



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2020

8:05 a.m. Zoom Conference

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation
John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Jean Corbin – City of The Dalles Public Works
Erica Aitken, CPA – Wicks Emmett, LLP

Brewster Whitmire lead the meeting via Zoom Conference due to the COVID-19 social distancing guidelines set forth by Governor Kate Brown.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

In Arthur Smith’s absence, Jennifer Lindsey verified balance with Arthur as of July 1, 2020 to be \$2,926.79.

Old Business:

Contractor’s Event Lunch/Night: POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2021

Advertising with Big Screen Ads in The Dalles and Hood River Cinemas during the months of April, May and June 2020 has been extended due to the closure of non-essential businesses. At this time, Nathan with Big Screen Ads does not know when advertising will commence due to the social distancing guidelines set forth by Governor Kate Brown. Will continue to keep you all posted.

Erica Aitken, CPA with Wicks Emmett, LLP discussed information regarding WCUCC Chapter tax exempt status formation and compliance being a non-profit entity and filing of the IRS Form 501-C3. The Wicks Emmett firm would provide WCUCC Chapter, at no charge completing the Secretary of State Registration, completing and filing of IRS Form 501-C3 and filing with the State of Oregon for the tax-exempt status. They would also provide annual assistance in completing and filing necessary forms to the IRS and State. Fees incurred would be paid for by OUCC.

John Amery inquired who would be responsible for the WCUCC Chapter documents that are filed and who would work with Wicks Emmett, LLP annually to get documents completed and filed in a timely manner. After a discussion with the board, a motion was made and seconded to appoint the current WCUCC Secretary as the designated person responsible for reporting the information for tax exempt status to Wicks Emmet, LLP for reporting to the IRS. Motion passed.

New Business:

Inquiries were made regarding local points of contacts and the inability to connect in a timely manner for locates with those listed in the current contacts list. Below you will find additional resources that have been provided and will be included in future email correspondence for WCUC meetings.

- Tom McGowan, Northern Wasco Co. P.U.D tom-mcgowan@nwascopud.org
- Keith Shelton, Centurylink/Regional Supervisor 360-699-3720
- Ernie Garcia, Charter Communications; 541-288-6492 ernie.garcia@charter.com

John Amery reported that residences in Lone Pine have contacted developer with concerns of the residual paint left after utilities have been marked. States it is unappealing.

Damage Report:

None reported

Follow Up:

Dale McCabe wanted to remind everyone about The City of The Dalles Right of Way Construction Permits. Prior to starting a project, a ROW Construction Permit must be completed and submitted to the City of The Dalles for approval. A form is attached for reference.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Current bid out for ADA ramps – fall 2020
- 2nd Street Phase 2 utility project – Snipes & 2nd St. to Webber & 2nd – Spring 2021
- Rebuilding West 15th between Garrison & Liberty St. – Spring 2021
- Sanitary sewer project under I-84 upsized; preliminary plans to ODOT waiting for permit
- Development projects – Park Place Phase 2 under construction off of 20th & Radio Way;
- New subdivision being proposed between East 10th & 12th & Richmond – been approved thru City and appealed by neighborhood – goes to City Council Meeting on Monday, August 24th
- Whispering Pines off of 16th / 14th & Alberta beginning Phase 4 of subdivision

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Finishing up Lone Pine project
- Bid out for work on Union to 14th & Jefferson Street
- Planning overbuild in city region over next few months

Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Michael's crew on East 19th & Jefferson doing backyard OH work for a period of time
- NWPUD crews rebuild on Old Dufur Rd line
- Storm damage repairs
- The Dalles Irrigation pumps are still down
- Continued work on college housing

Round Table, Continued:

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Light Speed Networks pole line to Dufur
- Summer maintenance

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Storm damage repairs
- General maintenance
- Sherman County new line project

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2020 and will be held via Zoom Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary