

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2018

8:10a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire - Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department

John Amery - Aristo Networks/QLife
Ryan Winfree – NW Natural
Aric Skinner – NW Natural

Brewster Whitmire called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 as distributed.
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith gave the treasurer's report. A balance of \$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.

Jennifer Lindsey:

- Obtain receipt for Wasco Electric's Annual Meeting gifts. Will bring receipt to December meeting for reimbursement.
- Reach out to Meadow Outdoor Advertising regarding rates for promotional outdoor ads.

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.

Old Business:

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

Damages:

Aric Skinner reported they had a couple of damages in The Dalles, three in Hood River and one in White Salmon.

New Business:

None reported.

Round Table:

Ryan Winfree – NW Natural

- Winter preparations

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department

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Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Continued pole replacement
- Muddy Ranch underground
- Maupin fiber project
- New Services

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Underground work by Spooky’s @ 6th & Webber

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Cousin’s Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary