



## WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2022

8:06 a.m.

#### Attendance:

Jennifer Lindsey – Wasco Electric Cooperative  
Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works  
William Hart – NW Natural

John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife  
Jacob Gilbertson – NW Natural

John Amery called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. via Zoom/Teleconference.

#### Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021, meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

#### Report of Officers:

President, John Amery reported he attended the OUNC meeting held on January 12. First OUNC meeting he attended. Good experience. Concerned about running out of money/capping membership dues.

President-Elect, Dale McCabe – None reported

Vice President, Jacob Gilbertson reported on the damage rate being twice as high in The Dalles and Hood River areas. He will work to find a way to reach more contractors and implement 811.

Treasurer, Arthur Smith indicated at the December meeting the ending balance as of November 30, 2021, was \$1,101.79.

Secretary – Jennifer Lindsey – None reported.

#### Unfinished Business:

John reached out to Gorge Networks now Blue Mountain Networks regarding having a representative attend our monthly meetings. At this time, he did not have any response back from them.

Jacob talked to Scott Gallagos, who is currently with 811, regarding the NXT online locating reporting system. Scott indicated that he can do training or a demonstration in person or virtual, just need to let him know. John indicated that OUNC also has virtual classes available, for those who are interested.

#### New Business:

Jennifer reported that Wasco Electric will be holding their first annual Member Appreciation Picnic in June. Seeking volunteers to help man the 811 trailer. Jacob indicated that he may be able to assist. Once a confirmed date has been set she will pass the information along to council.

#### Follow Up:

None reported.

**Damage Report:**

None reported.

**Round Table:**

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

- Trevitt Street sanitary sewer project between 9<sup>th</sup> St., & 12<sup>th</sup> St. Early spring 2022 project. Having to reject all current bids received due to non-acknowledgment. Looking at rebidding project in future, not sure of when.
- Second St. design for phase 2; working on thru late summer for sanitary and storm
- Westside inner sector project wrapping up; West 1<sup>st</sup> Street over to Union Street – will reopen for winter use but will be gravel maintained; Spring of 2022 will pave
- Crack seal contract going out
- Water project bidding out later Spring 2022, pipeline replacement in watershed in National Forest area
- Work being done in port area for one of the big property holders

**Jacob Gilbertson/Will Hart– NW Natural Gas**

- 4" reroute on First Street
- Wants to find a way to meet more contractors; nice to have contractors lunch with door prizes in future.

**John Amery – Aristo Networks/QLife**

- Dry Hollow project

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 a.m. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022, and will be held via Zoom/Teleconference.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Jennifer Lindsey*  
Secretary