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## **Kootenai County Utilities Council**

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## KOOTENAI COUNTY UTILITIES COUNCIL

#### **APRIL MINUTES**

**April 4, 2018:** Meeting was called to order by Kyle Marine with 21 members present. Introductions were done and a motion was made to approve the minutes, motion made and passed.

**Treasurer Report**: Income- PassWord: \$1,565.40 Dues: \$720.00, Reimbursed Expenses: \$0.00, Interest: \$1.84, Total Income: \$2,287.24 Expenses: \$2,355.62 Net Income -\$68.38. Checking account balance: \$9,832.63 Reserve account balance: \$22,278.96. Transferred \$10,000.00 from checking into reserve account. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Speaker: None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Damage Prevention Board:

The Board held their first hearing, the hearing last about 2 hours and they found in favor of the contractor. The contractor had followed the dig law and had used reasonable care on this project but slight damages did occur. The intent of the law is not to punish contractors that use reasonable care and follow the law. The Board is looking at some changes to the rules & statues due to some of them being to vague. They will continue trying to clarify who is responsible for lateral locates and to what point that responsibility ends. They will be holding meetings on changes to statutes and rules that anyone is welcome to attend or call into. This information and all damage reporting or complaints can be found at dbs.idaho.gov. So far there have been over 200 complaints filed and of these 191 are 1st time violations that will be subject to education not fines. The Board has a person doing training throughout the state and you can check the DBS website to check his schedule and availability for educational training if interested. The Virtual Private Dirt site is up on the DBS site, remember all damages must be reported on Virtual Private Dirt. Kyle Marine suggested we do a presentation on how to report damages on this site, we will be Bob Chandler & Linda Burger will be doing a presentation at our May meeting.

## Meeting Location:

WE HAVE MOVED OUR MEETING LOCATION TO THE CDA INN AT 506 W. APPLEWAY AVE IN COEUR D ALENE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT NOON!

#### Home & Garden Show:

The Home & Garden Show was well attended and lots of good information was given out to attendees. The winner of the garden package was Ronda Mackey, Herb will contact her and make arrangements for her to pick it up. The new giveaway items went over really well, Thanks to all who helped out!!

## 2017 Project List:

If you have any information on 2017 projects please provide that information to our council e-mail at <u>kootenaicountyutilitycouncil@yahoo.com</u>. This information will be posted on our KCUC website.

Upcoming Projects: See council website: kootenaicountyonecall.com

#### **NEW BUSINES**

#### Idaho State Meeting:

The State meeting will be held in Boise on the 19th & 20th at Intermountain Gas, Bob Chandler & Bruce Hathaway will be attending on behalf of our local council. If you have anything that you would like brought up let one of them know.

## Arbor Day Event:

Herb will being setting up a booth at the City of Hayden Park on April 26th for the Arbor Day celebration. We need to order some more coloring books for this event, we have found a new coloring book that we would like to order \$500 of at a cost of about \$1,000. Our budget for promotional items is short of that amount, after discussion a motion was made to add \$2,000 to the promotional items budget from the reserve account to cover the color books and to replenish other items we have ran out of or are low on. The motion was seconded and passed to make that change.

Letter of Recommendation for Damage Prevention Board Position:

Rod Bacon & Kyle Marine are both applying for the position and the council will send letters of recommendation for both.

**Upcoming Events:** 

## Joint States Meeting:

The next Joint States meeting will be held in Vancouver Washington tentatively on the 2nd,3rd & 4th of October, more detailed information will be coming.

PassWord Report: Emergency calls were 35, an increase of 15 calls. Normal calls were 1,443 an increase of 802 calls. Year to date totals 2,816 which is an increase of 689 calls from last year a 32.4% increase.

## PLEASE remember to send all Dig-Up information to PassWord.

Contractor Report: Fatbeam- Underground fiber placement on Warren St to serve Odom Corporation. Avista- New developments & high pressure gas line placement in Post Falls to start in 2 weeks. Eastside Highway District- Sweeping, drainage inspections, ROW clearing and spring maintenance. North Kootenai Water District- Spring meter reading, ROW clearing and grubbing and new subdivision in Twin Lakes. Avondale Irrigation District- Log Arch Estates, Warren K, The Reserve @ Hayden, and spring maintenance. KEC- Maintenance and new subdivisions. East Greenacres Irrigation District-Subdivisions, Chase/Prairie roundabout and irrigation turn ons. Post Falls Highway District- Spring maintenance, Overlay on Huetter between Mullan and Prairie Ave. & roundabout at Prairie & Chase. Frontier Communications- Subdivisions, fiber to cell sites and pole transfers.

**Drawing for paid lunch:** Dan Holden with Avista name was drawn and his lunch was paid for by the council.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

## ATTENDING MEMBERS

Dan Holden- Avista Bruce Hathaway- Fatbeam Linda Burger-Avista

Bob Chandler-Avondale Irrigation District

Herb Heisel

John Pankratz- Eastside Highway District

Rod Bacon- PassWord Verlyn Bailly- TransCanada Chris Seward- City of Hayden Lake Dustin Jacobsen- Hayden Lake Sewer

Gary Frahn- Valkyrie Telecom

Cindy Christoph- Frontier Communications Kelly Brownsberger- Post Falls Highway Dist.

Marie Brown- PassWord Kyle Marine- City of Cda

Chris De Groot- North Kootenai Water District

Ki Moulakart- PassWord Ryan Ross- ELM Locating

Ron Wilson- East Greenacres Irrigation District

Jessie Holderman- KEC

Mike Galante- North Kootenai Water District

**NEXT MEETING:** 

MAY 2, 2018 AT NOON AT CDA INN 506 W APPLEWAY AVE CDA, ID 83814 208-765-3200