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Kootenai County Utilities Council

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KOOTENAI COUNTY UTILITIES COUNCIL

JANUARY MINUTES

January 7, 2014: Meeting was called to order by Ron Wilson with 13 members present. Motion was made to approve the minutes, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Income- PassWord: \$0.00 Dues: \$0.00, Reimbursed Expenses:\$ 0.00 Total Income \$0.00. Expenses: \$541.55 Net Income: -541.55. Checking account balance \$18,623.62. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. We ended 2014 under budget by \$909.83.

Speaker: None scheduled

OLD BUSINESS

Coalition Group:

Rod Bacon reported that the Coalition Group is proceeding with the Dept. of Building Safety as the state agency that the Damage Prevention Program will be ran through. A Damage Prevention Safety Board made up of stakeholders will be appointed by the Governor. The group is still finalizing parts of the new dig law and hope to have it in front of the legislators before very long. More to follow.

Joint Advertising/Contractors Breakfast:

Ron reported that the contractors breakfast will not be happening at this time but we will pursue doing it either later this year or next year. We have gone jointly with the Spokane Council on the Family Guide magazine with a full page add that will go out to all elementary and middle schools in Spokane and Kootenai Counties.

SafetyFest:

SafetyFest will be held at the NIC workforce training center in Post Falls on the 18th-20th of February and our booth will be set up in the break room instead of the hallway. We will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting, if you can help out please sign-up our let Bruce or Jeni know.

Change of Officers:

Kelly Brownsberger took over the meeting as new president, Kelly thanked Ron on behalf of the Council for the outstanding job he did as president. Thanks Ron!

NEW BUSINESS

Home & Garden Show:

The Home & Garden Show will be at the fairgrounds on March 6,7 & 8th, we will have our booth in the same location as last year. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting please help out if you can. If you can't attend the meeting and would like to help out please e-mail the council and we will contact you with the times that are available.

Herb Heisel:

Herb has asked if instead of reimbursing him for his mileage that instead he would like to get a jacket like we do for the president. A motion was made, seconded and passed to let Herb order a jacket and the council will pay up to \$160.00 towards the jacket which is the same as we spend on the president's jacket.

Homeowners calling in locates:

Jim Pope asked if anyone has been having issues with contractor's having the homeowners calling in locates instead of the contractor. Jim thinks it might be contractor's from Spokane that are having the homeowners calling in because in Spokane a contractor has to pay for the locate ticket and the homeowner doesn't pay. The question was asked why does Spokane charge the contractor for calling in a locate ticket? It was suggested that the council contact the Spokane Council and research why they charge the contractors. More to follow.

Upcoming Projects:

None

PassWord Report: Emergency calls were 26, a decrease of 9 calls. Normal calls were 679, a decrease of 50 calls. Year to date totals 14,613 which is an increase of 1,518 calls from last year.

PLEASE remember to send in Dig-Up information to PassWord.

Contractor Report: Time Warner Cable- Subdivisions, pole transfers and maintenance. **Post Falls Highway District-** Winter maintenance. **City of Cda-** Meter change outs and winter maintenance. **City of Rathdrum-** Winter maintenance. **East Greenacres Irrigation District-** Winter maintenance. **Avista-** Winter work, AC maintenance work & storm repairs. **KEC-** Five primary line rebuilds totaling 10 miles and one primary line new construction totaling 3 miles. **North Kootenai Water District-** Lancaster well and winter maintenance.

Drawing for paid lunch: Dawn Donaho with Avista name was drawn and her 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

Mike Galante- North Kootenai Water District

Kelly Brownsberger- Post Falls Highway District

Bruce Hathaway- Time Warner Cable

Dawn Donaho- Avista Utilities

Kurt Lyon- KEC

Ron Wilson- East Greenacres Irrigation District

Herb Heisel

Rick Edmiston -Utility Locating Services

Terry Pickel- City of Coeur d Alene

Mike Phillips- City of Rathdrum

Jim Pope- Avista Utilities

Seth Feist- Avista Utilities

NEXT MEETING:

**FEBRUARY 4, 2015
AT NOON AT
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