



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2020

8:06 a.m. Zoom/Teleconference

Attendance:

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation
John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Arthur Smith – Wasco Co. Road Department

Brewster Whitmire lead the meeting via Zoom/Teleconference 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 August 18, 2020 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith reported a checking account balance of \$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. Jean Corbin will continue to keep all posted.

New Business:

None reported

Damage Report:

John Amery reported that there is a water leakage issue in Lone Pine Subdivision, discussion is taking place to see if this is something contractors did or if the damage occurred by someone else.

Follow Up:

Brewster Whitmire and Jennifer Lindsey reported on the teleconference call with Erica Aitken at Wicks Emmet, LLP regarding the WCUC Articles of Incorporation that were e-filed in August.

Jennifer updated attendees with advertising costs from each of the three respective radio stations in the gorge area as well as information regarding available billboard advertising. She will follow up with Todd Rogers with Meadow Outdoor Advertising regarding remaining availability in 2020 and Spring of 2021 for the west facing billboard located on Hwy 30. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve Jennifer to reserve west facing billboard on Hwy 30, for one-month in 2020 and up to three months in the Spring of 2021. Motion passed. Jennifer will follow up with WCUC via email with updates regarding availability and artwork approval once she has necessary information.

Round Table:

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Lone Pine project completed

Arthur Smith – Wasco Co. Road Department

- Storm water drainage issues in Wamic area
- Prepping for fall maintenance
- Restrictions due to the current air quality from fires in the State of Oregon

Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Continued work on college housing – extended temporary service by start of next school year; plan to have dorms ready to go
- Park Place phase 2/Scenic Drive – getting ready to have new services (18) and streetlights (40) completed by next year

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

- Light Speed Networks pole line extension from The Dalles to Dufur
- Williams doing inspection on The Dalles bridge pipeline

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Replacement work in Wamic/Pine Grove areas due to White River Fire
- Magnum started line re-routes in Sherman Co.
- Pole replacements next couple of months on Seven Mile due to recent fires
- Line extensions for new services
- Prepping for fall maintenance

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2020 and will be held via Zoom/Teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary