

**UMATILLA, MORROW, GILLIAM COUNTY UTILITY COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 21, 2015**

A meeting of the Umatilla Morrow Gilliam County Utility Coordinating Council was held January 21, 2015, at noon at Mac's Bar and Grill Banquet Room in Pendleton.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Doug Triebelhorn, President	Pacific Power & Light
Ron Coffell, Vice President	Cascade Natural Gas
Shane Finck	Umatilla County Planning
Stephanie Seamans	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Scott Martin	Centurylink
Tom Lapp	Oregon Dept of Transportation
Ethan Langley	Barton Laser Leveling
Hector Ortiz	Williams NW Pipeline
Ben Rodriguez`	Williams NW Pipeline
Jeff Brown	City of Pendleton
Tim Simons	City of Pendleton
Jutta Haliewicz, Secretary	City of Pendleton

**MINUTES:**

The December 17, 2014, minutes were approved as written.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ron mentioned he will pick up the 811 signs at the OUCC meeting in March.

Hector discussed the Hermiston Farm Fair and Tradeshow held in Hermiston December 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hermiston Conference Center. Williams NW Pipeline had a booth, and they handed out lots of informational material including 811 items. The booths were sold out. The people attending were primarily Hispanic. He mentioned having Spanish Standards Manuals would be very helpful, especially in the agricultural areas. Ron mentioned he will promote printing a few in Spanish at the next State meeting.

Jutta mentioned the dues invoices will be sent next month. She also discussed ordering an 811 banner for use at our exhibit booths. The cost is \$5.00/sq.ft. A table size would be 2' x 6' which could be attached to the front of the exhibit table. The members agreed to order the 2' x 6' size. Jutta will get proofs from the sign company and bring them to the next meeting. Ron suggested contacting Jarrod Morrison, OUCC Webmaster, for the graphics to send to the sign company.

Jeff reported that the underground work performed without a street excavation permit was on NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street not NW 20<sup>th</sup>. No one knows who did the cut and no locate tickets were found.

Ron reported part of the Port of Morrow's fine was to hold a safety program. Ron conducted this safety program recently as a Cascade Natural Gas representative as well as a State Council representative. They discussed the locate laws.

Shane mentioned the Umatilla County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing tomorrow regarding the variance for the barn that was constructed too close to the property lines and easement on Gateway Avenue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Doug provided the December Dig In report for Pacific Power. There were no new dig ins in our area.

Jutta provided the Treasurer's report. The balance in the account as of December 31, 2014, was \$2,758.43.

Ron mentioned Paradigm has been hired by the oil and gas pipeline industry to provide public awareness and damage prevention training for emergency responders. They will be in this area next month. Flyers will be out soon.

Shane mentioned the property owners along Hwy 395 in the Urban Growth Boundary from Hermiston to Umatilla are working with a consultant on how to improve the area. There will be an open house on February 18<sup>th</sup> open to the public at the Stafford Hansell Building in Hermiston.

### **PROJECTS:**

#### **CENTURYLINK:**

Fiber from Murietta Road to RDO (Pendleton)

#### **OREGON DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION:**

Grind, inlay and ADA improvements – from Hwy 730 to 4<sup>th</sup> Street on Hwy 395 (Hermiston) – to bid in October, construction spring 2016

South Shore Drive - Hwy 730 west end to McNary – to bid in October, construction spring 2016

Hermiston Signal project – rebuilding 16 signals various locations throughout Hermiston – most of the signals on Hwy 395 included – project has been awarded

Signal project - Hwy 207 (Hermiston) – 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Hermiston Avenue and Orchard Avenue.

Columbia River stream bank restoration project (Hermiston) – east end of Hwy 730 by Sand Station

Hinkle Bridge (Hermiston) – making progress – deck to be poured the next two weeks

Hwy 730 - Powerline Road project (Hermiston) – road realignment

#### **BARTON LASER LEVELING:**

City water/sewer project (Hermiston) – Geotech site across from airport property – waiting on tribes to do study

#### **WILLIAMS NW PIPELINE:**

No new projects

#### **CITY OF PENDLETON:**

Sewer/water lines – south of National Guard Armory for new Life Flight building

Sewer line – SW 16<sup>th</sup> Street from SW Emigrant north

Sewer line – Hwy 395 east on SW Nye and across easement to SW Olson

Happy Canyon entrance renovation and ADA improvements – plans being reviewed – hope to start soon

Water line, fire pond and sewer line west side of Airport from Airport Road to intersection with Stage Gulch – design in progress, construction this year – developer is looking at the site

SW Nye Avenue rebuild – awarded to Pioneer Asphalt – postponed until next spring

Pendleton School District Improvement Projects (Hawthorne, Washington, Sherwood) – Hawthorne reconstruction ongoing; Washington and Sherwood plans received – construction to start spring 2015

Stormwater and street improvement project – SW 11<sup>th</sup> to SW 15<sup>th</sup> from Frazer to Goodwin – Pioneer Asphalt – sidewalks and paving left to complete – postponed due to weather

Pendleton Convention Center – east end expansion – Mike Becker General Contractor – ongoing

Olney Housing Project (SW Tutuilla Road next to Olney Cemetery) – next phase may start this spring – 11 units

Old hospital demolition almost completed

#### **UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING:**

Transmission line from McNary to Wallula (Pacifico) – starting up again

McNary Dam – potable water project – replacing line and pump station

Tom Denchel Ford (Hermiston) – new commercial building - moving north on Hwy 395

Perennial Wind Chasers – proposed natural gas turbine generating stations next to Hermiston Generating plant on Westland Road (Hermiston). These turbine plants would be used to offset fluctuations in the power grid when the wind turbines aren't turning.

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission line project – electric transmission line from substation near Boardman to Hemingway substation near Melba, Idaho

#### **CTUIR:**

Three to four duplexes (Mission Road west of grain elevator) – awarded to WC Construction

Coyote Business Park (North & South) – looking for developers

Wanipa Industrial site – planning grant was received – road and utilities design in progress in conjunction with Port of Umatilla – design to be completed by end of this year with construction next year

Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center and schools – looking to rebuild at new location

**PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT:**

Three Mile Farms – new dairy – 4 – 6 services and underground line – later this year

Three Mile Farms – biodigester – relocating everything upwind to overhead and underground lines – late winter, early spring

Wallowa County – 11 miles new roads by Wallowa Lake for new residences – east side of lake - 15 large lots and 10 small lots available for sale

American Tower – cell phone tower – project has changed from 1,500’ underground cable to 1,100’ overhead on Hwy 74 between Arlington and Boardman – January 2015

Hwy 730 – Powerline Road Project (Hermiston) – moving poles and anchors for new road alignment

Grange building (Mission) – four duplexes – converting from overhead to underground

Pole replacements

**CASCADE NATURAL GAS:**

Hinkle rail yard (Hermiston) – expanding tracks - relocating 7,000’ pipe

14 lot subdivision (Boardman)

Miscellaneous maintenance

**SUBSTRUCTURE DAMAGE REPORT:**

Please submit damage reports online at [www.oucc.net](http://www.oucc.net) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month with the previous month’s information.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be noon **Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at Mac’s Bar & Grill Banquet Room, 1400 SW Dorion Avenue, Pendleton.**

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Jutta Haliewicz  
Secretary/Treasurer