

# **WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**August 15, 2017**

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

### **Attendance:**

Bill Vanek	Chenowith Water
Rick Saldivar	Chenowith Water
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Co-op
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Aaron Westfall	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Scott Peters	ODOT
Jeremiah McCafferty	ODOT

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President, Ed Ortega. Introductions were made as this was Rick and Jeremiah's first meeting

### **Minutes:**

There were not any minutes from the July meeting as there were only a couple of people present. Brewster announced that Wasco Electric will provide a Secretary for the WCUCC.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

No treasurer's report was available at the time of the meeting.

### **Damage Report:**

There was no discussion regarding damages.

### **Old Business:**

There was a brief discussion regarding The Fort Dalles Fourth. Ed asked if there was any feedback or comments for the council, but there wasn't any that anyone was aware of. Sponsorship cost was more than last year and it was discussed that the council should be aware of increasing costs to sponsor for next year and beyond.

## **New Business:**

Troy brought up a project that Don Patterson was working on with the Gorge Area Utility Councils to coordinate and get 811 information out in the area. Don has been working with the One Call Center to create a Gorge 811 Logo and has that in hand. Don had asked both the Klickitat and Hood River Councils for \$500 each to help make Gorge centric promotional materials. He was wondering if the WCUCC would also contribute \$500.

A brief discussion was had regarding that and a motion was made by Greg to contribute the \$500 depending on the availability of funds the WCUCC has. Brewster seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had on what best practices were for locating an abandoned facility/lines.

## **Round Table:**

### **Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction**

- ❖ Quite a few jobs in the Hood River area
- ❖ Lots going on in the Port of The Dalles area

### **Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works**

- ❖ Lone Pine Well upgrade is continuing.
- ❖ Lone Pine Subdivision Phases 5,6, and 7 beginning soon.
- ❖ W 2<sup>nd</sup> St Project out to bid, pre-bid meeting on Thursday August 17 at 11 AM. Bid opening set for September 7, 2017. Proposed start end of October 2017 with anticipated completion at the end of May 2018.
- ❖ Reservoir painting projects continuing
- ❖ Chip sealing E 10th, Dry Hollow, Thompson, Port Area, and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Downtown
- ❖ WWTP design/build on-site construction continues

### **Brewster Whitmire—Wasco Electric**

- ❖ Working on new services and system upgrades.
- ❖ Accommodating the fiber contractor installations.

### **Scott Peters – ODOT**

- ❖ Preparations for the August 21, 2017 Solar Eclipse
- ❖ LSN permitting for fiber line install from Hwy 197 to Freemont St
- ❖ Chenowith Creek Bridge is slated to be completed August 28, 2017.

### **Bill Vanek – Chenowith Water**

- ❖ Replacing meters.
- ❖ Service work

## **Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco County PUD**

- ❖ New services
- ❖ Pole inspection contractor (Osmose) generating pole replacement work
- ❖ System improvement projects and maintenance work

## **Aaron Westfall- NW Natural**

- ❖ W 2<sup>nd</sup> & Webber work complete
- ❖ Trevitt from 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> alley to 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> alley—work is going on now
- ❖ Planning work for in The Dalles on Morton, Thompson, and Oakwood

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: September 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Ortega  
President