



## WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 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  
Tonya Brumley – NW Natural Gas

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife  
Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
Nikki Femple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.  
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works  
Ryan Winfree – NW Natural Gas

Danny Saldivar called the meeting to order at 8:04 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 February 16, 2021 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

#### Report of Officers:

Danny Saldivar reported on the 811 Awareness billboard on Hwy 30. WCUCC has reserved this location from March 2021 thru May 2021.

Jennifer Lindsey reported that the Amended Articles of Incorporation were submitted to Erica Atiken with Wicks Emmett however confirmation of receipt to the IRS has not been confirmed.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Arthur Smith reported a balance of \$2,046.79. This balance does not include any disbursement from the State level. 2021 disbursements are available upon request.

#### Old Business:

##### **Contractor's Event Lunch/Night: POSTPONED UNTIL End of Summer 2021**

Suggestions were made to host a BBQ late this summer. Danny Saldivar will see if there are any additional funds available for a speaker to attend a contractor's event and report back at the next meeting.

Tonya Brumley joined the meeting.

Dale McCabe reported for Jean Corbin on advertising with Big Screen Ads in The Dalles and Hood River Cinemas during the months of April, May and June (2020) 2021. Nathan Fox, with Big Screen Advertising has reported that as attendance is expected to be low for the next couple of months, he is currently running the ad at no cost thru April 2021. Our portion of this advertising package was paid March 2020. Jean will continue to keep all posted.

### **Damage Report:**

John Amery with QLife/Aristo Networks reported that some fiber was damaged at Sorosis Park in The Dalles due to a tree that had fallen.

### **New Business:**

None reported.

### **Follow Up:**

None reported.

### **Round Table:**

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

- Week of March 29 – paving area on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Jefferson
- Sewer line at CGCC in The Dalles
- April 12 – 15 – grinding pavement back – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in front of Fun Country
- Park Place subdivision paving
- Subdivision approved on east side between 10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Street & Richmond
- Design & contract out for paving E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street between Liberty & Garrison – completion by end of June 2021
- Crews service work and maintenance work

#### **Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.**

- On going projects at CGCC in The Dalles
- Project at 2700 Old Dufur Rd., pole installation/Conduit install to follow
- Maintenance

#### **Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works**

- Going into budget prep cycle
- Spring maintenance

#### **John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife**

- Downtown Liberty Street project

#### **Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District**

- Pumps turned on
- New Pumps on Mt. Hood Street

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

- Sunday, April 11 – Bike Event – 3 courses/loops, all start & end in Dufur – note, Hwy 197 and multiple county roads from Tygh Ridge to Eight Mile, Petersburg to Friend may experience slower traffic on this day; for more specific details: [Gorge Super Big Grinder - A bike ride in The Dalles, OR \(ridewithgps.com\)](#)
- Maintenance from Auction Yard Hill to Dufur week of March 15
- CenturyLink/Lumen Start work on Hostetler & 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- Maintenance

#### **Tonya Brumley / Ryan Winfree – NW Natural Gas**

- Old Wendy's restaurant area for new food carts
- Small main replacement on Trevitt Street in The Dalles – Late spring
- Upgrading services in downtown The Dalles

**Round Table, continued:**

**Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Cooperative**

- Line rebuild from Cherry Heights to Sorosis Park
- Reconductor – Cherry Heights, Wells Rd., Browns Creek area
- New services
- Tree maintenance
- Maintenance & new services as needed

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 and will be held via Zoom/Teleconference.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Jennifer Lindsey*

Secretary