

Bonner/Boundary Utilities Meeting

April 14, 2021

Attendance: 11 (Via Zoom) Andrew, Frank, Jeremy, Rod, B.Hale, Brenda Bookholtz, Marie, Matt, Sean, Todd Johnson & Jan

Started: 11:02

Current Checking Balance: \$ 27,208.28

Old Business: No meeting minutes from the last meeting on March 17, 2021.

New Business: There is a proposal before the State to change the Expiration date on a ticket from 21 to 28 days, which is going before the board on May 27th. You can join the meeting via zoom through the DBS website. We discussed and issues were brought up concerning the marks wearing off before 21 days how will they be in 28 days. Also, on emergency tickets some kind of contact must be made within 1 hour (phone call), but paint on the ground is still around 2 hours or more.

These are the proposals that are being presented to the board:

White paint needing to be on the ground marking the area to be located & Locates for sprinkler systems new and when making repairs.

Password is up 31.8 % from last year at this time. Rod addressed a concern with Todd about a locate ticket for 15 test pit sites but only 1 GPS site was given, and the attachment was not legible. Also, there was a hiccup with 40 locate tickets called in on a Friday but were not sent out until the following Thursday. Rod said the issue has been taken care of it was the firewall blocking them. Rod also mentioned the R/R has 75 culvert tickets they are calling in with only mile markers the R/R use. Marie is working with the R/R concerning these tickets.

Todd with USIC indicated they are hiring and training new people to keep up with the demands.

Kootenai County UC will be voting at their next meeting May 5th regarding which locating system will be used.

It was discussed and voted on to continue supporting the Bonner County Fair
Jan has mailed out the applications along with a cover to All Due paying members.

Upcoming Projects:

Avista: Lutzke subdivision, U of I subdivision, Subdivision behind the Dog Park in Kootenai, & Two Subdivisions in Priest River

Northern Lights: New Services & replacing old Power Poles

Cabinet Water: Working on their own projects.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 12th via Zoom