

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order by President Ryan McCart at 11:42 AM

ATTENDEES

- Ryan McCart, NW Natural
- Jason Williams, NW Natural
- Tracy Pierce, NW Natural
- Harry Haines, Ziply Fiber
- Steve Dubisar, City of Coquille
- Brian Duncan, City of Coquille
- Chris Alanzo, North Sky Communications
- Jerry Binam, North Sky Communications
- Dave Wagoner, Johnson Rock

REVIEW THE MINUTES

- December 2021 minutes provided

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

- Motion to approve December 2021 minutes made by Jason Williams
- Motion second by Harry Haines
- Motion approved and passed

STAFF REPORTS

- President's report: Total rebuild of Council. Currently all officer positions are held by NW Natural employees, would anyone else like to occupy one of those positions? (None responded)
- Vice President's report: If a contractor or anyone damages a line, 1st time training is offered and incident is documented with pictures. 2nd time, PUC and OSHA are involved, possible fines, after that contractor no longer eligible for City, County or State projects.
- Treasurer's report: Current balance \$1,568.27. Previous Treasurer provided an envelope with that amount of cash from check # 1592 dated 3/9/2020 (that is what was written on the envelope). Currently gathering required paperwork to open a Council bank account. No statements were provided.

NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSIONS, MOTIONS, VOTES)

- Roto Rooter hit a Ziply Fiber line after being informed by USIC that there was no line there. South Slough behind Stockpot restaurant in Coos Bay. Harry Haines is taking the incident to upper management

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Denny's Pizza 98 1st st, Coquille, OR 97423

- Call every time you see a pedestal on the ground even if you have been informed that there is no line in the area
- Per Jason Williams, there are issues with USIC in multiple areas and that they are not coming out to check if there per there information there are no services within 2-300 feet of dig site. They are then sending out bills if a line is hit without question. This then leaves the contractor in the position of having to defend themselves. Document, Document, Document.
- Jason Williams recommendation is to document who you spoke to, when and take pictures of area.
- State law requires locates be completed within 48 hours, USIC has been telling companies that they may take up to a week to get out and that they are not required to stand by the 48-hour requirement, that is false.
- Jason Williams will provide free training to companies at safety meetings, he is an official trainer. CCB credits are available for this training.
- A call to 811 is REQUIRED if you are going to break ground. There is no such thing as Pull & Plug. If a post is pulled from the ground a call must be made prior. You will receive a ticket if you are caught not complying.
- The Law for emergency locates: As Soon As Possible taking into account weather, traffic, and any other hindering factors.
- Jason and Ryan both have Dig Law books in their vehicles and will provide to anyone who wants one. (Chris from North Sky would like one)
- Locate map is incorrect. Drawing a 50 ft circle around site, Locates must call to find correct site. Per Jason, app has new features and will let them know there are still issues with defined location. Attachments do not get to Locaters after being uploaded.
- If you have called for a locate and have a ticket, you can run a Vac truck (low pressure) or hand dig till Locates arrives.
- If you have trouble with NW Natural Locates, reach out to Jason Williams or Ryan McCarty.
- Would like to see Locates called in for Mowing projects. They hit pedestals often.
- When calling for locates from the Coos Bay North Bend Water Board no one is there to answer the phone.
- For ODOT power right of way locates, Brett Lesley
- Harry and Chris will reach out to invite PPL Coos Curry

OLD BUSINESS

- **None to report**

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- City of Coquille: Working on small projects, primarily storm cleanup.
- Johnson Rock: Primarily paving projects, small stuff
- North Sky: Finishing up in Bandon. Moving next to Gold Beach and a few more in Reedsport. On a side note, USIC in the Gold Beach / Brookings area has been great. The person who is in Curry doesn't come North.

MEETING ADJOURNED

- Please forward calendar invites for these meetings to anyone who should be at the table or may find benefit from being here. Meetings are quarterly. Next meeting scheduled for April 7, 2022, at 12:00 PM noon at Alder Smokehouse, 1055 Virginia Ave, North Bend, OR 97459. A calendar invite will be sent
- Meeting Adjourned at 12:43 PM