

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2019

8:04a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural
Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department
Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Bill Vanek – Chenowith Water

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative
John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Aric Skinner – NW Natural
Cindy Keever – City of The Dalles Public Works
Greg Jenson – Crestline Construction
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative

Ed Ortega called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting and the April 2, 2019 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith reported a balance of \$4,570.67. Arthur noted that we have not received the request for reimbursement from NW Natural for the Cherry Festival Parade candy. A donation of \$200.00 was previously approved at the March 19, 2019 meeting.

Old Business:

Ed Ortega noted that the 811 trailer is reserved for use at The Dalles Community Clean-Up/811 Call Before You Dig Awareness on May 5th. Aric Skinner indicated that he will be in Portland on the 4th and can pick up the trailer and deliver to The Dalles. Aaron Westfall indicated that he can meet Aric at the location of W. 6th & Webber to set up.

Cindy Keever reported that The Dalles Lions Club will be serving food. She will meet with Arthur Smith and purchase the food the week of April 29th. WCUCS previously approved a donation of up to \$500.00 in the purchase of food items, condiments and beverages.

Dale McCabe reported on the swag bags that Jean Corbin has put together. Arthur and Aric will see what additional items can be added to the 811 trailer for handout at the Community Clean Up event.

WCUCS members who will report on May 5th for the Community Clean-Up and promote 811 awareness will be:

Ed Ortega – 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Aaron Westfall / Yogi Rattay – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Brewster Whitmire – 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Danny Saldivar – 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Dale McCabe – 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

New Business:

Ed discussed information regarding 811 Call Before You Dig/public service announcements and utilizing radio. A quote from Bi-Coastal Media was presented for 30 second ad spots/20 ads per station/per week for \$160.00. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the presented 30 second ad spots/20 ads per station/per week for \$160.00/week. A total of four (4) weeks of radio advertising with Bi-Coastal Media for \$640.00. Motion passed.

Follow Up:

Ed Ortega:

- Contractors/Excavators Night: Spring 2019 date has been cancelled. Possibly revisit later this summer for a date in the fall? Aric indicated that he attended a meeting in Hood River and they were receptive in getting together. Just need to set a date.
- The Dalles High School Baseball Outfield Banner Sponsorship – Located at the Quinton Street Ballpark. Sponsorship for full banner is \$500.00 and half sponsor would be \$250.00. A motion was made and seconded at the March 19, 2019 meeting to amend the previous motion to sponsor one-half of a banner at \$250.00 with the notation that another sponsor would need to be obtained prior to sponsor being paid. After a discussion with the panel it was also suggested that the individual being sponsored also agree to volunteer with the 811 group at some point during the 2019 year. Motion passed with Ed abstaining.

Jennifer Lindsey:

- Contact Todd Rogers with Meadow Outdoor Advertising to see if the billboard location on Hwy 30 is available in May. WCUCC would be interested in utilizing the billboard for another month if possible. Also ask about a cutout with the word “call” be placed on the billboard. See if this can be done as gratis.
- Contacted Wasco County Title/Beverly Nanez. She agreed that we can leave 811 brochures with utility notification color card stapled inside and they will display them. Will continue contacting title companies, real estate offices, rental centers to see if they will allow information to be available to the public regarding 811 to help with awareness. I do have 811 brochures, pocket pads, pens, magnets, calendars and stocking hats that I can leave, if permitted.

Other:

- Promotional Items: Leathermans Tool / Hydros – After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to hold off on ordering any promotional items at this time. **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.

Damages:

None reported.

Round Table:

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

- Scenic Drive project – press release regarding traffic flow Trevitt St. to Scenic Drive coming soon
- 6th Street blasting for hotel completed
- Lone Pine project
- Locates
- General maintenance

Round Table, Continued:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Sewer Department contract project
- 4th Street grade with Crestline Construction mid-May
- General services
- Chip seal paving – the tentative 2019 schedule that was distributed with the March 19, 2019 minutes has a few changes:
 - New: Freemont/197 to Old Dufur Road
 - New: Morton Street

Greg Jenson – Crestline Construction

- Dirt Huggers expansion
- Continued work on 6th Street hotel
- Hood River projects
- General maintenance

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Road Department

- Chip sealing – Pine Hollow Reservoir
- General Maintenance

Bill Vanek – Chenoweth Water

- Hostetler project
- General maintenance

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- St. Mary's project

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

- Lines are primed
- General service

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Dock crew in Maupin/Pine Hollow
- Three Mile project
- General service

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Pole replacements
- Marina project winding down
- Fred Meyer remodel coming soon
- General maintenance

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, 2019 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary