

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Kootenai County Utilities Council

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KOOTENAI COUNTY UTILITIES COUNCIL

MARCH MINUTES

March 4, 2015: Meeting was called to order by Kelly Brownsberger with 14 members present. Motion was made to approve the minutes, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Income- PassWord: \$739.00 Dues: \$500.00, Reimbursed Expenses:\$ 0.00
Total Income : \$1,239.00. Expenses: \$613.61 Net Income:\$ 625.39. Checking account balance \$19,142.02.
Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Speaker: None scheduled

OLD BUSINESS

Coalition Group:

A conference call was held with the coalition members to inform them that it looks like the dig bill that is in front of the legislative committee will not pass due to the Building Contractors and the Realty Board now opposing this change. Those groups do not want to add another enforcement agency when they are already covered by the Contractor's Licensing Board and they suggested that the licensing board could be a route for dig law enforcement. The issue with that is that board only has authority over licensed contractors, after discussion our local council voted to support the original draft and send a letter to the Coalition and Legislator's showing that support. More to follow.

SafetyFest:

SafetyFest was a well attended event and we passed out a lot giveaways and information. Thanks to those who volunteered to work the booth!

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. Thanks to those who volunteered to work our booth!!

State Utility Council Meeting:

The state meeting will be held on April 9th & 10th in Pullman at the Avista office. The location was changed so we could meet in the Moscow/Pullman area as they are trying to get that local council going again and we might be able to get more attendees from that area if we met there. Anyone is welcome to attend, if you have any questions or concerns that you would like brought up let Jim or Bruce know.

NEW BUSINESS

IDUCC Website:

The state council has been updating their website and would like to get comments on the changes so if you get a chance to look at it please let Jim or Bruce know what you think of it or you can contact the state

council. We may want to do some updating of our site and might be able to get some good ideas from the state's website. It was suggested that we add some links to our site for member's websites. More to follow

Upcoming Projects:
None

PassWord Report: Emergency calls were 30, an increase of 7 calls. Normal calls were 890, an increase of 292 calls. Year to date totals 1,540 which is an increase of 699 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-** Signals are now working on Prairie Ave, spring maintenance and will be replacing around 125 signs on Upriver & Riverview Drives. **City of Cda-** Dike Road work, service replacements in Northshire and subdivisions. **City of Rathdrum-** 1 to 4 new subdivision in the works. **East Greenacres Irrigation District-** Meter replacements. **Avondale Irrigation District-** Finishing subdivision work. **City of Hayden-** New subdivisions are due to start. **North Kootenai Water District-** Waiting for spring. **Worley Highway District-** Brush cutting, load limits coming off & sign replacements. **Avista-** Subdivisions and pole replacements. **Eastside Highway District-** Slowly removing load limits, grading and filling potholes

Drawing for paid lunch: Kevin Howard with Worley Highway District 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	Bob Chandler- Avondale Irrigation District
Mike Galante- North Kootenai Water District	Rick Edmiston -Utility Locating Services
Kelly Brownsberger- Post Falls Highway District	Terry Pickel- City of Coeur d Alene
Bruce Hathaway- Time Warner Cable	Mike Phillips- City of Rathdrum
Kevin Howard- Worley Highway District	John Pankratz- Eastside Highway District
Donna Phillips- City of Hayden	Jim Pope- Avista Utilities
Ron Wilson- East Greenacres Irrigation District	Marie Brown- PassWord

NEXT MEETING:

**MARCH 4, 2015
AT NOON AT
SARGENT'S RESTAURANT
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