



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2020

8:01 a.m. @ Cousin's Restaurant

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Nikki Femple – Northern Wasco PUD
Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District
John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Aric Skinner – NW Natural Gas
William Hart – NW Natural Gas
John Buckley - Hood River UCC

Bill Vanek – Chenowith Water
Aaron Westfall – NW Natural Gas
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Tonya Brumley – NW Natural Gas
Scott Gallegos – NW Natural Gas

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

In Arthur Smith's absence, Danny Saldivar reported a balance as of September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$2,667.88. This balance was verified via email between Arthur and Jennifer on February 19, 2020.

Old Business:

Contractor's Event Lunch/Night:

Discussion was continued regarding the Contractor's Event. A motion was made and seconded to approve Kevin Bissell to provide a discussion and short training. Motion passed. Attendees asked that Jennifer Lindsey contact the Discovery Center in The Dalles regarding venue location, cost and menu options. She will report back at the March meeting with an update. Suggestion of emailing to see if anyone is interested in bringing in a door prize as in the past, various entities have brought door prizes. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve Jennifer Lindsey the authorization to obtain venue for Contractor's Event and purchase necessary prizes. Motion passed.

- A motion was made and seconded (October 15, 2019) to set a date for the Contractor's Event by December 17, 2019. Motion approved. After further discussion, it was agreed to set a date at the January 21, 2020 meeting for this event. At the December 17, 2019 meeting, Aric Skinner indicated that HRUCC and KSUCC are interested in a contractor's night and will help with funding.
 - Discussion was continued and a motion was made and seconded to hold the Contractor's Event at Spooky's in The Dalles in April with a budget for food and door prizes of up to \$1,500.00. Motion passed.

Old Business – Continued:

Advertising:

Discussion was continued regarding the advertising at both cinemas, The Dalles and Hood River. John Buckley with Hood River UCC would like to work with Jean Corbin and get the advertisement running in both locations. Jennifer emailed Jean for update on cost for both cinemas and any cost if we want to change during the contracted period. Jean is out and will return week of March 2. Jennifer will follow up with Jean.

- Advertising with Big Screen Advertising at The Dalles Cinemas during the months of April May and June 2020, as previously approved with a budget of \$1,335.00. Jean Corbin spoke with Nathan and he was only able to extract usable audio and some still shots from the piece provided by Kitty Davis. To create animated images and simple text to go along with the audio, it will cost approximately \$200.00 more. Additional cost was discussed with more proposed questions. Will have an update at the March meeting.

New Business:

John Buckley, President, Hood River UCC invited the council to attend their council meetings, held every other month, on the last Wednesday at noon at Tabby's in Hood River (old golf course). Meetings will be held in March, May, July, September (this meeting is a picnic and held at Toll Bridge Park in Parkdale – John barbeques) and November.

Tonya Brumley discussed the Cherry Festival parade and bringing in an 811 tent and spin wheel (see attached). She was seeking parade participation, coverage at the 811 booth on Saturday, April 25 and a donation for parade candy. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve a donation of \$200.00 for candy at the Cherry Festival Parade. Motion passed.

- Danny Salvidar will contact Arthur Smith regarding banner/swag
- Scott Gallegos will check for the OUCC trailer availability – Aric Skinner indicated that he can pick it up if needed
- Will Jean be ordering 811 swag or should Tonya?
- Tonya will send Jennifer a schedule to distribute (March)
- Tonya will send Jennifer a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the Cherry Festival

Brewster Whitmire arrived.

Follow Up:

Ed Ortega:

- 811 magnetic bumper stickers: Noted that we have had them made up in the past and he will check and see what it will take to get more made and report back.

Jennifer Lindsey:

- Contact the following and report back with information at the March meeting:
 - Spooky's Pizza – Estimated cost – depends on attendance/pizza's needed
 - Room can suite 50
 - Discovery Center – rental fee, menu (really need event date)
 - Contractor's Night – Attendance list/contact Greg Snyder with NW Concepts
 - Contractor's Night – Invitation
 - Contractor's Night – Door prizes – send request for entities to bring a door prize with them /Jenn work with Jean if needed to purchase prizes

Follow Up - Continued:

Arthur Smith:

- Currently, we are being charged a fee of \$5.00/month and would like to see if there are any “free” checking account options. Arthur reported via email that US Bank changed the level of the business account from “silver” to a Business Preferred, which carries no monthly charges.

Damage Report:

William Hart with NW Natural reported that a car ran into a NW Natural Gas meter. No injuries were reported.

Round Table:

Bill Vanek – Chenoweth Water

- Replacing meters

John Buckley – Hood River UCC

- No report given

William Hart – NW Natural Gas

- Valve Maintenance
- Grove Subdivision on the East side in the near future

Scott Gallegos – NW Natural Gas

- No report given

Aric Skinner – NW Natural Gas

- No report given

Nikkie Femple – Northern Wasco PUD

- Service change outs
- Work in the 9th Street area
- Parkplace, Phase 2 to start soon
- Five capital projects in design currently

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Award bid for Lone Pine Project

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

- No report given

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- MP 63 overhead sign going in for EB
- Kickoff meeting regarding The Dalles Bridge Replacement in 2021
- Winter maintenance
- Guardrail locates – not getting responses or a delayed response

Round Table – Continued:

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative, Inc.

- New services
- Line replacement in Wrentham Market area
- Sherman Co. line rebuild

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

- Pumping water in 3-4 weeks
- Pipe inspection week of February 24
- Pump & motor work
- Start pumping mid-March

Upcoming meetings:

OUNC Board Meeting March 11 – 9am

Hood River UCC – March 25 – Noon - Tabby's – Hood River

WCUCC Meeting – Tuesday, April 21 – 8am – Cousin's Restaurant

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Cousin's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary