



WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2022

8:01 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

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife
Jacob Gilbertson – NW Natural
Nikki Fimple – Northern Wasco P.U.D.

John Amery called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. via Zoom/Teleconference.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022, meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Report of Officers:

President, John Amery reported he attempted to attend the OUNC meeting and due to log in issues, was unable to attend.

President-Elect, Dale McCabe – None reported.

Vice President, Jacob Gilbertson – None reported.

Treasurer, Arthur Smith reported the ending balance as of January 31, 2022, is \$1,086.79.

Secretary, Jennifer Lindsey – None reported.

Unfinished Business:

None reported.

New Business:

Our council meetings will continue to be remote thru April, and at the April meeting, we will discuss the possibility of meeting in person again at the Northern Wasco P.U.D. conference room. Jennifer will coordinate with Nikki Fimple room reservation.

John Amery inquired about the relevance of WCUC, its vision, and purpose, and how we can attract more attendees to our monthly meetings. Jacob suggested sending an email to those who are requesting locates inviting them to meetings. Dale mentioned that change in leadership/management positions the importance can go away. Suggested reaching out to the new manager at The Dalles Irrigation District. Dale also mentioned that Scott Peters (ODOT) is possibly working out of the Moro office; will reach out to Pat Cimmiyotti with ODOT and John will reach out to Jeb Miller at Chenoweth Water. Connecting with Centurylink/Lumen or Charter Communications has proved difficult in the past. The value of each meeting is to discuss rules and bring awareness regarding 811 for both overhead and underground utilities. The information that is discussed can protect other facilities, create networking,

provide coordination of projects being able to discuss and inform other entities of proposed projects. Arthur stated that it is important to have representation from various utilities each month for proper project coordination, the permitting process, as well as continued work in progress updates.

Follow Up:

Jennifer reported that the Wasco Electric Member Appreciation Picnic will be on June 11, 2022, at the Tygh Valley Fairgrounds. The 811 trailer has been confirmed reserved for this event as well as one if not both of the One Call Concepts vehicles, either a corvette or a motorcycle (chopper) for additional representation of 811 Call Before You Dig. Brewster Whitmire has confirmed he will man the trailer, however, if others are interested, please let Jennifer know. John Amery and Jacob Gilbertson have indicated that they may be available between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Will Hart inquired via email questions concerning the Cherry Festival parade candy. NW Natural would like to find out if UCC will go 50/50 again on parade candy for Cherry Festival, approximately \$225/\$250-ish. NW Natural can also hand out 800 promo items, what would be the best way to order swag now? Will report back at the March meeting with updates.

Damage Report:

None reported.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- Street crews will be crack sealing with help from contract crews
- When asphalt plant opens will be resuming road work on 2nd Street thru downtown area (Round About thru Cherry Heights)
- Sewer department
 - 10th & Walnut – new storm line
 - 16th & Pentland – Water main
- House by 9th & Quinton – demo due to ROW issue; new water and sewer going in
- ADA Contract – new ADA ramps going in; will be finishing up area in Union Street
- Second phase of Second Street design – storm and sanitary sewer
- Scenic Drive stabilization – out to bid
- Project grant from ODOT on W. 6th Street – Snipes & Hostetler – widening out 6th Street w/center refuge lane & new streetlights
- Working with NWPUD on feasibility analysis moving OH to UG (utilities) in downtown area
- Plan designs on Subdivision off 10th / 12th Street – w/QLife

Jacob Gilbertson/Ryan Winfree– NW Natural Gas

- 4" reroute on First Street
- Relocate gas lines – first phase of Trevitt Street (applying for permits)
- 16th Street – replace main; end of March or possibly early summer

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife

- Liberty Street from Charter office on Union St. to park below Sorosis Park week of Feb. 14.
- Dry Hollow project – authorized to begin

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- Waiting on oil prices to review chip sealing projects
- Maintenance in South County – Wamic/Dufur areas

Nikki Fimple, Northern Wasco P.U.D.

- Design phase of Moddy Road project

Will Hart, NW Natural

- 4" reroute on First Street

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2022, and will be held via Zoom/Teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Lindsey
Secretary