



## WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2021

8:04a.m. Zoom/Teleconference

#### Attendance:

Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works  
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation  
Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife  
Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
Tonya Brumley – NW Natural Gas

Brewster Whitmire called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. via Zoom/Teleconference due to the continued COVID-19 social distancing guidelines set forth by Governor Kate Brown.

#### Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2020 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

#### Report of Officers:

Brewster Whitmire reported that he was recently appointed to the OUNC Board of Directors by Governor Kate Brown. Term will run December 3, 2020 through December 2, 2024.

Tonya Brumley joined meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report:

No report was given in Arthur Smith's absence. Last reported ending balance on November 30, 2020 \$2,491.79.

#### 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.

#### Damage Report:

Brewster reported that Wasco Electric incurred damages at Pine Hollow due to a member excavating that didn't call 811 prior to beginning excavation work. Damages reported to Common Ground Alliance (CGA).

#### New Business: None Reported.

Tonya Brumley left the meeting.

#### Follow Up:

Pending nomination for the 2021 WCUC Vice President was made to Tonya Brumley with NW Natural Gas.

**Round Table:**

**Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works**

- Contract out for bid – westside sewer – due end of February
- Contract put together for some concrete repairs/ ADA ramps on Union St. between 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and sidewalk upgrades around town
- Crews service work and maintenance work
- Dog river pipeline out for RFP to select consultant (national forest area) 2022

**Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District**

- Off season work
- Turning pumps on mid-March
- Bids for tree removal around power lines – starting before end of January in the lower Skyline Road area near intersection of Skyline/Mt Hood
- 2 large 1250 HP motors to be installed
- Closing up drains and winterizing by end of February

**Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation**

- TD bridge project has began
- ADA ramps being built Gillam, Sherman and Wasco Co.

**John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife**

- Crews in TD compacity enhancements – downtown region – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Repairs of damages that occurred out in Wamic area
- Sorosis Park / new subdivision cable work

**Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative**

- New Servies
- Crews currently have restricted work schedules due to WEC COVID-19 protocol
- Work on Seven Mile area & in Tygh Valley area
- Maintenance & new services as they come in

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and will be held via Zoom/Teleconference.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Jennifer Lindsey*  
Secretary