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Kootenai County Utilities Council

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KOOTENAI COUNTY UTILITIES COUNCIL

OCTOBER MINUTES

October 10, 2018: Meeting was called to order by Kyle Marine with 15 members present. Introductions were done and a motion was made to approve the minutes, motion made and passed.

Treasurer Report: Income- PassWord: \$2,239.60 Dues: \$0.00, Reimbursed Expenses:\$ 0.00, Interest:\$2.24, Total Income: \$2,241.84 Expenses: \$469.16 Net Income \$1,9772.68. Checking account balance: \$18,414.76 Reserve account balance: \$22,282.30. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Speaker: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Damage Prevention Board:

The Board held a meeting on the 27th of September and reported that they had received about 280 complaints as of that meeting. They have held 4 or 5 cases that have gone before the board. They are currently working on about 8 changes to the existing rules and statutes. One of the big ones is sewer lateral locates and who is responsible for the locates. The proposed change has language stating that the owner of the main line facility is responsible to locate up to the edge of right of way or the end of a utility easement whichever is further. Another topic that has come up is ditches being left open after a damage due to no one showing up to repair a damage or verifying if the damaged line is active. Sometimes it's difficult to get in contact with some companies to get this done. The liability for the open ditch is the responsibility of the contractor and is suppose to be left open until all facilities have been repaired. The board is getting more input and comments in regards to this issue before any action is taken. Any proposed changes will have to have legislative approval, the proposed changes can be found on the Damage Prevention website.

Idaho State Meeting:

The meeting was held on the 20th & 21st of September at Avista's office. Attendance was good about 15 people and the presentations were very informative. Good discussions on the Damage Prevention Board and how the complaint reviews have been going. The spring meeting will be held at Intermountain Gas in Boise in April, more details to follow.

Joint States Meeting:

The Joint States meeting was held in Vancouver Washington on the 2nd,3rd & 4th of October at Heathman Lodge. This was a very good meeting with great attendance and speakers. PHMSA gave a report on how states are doing on meeting the requirements for their dig laws. CGA gave an update on DIRT and statistics for damages. A round table discussion was held regarding Eyes to the Future/ Next Generation of workforce. A mock Washington State Dig Law Safety Committee hearing was held with the audiences input on who they thought was responsible for damages. It was very interesting to hear all the different thoughts and comments on the mock hearing case.

Idaho Rural Water Conference:

Kyle reported that the conference was good and that the presentation that was given by the Damage Prevention Board was very good and lots of questions were asked and answered. We will look into doing something at this event in the future.

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!

2018 Project List:

If you have any information on 2018 projects please provide that information to our council e-mail at kootenaicountyutilitycouncil@yahoo.com. This information will be posted on our KCUC website.

Upcoming Projects: See council website: kootenaicountyonecall.com

NEW BUSINESS:

Contractor's Breakfast:

The contractor's breakfast will be held on the 23rd of January at Center Place in the Spokane Valley. More details will be coming. If you have any contractors that you would like invited to the breakfast please pass that information on to us so we can try to get better attendance from Idaho.

Dozer Day's

This event will be coming to this area next year no date is set but NUCA will be setting this up. They bring in heavy equipment and let kids assist in operating them, this is a huge event in western Washington. More details to follow.

Elections:

We will be looking for anyone that would like to volunteer for a seat on the board for this council. Please let the council know if you would be interested.

PassWord Report: Emergency calls were 51, a decrease of 10 call. Normal calls were 1,864 a decrease of 84 calls. Year to date totals 15,824 which is an increase of 2,529 calls from last year a 19.0% increase.

Contractor Report:

City of Cda- See website. **Fatbeam-** UG fiber along Hwy 95 from Athol north to Coda . **Post Falls Highway District-** Fall maintenance & culvert replacement on Nelson Loop. **East Greenacres Irrigation-** Subdivisions & fall maintenance. **City of Rathdrum-** 2 Subdivisions. **Avista-** East Cda Lake Dr gas service. **Avondale Irrigation District-** Water line extensions & fall maintenance. **Eastside Highway District-** Subdivisions, fall maintenance, grading and drainage upgrades. **Drawing for paid lunch:** Robin Grytness with Cda Wastewater 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

Rod Bacon- PassWord
Bruce Hathaway- Fatbeam
Linda Burger-Avista
Robin Grytness-Cda Wastewater
Herb Heisel
Ryan Ross- ELM Locating
Wade Holecek- City of Hayden
Bob Chandler- Avondale Irrigation District

Ki Moulakart- Password
Kelly Brownsberger- Post Falls Highway Dist.
Marie Brown- PassWord
Kyle Marine- City of Cda
Dan Holden- Avista
Jason Stevens- Avista
Ron Wilson- East Greenacres Irrigation
John Pankratz- Eastside Highway District

NEXT MEETING:

**NOVEMBER 7, 2018
AT NOON AT
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