

# WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2018

8:09 a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

### Attendance:

Scott Peters	Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
James Gibson	NW Natural
John Amery	Aristo Networks
Elliott Whitmire	Crestline Construction
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey	Wasco Electric Cooperative

### Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith reported an ending balance as of May 31, 2018 in the amount of \$3,457.25. Expenditures that have not been paid to date are the council's sponsorship for the Fort Dalles 4<sup>th</sup> at Lewis & Clark Park in the amount of \$250.00 and the contribution towards the community clean up banner in the amount of \$769.00.

### New Business:

Dale McCabe discussed with Scott Peters locate requests along I-84 exit/entry ramps and sign/locate placement. No white paint was seen on the ground, no locate area indicated. Some areas were marked with nails/ribbons, had difficulty locating the nails and when located, most ribbons were missing. Suggested going back to locating with the white paint on the ground. Scott will get note out about paint.

Brewster Whitmire noted a locator that was turned into Wasco Electric. If anyone knows or hears of someone missing a locator, please reach out to Brewster. This one was picked up on Cherry Heights.

John Amery arrived.

Dale McCabe mentioned that the City of The Dalles Public Works has a new Secretary who will be handling all locates. She will be attending the July meeting for an introduction. Dale also noted that she is willing to fill in for Jennifer to take minutes in the event she is unavailable.

### Follow Up:

- Brewster Whitmire will follow up with Nolan for an update on the sponsorship for the Fort Dalles 4<sup>th</sup> at Lewis & Clark Park.
- Danny will follow up with local radio stations regarding public service announcements.
- Danny will follow up with John Buckley regarding having a contractor's night.
- Dale McCabe will follow up at next month's meeting regarding a better CenturyLink contact for locates, issues, etc.

### Damage Report:

Dale McCabe reported that a dump truck bed snagged a Centurylink line while chip sealing locally. Still trying to obtain a good contact for Centurylink.

### Old Business:

Danny Saldivar reported that he is waiting to hear back from John Buckley regarding the collaboration for a contractor's night in Hood River. September time frame would work best for those involved, possibly a picnic or an event of that sorts. In the past have utilized back room at Spooky's.

Arthur Smith will coordinate with Ed Ortega on promotional items for 811 at rental centers, Ace Hardware & Discover Rentals. Still looking at Leatherman's or Hydro's.

Dale McCabe discussed the ongoing difficulties obtaining a contact for Centurylink. Locates and contact with Centurylink are nearly impossible, normally referred to call center located in Georgia. Dave Anderson and Dale are trying to make contact with Centurylink to set up a meeting to get some issues resolved. If no resolve is reached at this level, the city attorney and Centurylink's attorney will be involved.

### Round Table:

#### Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative

- New services
- Routine maintenance
- Pole testing on properties – currently in Seven Mile area

#### Dale McCabe - City of The Dalles Public Works

- Finishing up/paving West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street utility project
- Water main testing
- Waste water treatment plant – secondary clarifier
- Chip seal project, finish with county around town
- Routine Maintenance
- Centurylink on E 18<sup>th</sup> Street – sewer main

#### Elliott Whitmire / Greg Jenson - Crestline Construction

- Lone Pine development
- Storm Sewer
- Mid. Columbia Center for Living off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**Danny Saldivar - The Dalles Irrigation District**

- Routine Maintenance
- Preparing for site inspection

**Scott Peters – Oregon Department of Transportation**

- Position changes within ODOT; he will be attending meetings for aprox. 1 year
- Shaniko to South Jct. project with High Desert Paving
- Culvert replacement
- Munsen pit contract – vault or catch basin

**John Amery – Aritso Networks**

- Maupin
- New poles

**Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department**

- Chip sealing (July 9) east of Boyd Hwy area/Long Hollow area
- Chip sealing (July 16) City of Dufur main street
- Paving projects with High Desert Paving from Tygh Valley to Wamic Grade w/section of Dufur Valley from Grange Hall sound (end of July)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Lindsey*

Secretary

**\*\*\*Reminder, NEW UNDERGROUND COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION \*\*\***

**COUSIN'S RESTAURANT ~ Meet in the Saloon.**