

OUCG Meeting • Seven Feathers, Canyonville, OR + Zoom

Meeting Minutes -

Meeting Date: April 16, 2025

Call to order:

Scott Gallegos called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and introductions were made. Scott welcomed members and guests.

A motion was made by Robbie to approve minutes from 01.15.25 and 2nd by Alba. Kitty will post approved minutes on the OUCG website.

Treasurer's Report:

Members reviewed the April 2025 Treasurer's Report submitted by Alba.

Alba shared the following to members: Current balance: \$46,033.26

Balance includes \$5,067.86 for annual assistance funds. \$16,532.23 for Additional Assistance Funds. \$4,249.53 in trailer funds. \$4,287.50 in Tax Advisor funding and \$5,692.42 in Operating Expenses. Balance based on Alba's report.

*No motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. Members will review and approve at the July 16th meeting.

(See attachment for full report)

P & E Report:

- The 811 trailer has been restocked with 811 swag for 2025 events. A big THANK YOU to Jake Gilbertson for cleaning up and reorganizing the trailer.

- Kitty shared some upcoming events the trailer has been reserved for in 2025: Wasco's council has the NW Cherry Festival. NWN, Damage Prevention Specialists have two events coming up: Tapani Safety Day and Women in Trades Career Fair. Yamhill council has the Newberg Public Works.

- To reserve the 811 trailer for your next council event? [Click here](#)

- 'Keeping Us Connected' newsletter goes out each quarter. If you have a story to share, please email kittyodavis@gmail.com.

DIRT Report:

No report was given today. To see the full 2022 DIRT and Data Report, [click here](#)

Zone Reports

Zone 1-

-Yamhill UCC: Steve Zimmerman previously reported the council meets the 2nd Thursday each month with 8 attending.

- No updates provided at this meeting for 2025

-North Coast UCC: Scott reported this council is currently not active

-Mid Willamette UCC: No updates provided at this meeting for 2025

-Metro UCC: Scott reported their council meets 4th Wednesday of each month. Great turnout with private contractors attending their meetings at both locations.

- MUCC Golf tournament in July of 2025 planning stages have begun. Members are actively reaching out to stakeholders for sponsorships.

- Contractor lunch this past November was held at NWN in Sherwood. Broadband presentation. Great turnout. They are partnered with Yamhill Council.
- Kitty let the council know their contact (Nonnie) at Ronald McDonald house no longer works there.

Zone 2-

- Linn Benton UCC: Garry Black previously reported they meet the 4th Friday with 7 to 10 members attending. He shared they partner with East Linn to get a higher attendance.
 - No updates provided at this meeting for 2025
- East Linn UCC: Jason Williams previously reported they meet the 4th Friday. every other month. 5-7 people attending.
 - No updates provided at this meeting for 2025
- Lane UCC: Amy Abramsom reported they meet 1st Thursday of the month. 20-40
 - Contractor Appreciation Lunch was November 7th. 100 attending. Excellent presentation from a locator and excavator side
 - Discussion for online training with NWN
 - Adding a monthly meeting with officers
- Lincoln UCC: Lynn Detering reported their council meets 4th Wednesday each month; 10-15 attending.
 - Contractor's meeting in Lincoln City at the NW Natural facility

Zone 3-

- Douglas County UCC: Ryon reported: his council meets the last Tuesday and hopes to go back to monthly meeting. So far this year, his council has participated in:
 - council is holding their May Contractors Breakfast
- South Coast UCC: Tracy Pierce previously reported council meets quarterly the 4th Thursday with 2 locations. 10-20 people attended last meeting
 - No updates provided at this meeting for 2025
- Klamath Falls UCC: Robbie West reported they meet quarterly following the OUCC & OUNC meetings so he can report back. 10 + attend. Lunch is provided by the City of K Falls.
 - December, they held their first contractors drive thru breakfast.
 - Spring contractor meeting – planning stages
 - Annual Home Show – planning stages
- Rogue Basin UCC: Jeff Sima reported they meet quarterly; 2nd Wednesday.
 - Safety Fair – City of Central Point was in August
 - Sponsoring a hole at the American Water Works golf tournament.

Zone 4-

- Hood River UCC: Jake Gilbertson previously reported, they meet every other month; first Thursday of the month. 6-8 members at last meeting. He is not reaching out for funds yet till the prior President resolves the banking.
 - Waiting of council's finances (around \$5k)
 - Discussing \$\$ spent on advertising

- Scheduling a contractor's breakfast
- Wasco County UCC: Jake Gilbertson previously reported they meet each month at Cousin's- 3rd Thursday of the month. 8-10 attend meetings
 - Held a contractor lunch/meet and greet in Hood River.
- Central Oregon UCC: this council was disbanded in 2022

Zone 5-

- Umatilla UCC: No updates provided at this meeting for 2025
- Union UCC: Diana Anderson previously reported they meet in La Grande for lunch quarterly.
 - No updates provided at this meeting for 2025
- Baker UCC: No updates provided at this meeting for 2025
- Malheur UCC: this council was disbanded in 2022

Old Business:

- **Alpha Media** – Ayn Sargent | Media Strategist | Alpha Media shared the re-cap from OUCCs four (6) month campaign. (See full report attached)
 - Campaign Performance Report: 741.92 Impressions; 1.81K Clicks and 0.70% CTR (all above average)
 - Facebook Targeting Performance Report: 142.79K Impressions, 4.55K Link Clicks and 0.61% CTR (click through rate)
 - Creative Ads: our Construction Ads (280,054 Impressions) out preformed our Homeowner ads per (108,141 Impressions)
 - Overall campaign was focused on the council's counties that are currently not active.
- **Taxes:** Presented by Erica Aitken of Wicks Emmet LLP:
 - 2024 Tax Year Action Items (See full report attached)
 - 2024 Tax Year Action Items: Due date for IRS and DOJ is May 15, 2025, with an option to extend to Nov. 15, 2025, with no penalties.
 - Each council needs to provide the following
 1. Bank Statement or balance as of 12/31.24
 2. Total 2024 Revenue for the council
 3. List of elected Board Members
 - Need to have at least 3 individuals
 - Need to have 3 officers assigned: President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - The same person can fill 2 of the officers positions but not all 3.
 - Questions ? Contact: erica@wicksemmet.com
(Wick/Emmitt will pay councils fees when filing and invoice OUCC for reimbursement.)
- **Updates on Seven (7) Rule Changes**
 - OUNC held a Public Rulemaking Hearing on April 15, 2025, at 10am. To learn more, [click here](#).
 - To view the seven (7) rules going into effect April 1, 2025, [click here](#).

- OUNC will discuss the hearing at their board meeting April 17, 2025

New Business:

- Lane Utilities Coordinating Council – tabled

Good of the Order:

- Amazon Gifts Cards: Jeff Simas and Ryon Kershner will receive a \$50 gift card.

2025 Quarterly Meeting Schedule for OUCC

July 16th – Salishan Resort, Gleneden Beach

October 15th – Wildhorse Resort, Pendleton

Meeting adjourned 2:46 pm

Minutes submitted by Kitty O'Keefe April 29, 2025