



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2020

8:02 a.m. Zoom Conference

Attendance:

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

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation
John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Jean Corbin – City of The Dalles Public Works

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 June 16, 2020 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

In Arthur Smith's absence, Brewster reported a balance as of June 1, 2020 in the amount of \$2,941.79.

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.

New Business:

- Brewster discussed information regarding Wicks Emmett, LLP, an accounting firm out of Roseburg, Oregon. After attending the OUCC meeting held in March and the presentation from Wicks Emmett, LLP regarding entity/tax-exempt status formation and compliance, it has been recommended by OUCC for each council individually to obtain tax-exempt status and maintain status on an annual basis. The services provided by Wicks Emmett, LLP would be paid by the OUCC, not individual councils. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve Brewster Whitmire to contact Wicks Emmett, LLP and discuss Wasco County Underground Coordinating Council's plan to obtain tax-exempt status and maintain this status on an annual basis. Motion passed. Brewster will report back at the July meeting with an update from this meeting.

Damage Report:

None reported

Follow Up:

None reported

Round Table:

Nikki Femple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Working with CGCC in regard to new sleeping quarters and teaching building
- Pole replacements

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Working in Lone Pine area, Phase B
- Curtis Homes/Sorosis new development site

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Light Speed Networks – Fiber Line work Old Dufur Rd. to Ward Rd./ Hwy 197
- Chip sealing to resume on Hwy 30

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Wrapping up on 2nd & Cherry Heights intersection improvements
- ADA ramps, 9th & Union, 8th & Union, 7th & Union and 11th & Mt. Hood
- Storm lines/sanitary lines
- West 15th between Garrison & Liberty St.
- Finishing up chip sealing projects with Wasco County Public Works
- Crack sealing repairs
- Flushing hydrants
- General service work

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Sherman County new line project
- General maintenance
- New service requests

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2020 and will be held via Zoom Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary