale McCabe discussed the community clean up banner, estimated cost for banner is \$1,538.00; discussion was had regarding contributing \$500.00 towards this cost. Motion was made and seconded to proceed with the \$500.00 contribution towards the cost of the community clean up banner. Motion passed.

#### **Damage Report:**

Dale McCabe reported that RBC had a couple incidents one involving the Klindt Drive sanitary service water and another water issue on River Way/River Road, possibly RBC hit a water line.

#### **Round Table:**

##### **Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco PUD**

- Contractor work for large customer at Port of The Dalles
- Large scale project 5.5 miles from Tygh Valley – out for bid, due March 2; hoping to begin work mid to late March
- 140 pole replacements

##### **Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative**

- New services
- Scheduled maintenance

##### **Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street utility project
- West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street ongoing project
- Sewer project on 9<sup>th</sup> Street & Quinton
- New storm lines
- RBC – continued work in town with fiber optics

##### **Aaron Westfall - NW Natural Gas**

- 19th Street & Thompson project
- Continued work at the Dallesport pet crematorium

##### **John Amery – Q-Life**

- Continued projects
- Fiber replacement

##### **Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation**

- Closing all drains and turn outs
- Motor control replacements
- March 15 – turn on water unless something changes

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jennifer Lindsey**

Secretary