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Kootenai County Utilities Council

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KOOTENAI COUNTY UTILITIES COUNCIL

OCTOBER MINUTES

October 6, 2021: Meeting was called to order by Kyle Marine with 13 members in person & 3 via Zoom. Introductions were done and a motion was made to approve the minutes motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer Report: Income- PassWord: \$4,178.60 Dues: \$80.00, Reimbursed Expenses:\$ 0.00, Interest:\$0.37 Total Income: \$4,258.97 Expenses: \$5,360.90 Net Income:- \$1,101.93 Checking account balance: \$48,968.16 Reserve account balance: \$22,295.55. Still trying to get in touch with the IRS on the tax filing question. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Speaker: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Damage Prevention Board:

Sept. meeting was canceled due to Zoom meeting technical issues.

One Call Provider Transfer:

OCC reported that the transition is moving along well. A presentation was given on the new transition website found at- kootenaicounty811.com that will have all the information regarding the transfer. This site will have all the updated manuals and info for the transfer and after the transfer. All members will be contacted by OCC to confirm where, how and in what format they will be receiving tickets. If you have any questions you can reach OCC by e-mail at kcuc811@occinc.com or by phone at 1-877-269-6585.

Dozer Day:

The event was attended by approximately 2500 people and we gave out lots of giveaways, otter pops and information from both of the Councils. Thanks to those who helped out at the booth, sharing the booth with the Inland Empire Council worked out great and we will continue to do this at future Dozer Day events. The next Dozer Day will be held in May and more details will follow.

Signs: Signs have been received, if you are interested in getting one of the banners to place at your business or other location please let us know.

Contractor's breakfast:

Centerplace in the Spokane Valley will be the location again for the 2022 breakfast on January 19th at 7 am. More details to follow.

OCC User's Group Meeting:

Kyle attended the meeting and reported that it was very informative and he had some great discussions with other attendees on how they promote 811 and what type of meetings they have. Lots of great information pertaining to the OCC process and features.

NEW BUSINESS:

SafetyFest:

SafetyFest will be held on 2/23-2/25 in Post Falls at the NIC Workforce Center.

TDS Complaints:

Robert Wuest with Dalton Water & Irrigation spoke about issues he is having with TDS and their contractors not following the depths on the permits they have been issued. The permits say to place fiber 18-24" deep and they are boring in conduit at about 5' deep. This puts their conduit right about the depth of the water & irrigation lines. This is a concern because trying to access the water and irrigation lines would be impeded by the conduit being right on top of them. This also is a concern due to the boring being so close to those lines that they could be damaged because they are not boring at the depth of the permit which would put them well above those lines. Kevin with TDS said he would meet up them Robert after the meeting to look into these issues and concerns. It was also noted that Ziply has contractors working in the same area and some of the locations that Robert was referring to could be Ziply not TDS. Kevin said that TDS contractors are required to have a sign on their vehicles that say contractor for TDS. Additional concerns were brought up by Ron Wilson with East Greenacres and Kyle Marine with City of Cda Water about conduits being place right under or around meter boxes. This causes access issues to the meter boxes and also with settling of the meter boxes if they are undermined by the boring. Concerns with lack of care boring around the water and irrigation lines and damages that may not be found until well after the contractor has left the areas. Thomas Maddalone with KEC stated that they had been damaged a number of times by the bore crews. His biggest concern besides the damages is the safety of the bore crews, on one incident that happened he was very surprised that someone was badly injured or killed because they bore directly into a high voltage power cable. Discussion continued on how these issues and safety concerns could be remedied. Kevin said he would bring these issues and concerns back to TDS and that TDS is not here to cause issues and wants to work with all entities to help clear up these issues and concerns.

2021 Project List:

If you have any information on 2021 projects please provide that information to our council e-mail at kootenaicountyutilitycouncil@yahoo.com. This information will be posted on our KCUC website.

PassWord Report: Emergency calls were 78 an increase of 12. Normal calls were 3,548 an increase of 324 calls. Year to date totals 25,96 which is an increase of 6,547 calls from last year a 33.8% increase.

Contractor Report:

Fatbeam- Completing placing fiber throughout the Warren K Development in Hayden & Hwy 41 relocation. **City of Cda-** New residential & commercial developments, Huetter well and planning new water main along I-90 from Atlas to near NW Blvd & north on Atlas Rd. **East Greenacres Irrigation District-** Subdivisions, planning Hwy 53 improvements, fall maintenance & irrigation turn-offs. **Avista-** Hwy 41 & Prairie high pressure gas line relocation. **City of Rathdrum-** Hwy 53 & Meyer Rd improvement project, subdivisions, TDS & Ziply fiber to the home projects. **Dalton Irrigation Dist-** Placing 10" water main between Dalton Ave & Hanley Ave. **KEC-** Highway 41, Twin Lakes conversion & subdivisions.

Drawing for paid lunch: Ron Wilson with the East Greenacres Irrigation Dist. name was drawn for the free lunch.

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

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Bruce Hathaway- Fatbeam
Kyle Marine- City of Cda
Robert Wuest-Dalton Water Association
Frank Planton-One Call Concepts
Linda Burger- Avista
Rod Bacon-PassWord -Zoom
Rob Lemley- Potelco
Ted Leonard-East Greenacres Irrigation Dist.

Thomas Maddalone- KEC
Marie Brown- PassWord-Zoom
Ron Wilson- East Greenacres Irrigation Dist.
Kevin Linville- TDS
Kim Boyd- One Call Concepts
Mike Phillips- City of Rathdrum
Jacob Bell-TDS
Matt Price- Northern Lights- Zoom

November 3rd, 2021

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Bruce Hathaway is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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