



## WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2022

8:03 a.m.

#### Attendance:

Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works  
Arthur Smith – Wasco Co. Public Works Dept.  
Ryan Winfree – NW Natural  
Adam Gardipee – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
Tonya Brumley – NW Natural

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife  
Jacob Gilbertson – NW Natural  
Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.  
Mike – Centurylink/Lumen  
Josh Smith – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

John Amery 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 February 15, 2022, meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

#### Report of Officers:

President, John Amery – None reported

President-Elect, Dale McCabe – None reported.

Vice President, Jacob Gilbertson – None reported.

Treasurer, Arthur Smith reported the ending balance as of April 19, 2022, is \$1,076.79.

Secretary, Jennifer Lindsey – None reported.

#### Unfinished Business:

Tonya Brumley discussed previous years' WCUCS donation for the Cherry Festival Parade candy. After a discussion with members, a motion was made and seconded to partner with NW Natural and reimburse Tonya Brumley \$294.00 for the parade candy. Motion passed.

Tonya also inquired about the 811 banners used in prior years in the parade. If anyone knows the location of these, please reach out to Tonya. Jacob Gilbertson will reach out to 811 regarding new banners in the interim.

Contractors Night: Tonya indicated that when a date is set, NW Natural can partner with 811 to help share in the costs for the event. Prior events are usually held in the spring, have also been held in the fall, and one has been held over breakfast. Springtime turns out the most attendees. It was suggested that we move forward with a contractor's night, to be held in the Spring of 2023. Tonya Brumley and Jennifer Lindsey will work together and come up with an agenda. It was suggested to hold the event at The Bargeway and offer dinner and a drink voucher to attendees. As new information is available, it will be shared with the WCUCS members. Dale McCabe suggested in the interim holding a "meet and greet"

event to introduce new staffing as there have been many changes across the board. As new information is available, it will be shared with the WCUCC members.

City of The Dalles Community Clean-Up event is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. After a discussion with members, a motion was made and seconded to approve partnering with The City of The Dalles in the Community Clean-Up event for up to \$500.00 for radio advertising and food purchases, pending the status of OUCC funding. Motion passed.

#### **New Business:**

John Amery discussed with members quantifying “quorum” for our committee. It was mutually agreed that each entity or organization has one vote if multiple members from the same organization are in attendance.

Arthur Smith discussed with members reinstating member dues. Dues were last collected in May 2016. After discussion with members, a motion was made and seconded to reinstate annual dues of \$50.00, with the return of a Net 60-days. Motion passed. Arthur will send out a letter and invoice to the respective entities. Jacob Gilbertson stated he will send additional contacts for billing to Arthur.

#### **Follow Up:**

The May 17, 2022 WCUCC meeting will be held in the Board Room at Northern Wasco P.U.D. Light refreshments will be provided. A link for Zoom will also be available for those unavailable to attend in person.

#### **Damage Report:**

John Amery with Q-Life reported that a sub-contractor of a contractor hit utility lines.

Jacob Gilbertson with NW Natural reported that Crestline Construction hit one of their services.

#### **Round Table:**

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

- Sewer contact has been awarded
- Crack sealing contracts – bids have been awarded
- Scenic Drive – Phase 3 stabilization project out to bid (May City Council meeting bid will be awarded)
- Street Crews – grind and pave – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Taylor and Roundabout to Cherry Heights.
- General Maintenance
- Dog River Pipeline project out to bid, due 4/26
- Dog River – National Forest – will begin 5/5
- Design of sanitary sewer/storm work on West 2<sup>nd</sup> project
- Chenoweth Water working on 6<sup>th</sup> St. & Hostetler

##### **Jacob Gilbertson/Ryan Winfree– NW Natural Gas**

- Regulator @ The Dalles port to replace before May
- New service @ 941 Heritage Loop – week of 4/25

#### **Round Table, Continued:**

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

- Closing up projects

- Splicing on Fiber

**Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works**

- Winter clean-up
- Chip sealing – limited projects due to cost – will be in the Dufur/Wamic area – list to be provided soon
- Assist City of The Dalles
- Paving – will be lean due to costs
- General Maintenance

**Nikki Fimple/Josh Smith - Northern Wasco P.U.D.**

- Small residential services
- Temp. power for Cherry Festival

**Adam Gardipee – Wasco Electric Cooperative**

- Storm damage repairs from weather
  - Damaged Fuses
- Routine Maintenance
- Utilizing dock crews

**Mike – Centurylink/Lumen**

- General Maintenance

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2022, and will be held in the Board Room at Northern Wasco P.U.D. on River Road in The Dalles. A link to attend via Zoom/Teleconference will also be available.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Jennifer Lindsey*  
Recording Secretary