

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2015

8:00 a.m. @ Shari's Restaurant

Attendance:

Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
John Walker	NW Natural
Don Patterson	NW Natural
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Mike Richardson	The Dalles Irrigation District
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Cooperative
Scott Peters	ODOT
Austin McCabe	ODOT
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Nathan Pope	Chenowith Water
William Vanek	Chenowith Water
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President, John Walker.

Minutes:

Minutes of the May 19th, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur said he had three transactions for the month: \$200 to Tonya Brumley for Cherry Festival Parade candy, \$400 to the Fort Dalles Rodeo Association for advertising and \$100 to the Celilo Bowmen for advertising. We have received dues totaling \$480 for an ending balance of \$4,263.46.

Damage Report:

No damages were reported for the month.

Old Business:

Greg Jensen from Crestline was not present to report on the True Value Contractor Day scheduled for Father's Day and it is too late to do anything. Greg may check with True Value for another event. Arthur thought maybe July 4th would be a good date. Dale will visit with Coastal this week and Greg spoke with Home Depot and they already have an event planned so we just need to set a date. Mike and Jim's retirement cake was shared by all. Too bad Jim couldn't be present, he was having knee surgery.

New Business:

Ed attended the quarterly OUCC meeting held at Eagle Crest Resort on June 11th. He read the minutes of that meeting plus the treasurer's and zone reports. Jarrod Morrison gave a presentation on the DIRT reporting tool. Currently there is not much detail on our damage reports so the OUCC is looking at different reporting systems. It costs \$500 a year for Oregon 811 and that allows all utilities and contractors to have their own accounts to input damage information. OUCC and OUNC could pull data from the reporting system or the system could be tailored to fit.

Don Patterson said OPUC is pushing to get better data which could mean more federal dollars. This looks like the direction we are going. Website is www.cga.dirt.com/oregon811.

Bryan Baxter and Tobin Werner did a presentation on dig law training which is available on a thumb drive. Don said when a complaint is filed, the damager gets training. Now it appears they are looking at having the training done by the local council so Bryan and Tobin have the training available on the thumb drive. It lasts about 30-45 minutes. After the training there is a test given that has to be passed by either 80-90%. Once that happens, the fine is reduced from \$1,000 to \$250. So we need to talk about "train the trainer" classes and possibly designate a couple members from our council to be designated trainers. Our council has been more proactive than most at educating contractors and the public.

Many councils have been requesting additional funds that have been made available to them. OUNC now has a form that must be filled out and approved before the funds are dispersed.

The OUNC had members very involved for a long time that are now retiring. These people knew the marketing stuff but that knowledge has now left so they are looking at hiring an administrative person to handle this but no final decision has been made yet. Go to oucc.net for more info.

The next quarterly meeting is in Seaside on September 10, 2015. There is another event that coincides with our meeting so book your room early if you are planning on attending.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Crestline is finishing up on Scenic.
- ❖ Slip line contract in progress.
- ❖ Sewer going in on 11th/Pentland.
- ❖ Crack sealing contract to go out this week.
- ❖ List of paving projects for this summer/fall/spring: W. 10th – Mt. Hood to Mill Creek; E 10th – Union to Kelly; E. 10th – Lewis to Dry Hollow; 4th Street – 3rd Pl to Jefferson; W 15th – Garrison to Trevitt; Monroe Street – alley b/t 2nd & 3rd to 3rd; Court Street – 5th to 10th; Court Street – 3rd to 4th; Trevitt – 6th to 10th.

Nathan Pope – Chenowith Water PUD

- ❖ Chenowith PUD will be installing fire hydrants at each entrance to Foley Lakes.
- ❖ Abandoning a line on Murray Drive.
- ❖ Chenowith PUD will be hiring a new person.

John Walker/Sheri Clark – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ Potholed Thompson Street from 10th to 19th. Depths are shallow on Thompson and NW Natural wants to get this project done this summer won't start it until they know they can finish it.
- ❖ The service to 700 Court Street is being lowered.
- ❖ Job on 1-84/197.

Don Patterson – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ The homeowner who painted black over the locate marks in Bingen is against the dig law.
- ❖ Major chip sealing project on SR14 from Vancouver to Bingen.

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Co-op

- ❖ System wide service and maintenance.
- ❖ Miscellaneous pole replacements.
- ❖ 14 pole lines across Tygh Ridge.

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ General maintenance until the county finds out if they will be working with the City on paving which they should know soon.

Danny Salvidar – The Dalles Irrigation

- ❖ Pumping water, locates continuing.

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ Continuing the design of 15-Mile.
- ❖ Trailer 33 at View Point Trailer Park caught fire yesterday. PUD had just replaced the underground and installed a new pole. Over half the new installation was burnt up.

Scott Peters – ODOT

- ❖ I-84/15-Mile will have the same configuration until Labor Day.
- ❖ Celilo job (restringing lines) started last week.
- ❖ Road work at Madras.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: July 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Clark, Fill-In Secretary (and much appreciated)