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Kootenai County Utilities Council

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KOOTENAI COUNTY UTILITIES COUNCIL

DECEMBER MINUTES

December 6, 2017: Meeting was called to order by Mike Galante with 19 members present. Introductions were done and a motion was made to approve the minutes, motion made and passed.

Treasurer Report: Income- PassWord: \$1,952.60 Dues: \$00.00, Reimbursed Expenses:\$ 0.00
Total Income: \$1,952.60 Expenses: \$786.12 Net Income \$1,166.48. Checking account balance: \$23,806.37
Reserve account balance: \$12,277.12. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Speaker: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Damage Prevention Board:

The board is collecting comments on Positive Response and will be discussing more at upcoming meetings. Washington is doing a voluntary Positive Response at this time and this could provide information that the board can use in reviewing the implementation of Positive Response in the future. Rod Bacon sent an e-mail asking about Idaho going to a 24 hour clock in regards to the wait time on a locate ticket. The question was brought up by Idaho Power about the 48 hours that the dig law states and when that time starts. This will be discussed more in upcoming meetings.

Nominating Committee:

The committee nominated Stephen Edmiston for the open board position, a vote was held and Stephen was appointed to the board. Thanks Stephen!

Budget/Advertising Committee:

A copy of the proposed 2018 budget was provided for all attendees, the proposed budget has an increase of \$4,550, the increases are for training, education and travel & meals. Discussion was held and a motion was made to approve the proposed budget, motion passed.

Training:

We will be looking into what type of training classes are available and the costs to provide that training. Any suggestions on topics or classes that you might like to see please let the board know. We might also look at some grants that could help with funding the training.

Meeting Location:

It was brought up that we might want to look around for a different location for our meetings due to the noise that occurs sometimes and size of the room. Discussion was held and it was suggested that we also look at the time we hold the meeting, is lunch time the best time? It was suggested that we poll our current members and see what they prefer, we will do this after the first of the year. Please let the council know if you have any suggestions for a meeting location. Also what time would be best to try to get more contractors to attend, more to follow.

2017 Project List:

If you have any information on 2017 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:

Upcoming Events:

Contractor's Breakfast:

Will be held on the 24th of January at 7:30am at Center Place Event Center in Spokane Valley, please pass this info on to anyone that might be interested in attending.

SafetyFest:

The event is scheduled for the 21st - 23rd of February at the North Idaho Workforce Training Center in Post Falls. The vendor trade show will be held on the 21st & 22nd from 8 to 4, we will need volunteers to help at our table.

Home & Garden Show:

The dates for this event are March 9th - 11th, we will need volunteers for this event so please save the dates and help out if you can.

PassWord Report: Emergency calls were 40, a decrease of 26 calls. Normal calls were 1142 a decrease of 563 calls. Year to date totals 16,142 which is a decrease of 69 calls from last year.

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

Contractor Report: Fatbeam- Finishing up small 2017 projects. **Frontier Communications-**Road moves, subdivisions and pole transfers. **Post Falls Highway District-** Winter maintenance. **City of Cda-** Winter maintenance. **Ruen Yeager-** Beck Rd. from Seltice Way to Prairie Ave. **Eastside Highway District-** Cleaning brush and trees in right of way and winter maintenance. **North Kootenai Water District-** Winter maintenance. **Avondale Irrigation District-** Winter maintenance. **Spectrum-** Finishing plats, fiber splicing, Seltice Way reroute and Highway 41 redesign project. **City of Rathdrum-** Subdivisions and winter maintenance. **East Greenacres Irrigation District-** Winter maintenance.

Drawing for paid lunch: Mike Phillips with City of Rathdrum 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

Stephen Edmiston-Northwest Utility

Bob Chandler-Avondale Irrigation District

Herb Heisel

John Pankratz- Eastside Highway District

Kyle Marine- City of Cda

Cindy Christoph- Frontier Communications

Marie Brown- PassWord

Mike Phillips- City of Rathdrum

Mike Galante- North Kootenai Water District

Matt Harwood- Ruen-Yeager

Ryan Ross- ELM Locating
Rick Edmiston- Utility Locating Services
Kelly Brownsberger- Post Falls Highway District
Dale Zachary- ELM Locating

Chris Tuttle- Fatbeam
Ron Wilson- East Greenacres Irrigation District
Thomas Gwin- Spectrum

NEXT MEETING:

**JANUARY 3, 2018
AT NOON AT
SARGENT'S RESTAURANT
9021 N. GOVERNMENT WAY
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