

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2018

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

Attendance:

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| Ed Ortega | Northern Wasco PUD |
| Brewster Whitmire | Wasco Electric Cooperative |
| Dale McCabe | City of The Dalles Public Works |
| Aaron Westfall | NW Natural |
| James Gibson | NW Natural |
| Yogi Rattay | NW Natural |
| John Amery | Q-Life |
| Greg Jenson | Crestline Construction |
| Elliott Whitmire | Crestline Construction |
| Danny Saldivar | The Dalles Irrigation |
| Jennifer Lindsey | Wasco Electric Cooperative |

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

In Arthur's absence, Danny Saldivar noted the bank balance as of April, 2018, \$4,048.38. Danny will follow up with Arthur for an updated statement balance and report back at the next meeting.

New Business:

Ed Ortega suggested holding the Underground Council meeting at an alternate location. Jennifer Lindsey will check into other venues and report back to members via a group email.

Follow Up:

- Danny will follow up with local radio stations regarding public announcements.
- Danny will follow up with John regarding having a contractor's night.
- Jennifer will follow up with a group email with new venue locations for our meetings.
- Dale McCabe will follow up at next month's meeting regarding a better CenturyLink contact for locates, issues, etc.

Damage Report:

Elliott Whitmire reported digging into a sidewalk in O'Dell and hitting a gas line. Locate was called in but did not get marked prior to construction.

Damage Report, continued:

Greg Jenson reported while working in Cascade Locks they hit a phone line while grinding.

Dale McCabe reported encounters with a phone line while trying to install a sanitary sewer line at E. 18th St. & Thompson Street. Locate was called in however, locate was incorrect. Still trying to connect with CenturyLink to discuss a solution.

Dale reported on the 2nd Street project, ran into an encased CenturyLink phone line not marked/located. Located near the SAPA/aluminum plant property line.

Old Business:

Brewster Whitmire reported that the 811 trailer at the Cherry Festival was in a good location and was visited by several. Ed Ortega, Arthur Smith and Elliott Whitmire all manned the trailer at alternate times.

Danny reported that the banner was up for the Community Cleanup earlier this Month.

Danny reported that Matt ad Discover Rentals and Jarred at Sawyer's Ace Hardware are accepting of offering promotional items for those rental equipment that have previously called 811 for a locate. A motion was made and seconded to purchase 50 promotional items, with a value up to \$400.00. Motion passed. The promotional items will be split between the rental locations and it was suggested to look at Leatherman's tool for one of the items.

Brewster reported that he submitted the sponsorship for the Fort Dalles 4th. We should be receiving an invoice for this sponsorship.

Round Table:

Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative

- New services
- Underground wire installation - Sherman Co.
- Q-Life project in Maupin

Bill Vanek - Chenowith Water

- Meter installations
- Hostetler line replacement – a few months out

Dale McCabe - City of The Dalles Public Works

- Finishing up West 2nd Street utility project
- Grading/paving West 2nd Street (after utility project complete)
- Line on 18th Street/sanitary sewer installation – waiting to hear back from CenturyLink
- Holiday Inn Express – location on 6th Street between Astro gas station and Franz bread store, 90 unit hotel, in the planning stage
- Waste water treatment plant

Elliott Whitmire / Greg Jenson - Crestline Construction

- Finish up West 2nd Street project
- Lone Pine development
- Dry Hollow area

Danny Saldivar - The Dalles Irrigation District

- Maintaining pumps/motors
- Meter reading to begin in June

Ed Ortega - Northern Wasco PUD

- Tygh Valley – setting poles and stringing wire for line replacement
- Maintenance

John Amery – Q-Life

- Maupin contract awarded – beginning soon

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

- Auto Zone completed
- Crestline project on West 2nd Street
- 18th Street project, from the East down; waiting for CenturyLink
- Few Hood River projects
- Maintenance

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, June 19, 2018 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary

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

COUSIN'S RESTAURANT ~ Meeting held in the Saloon.