



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2021 8:03 a.m.

Attendance:

Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative
Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District
Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Will Hart – NW Natural Gas
Scott Peters – Oregon Dept. of Transportation

President, Danny Saldivar called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. via Zoom/Teleconference.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021, meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Report of Officers:

None reported.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Arthur Smith reported an ending balance on August 31, 2021, of \$1,111.79.

Unfinished Business:

Contractor's Event Lunch/Night:

Contractor's event postponed until Spring 2022.

The City of The Dalles has postponed The Dalles Community Clean-Up/Dump Event scheduled for the fall of 2021 and is tentatively set for May 7, 2022. Discussion was held and it was mutually agreed to table further discussion on this event and the use of the 811 trailer until March, 2022.

New Business:

Danny Saldivar reported that he will be leaving The Dalles Irrigation District, effective September 30, 2021, as well as relinquishing his duties as the President of the Wasco County Utilities Coordinating Council to President-Elect, John Amery, effective October 1, 2021. He will ask for representation from The Dalles Irrigation District at future WCUCC meetings.

Danny discussed with attendees holding the remainder of the 2021 WCUCC meetings via Zoom/teleconference. It was mutually agreed to hold October, November, and December WCUCC meetings via Zoom/teleconference. Jennifer will notify members via email of this update.

Damage Report:

John Amery reported that Aristo Networks/QLife did some digging in the Lone Pine area and internally failed to update maps with newly installed fiber prior to starting. It was noted that there is a gap in procedures with mapping updates. Scott Peters stated that he had not heard of this occurring any time before.

Will Hart with NW Natural reported that damages occurring to a NW Natural gas line in the Klindt Drive area by a private contractor. Private contractor took it upon himself to turn off valves, affecting multiple NW Natural consumers, however, a call to NW Natural should have occurred which would have limited any outages to one consumer vs. multiple. Will reminded all to not shut off valves – reach out to appropriate contact(s).

Follow Up:

None reported.

Round Table:

Scott Peters – Oregon Department of Transportation

- Chenowith water extension on the west side of Hostetler will start week of September 27
- Centurylink/Lumen – waiting for permits – challenges contacting them
- Windmill loads on I-84 to the lone/Heppner area and Sherman County – lots of blades headed east; if you see anything amiss, please let Scott know.
- The Dalles Bridge work has started and will continue for a long period of time

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- Blading roads when weather allows (rain)

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Overhead projects: one has been awarded in downtown The Dalles region
- Big Jim’s project thru center of region of The Dalles towards Brewery Grade; out for bid, due back relatively soon

Will Hart – NW Natural Gas

- Crews in The Dalles – service work

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

- Winding down irrigation season; October 15 shut off date for water
- Winter preparations

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 19, 2021, and will be held via Zoom/Teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey
Secretary