



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2021

8:06 a.m.

Attendance:

Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works
Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works
Steven Horzynek – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District
Aaron Westfall – NW Natural Gas

President Danny Saldivar called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. from the board room of Northern Wasco P.U.D. with the option to join via Zoom/Teleconference.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Report of Officers:

Brewster Whitmire reported that OUNC/OUCC is seeking volunteers for the 811 trailer during the Pendleton Round Up, September 13 – 18. Volunteers will receive tickets to the Pendleton Round Up. If interested, please reach out to Brewster Whitmire, Wasco Electric Cooperative or Kitty O’Keefe, OUNC.

Treasurer’s Report:

Arthur Smith reported a balance of \$1,176.79. This balance does not include any disbursement from the State level. 2021 disbursements are available upon request.

Unfinished Business:

Contractor’s Event Lunch/Night:

Discussion was held regarding the option to hold a contractor’s event later Fall 2021 or postpone until 2022. Suggestions were made to tie this in with the Wasco County Community Clean Up. Dale McCabe stated that this usually occurs the first weekend in May, however discussion was had to possibly move this date to the fall of 2021 due to the prior mandated State closures and restrictions due to COVID-19. Dale will report back at the August meeting with an update regarding the tentative date for the Wasco County Community Clean-Up date. It was also discussed to move the 811 trailer to the front area vs. having the trailer located at the end.

John Amery suggested an online 811 educational training course and if there is such a program available. Brewster Whitmire will research with OUNC and report back at the August meeting.

New Business:

For the remainder of the 2021 year, the WCUC meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16 & December 21) beginning at 8 a.m., in the board room of Northern Wasco P.U.D., 2345 River Rd., The Dalles. This will be subject to change if restrictions are imposed.

Damage Report:

None reported.

Follow Up:

Brewster discussed the 811-ticket extension option that the OUNC is currently working on. This would offer the locating contractor to request an extension of a ticket that has been created in the event they are not able to accommodate request. As more information is made available, Brewster will share with the council.

Round Table:

Steven Horzynek / Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Transformer bank replacement at Lone Pine for service to McDonald's
- East side project – The Grove Subdivision; PUD waiting on further contact from outside engineering firm and builders to move forward with project.

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural Gas

- Working on West end of 15th St.
- In Hood River area mostly

Arthur Smith, Wasco County Public Works.

- Road work in area of Landfill – Five Mile to Steele Road
- General Maintenance as can be done due to the extreme heat

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Crestline water & sewer inceptor project (West side); expect closures on West 1st St., from July 6 through August 20.
- Crestline at Hattenhauer property for boring
- W. 15th Street paving – starting soon - 15th St., to Garrison to Lincoln
- Rebuilding intersections at 7th & Union and 9th & Union due to new ADA ramps
- Starting project on E 9th St.
- Install water & sewer lines, 17th St. to Morton
- Water main break – paving will occur in areas of Quinton St. from 12th & 14th St. once storm line has been placed – currently do not have necessary supplies to complete

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

- General maintenance
- Bids open for off season motor work

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative

- Finishing up replacing poles damaged in fires
- New services
- General maintenance

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Downtown The Dalles overbuild project
- Design phase for 3 projects occurring in the area of Big Jims, The Grove, 12th St. Medical Clinic to the Roundabout
- Right of Way-road work

Round Table, Continued

Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation (absent)

- Continued work on re-establishing utilities during TD Bridge project
- First of August – Windmill components for Sherman County Golden Hills Project will start coming through. They will need to exit at Celilo to get to Biggs due to their size. Work being done to improve the radius at the bottom of the ramp in order to make this work

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021 and will be held in the board room of Northern Wasco P.U.D., as well as options available to join via Zoom or teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey

Secretary