TRI-COUNTY UCC

January 3rd Ericas Kitchen

Members Present:

Jackie Jerman FMTC

Andy Beutler FMTC

Renee Terra PAYETTE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

Cary Allison PAYETTE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

Wendy Adamsen HWY DIST 1

Jeff Lacy STAKE CENTER

Joe Delatorre INTERMOUNTAIN GAS

Matt Brock CITY OF FRUITLAND

Preston Hannah DIGLINE

Alan Lawler SPARKLIGHT

Keith Hale LUMEN

Tammy Sebright LUMEN

Dave Abbe CITY OF FRUITLAND

Julie Maki DIGLINE

Andy Brought meeting to order at 11:59am

Discussed the reason behind term limits. It is time to refill positions, currently held by:

Andy as President

Jered as Vice President

Wendy as Treasurer

Jackie as Secretary

Wendy brought up the fact that people need to start stepping up to fill positions and be involved, or the Organization should be disbanded. Had a discussion on the benefits of the UCC, including

* Getting to know members and being able to meet face to face with people we deal with
* Learn about projects going on around us and in our work/utility areas
* Networking is important in all of our industries

It was also brought up that it would be nice to do a yearly meeting with the cities to discuss 5 year plans, and construction plans in general so we call all be in the loop for planning our own work/systems.

It was decided that we DO have a need to continue with the TRI COUNTY UCC.

New positions were voted in as follows:

Jeff – President

Alan – Vice President

Andy – Treasurere

Jackie – Secretary

This is a 2 year term. Please be prepared to take a position that will become available at the end of 2025.

Discussed the possibility of raising the annual dues and ultimately decided to keep them at the current rate of $50 per year. The main expenses include attending the State UCC and paperwork/ billing.

We had planned on doing a contractors breakfast, but that was postponed due to lack of interest, and finding presenters. When a new plan is set up, we will send out information on that.

Round Table:

Andy- Farmers has been working on year end processes as well as drops to new homes, and building our facilities in the new subdivision. Keeping up with growth is currently the big job these days.

Cary & Renee- Working on the bridge project on Kellebrew, as well as minter maintenance and watching weather.

Wendy- Winter Maintenance and watching the weather.

Preston – Let everyone know to please call him with any issues on Locate Tickets.

Julie – 177 thousand tickets were created in 2023, down from 178 thousand in 2022. Washington County has an increase of 9%, Gem County had a decrease of 17%, Payette County and a decrease of 3% from 2022. Fiber optic was the #1 reason for tickets, followed by gas, water and fence installs. Emergency and priority locates make up 5% of all tickets called in. They have cut down the number of meet requests. 58% of tickets are being done online. Office hours for calling in locates are currently M-F 6am-10pm and Sat. - Sun. 8am-8pm. These hours may change due to the online option being available 24/7.

Alan- No big projects currently happening in our area.

Jeff- Starting a training program for new locators. Having a hard time finding people that want jobs, and want to actually work.

Keith- doing a long of work updating their plant from copper to fiber optic across the board. Starting with 137 Subdivision.

Tammy- Moving existing cables around construction.

Dave- winter maintenance and babysitting new subdivisions.

Matt- Have approved 3 subdivisions for this year, including phases 1 & 2 or Orchard Heights and Waters Edge.

Joe- Finishing Weiser projects. Now working on reinforcement in the area.

Meeting concluded at 1:10pm.

**Next meeting will be held in Emmett at LaCosta on April 3rd at 11:30**