

# WASCO COUNTY UNDERGROUND COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2013

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

### Attendance:

Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles
Scott Peters	ODOT
John Walker	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Marty Matherly	Wasco County Public Works
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Jeff McCall	Wasco County Public Works
Jim Bailey	Wasco Electric Co-op
Mike Richardson	The Dalles Irrigation District

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Elect, Ed Ortega.

### Minutes:

Minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance is \$2,908.77. There is still an outstanding expenditure of \$42 to Herb for the template for the poster boards and state dues will be coming up soon.

### Damage Report:

There was one reported damage for December and that was by City of The Dalles but the monthly damage report did not include Charter or Century Link. Arthur handed out the damage summary for 2012 and out of a total of 4,080 locates, there were only 10 reported damages. The electricians in Bend track locates for ODOT and it would be great if they would report the Wasco County damages to us.

### Old Business:

The calendars arrived and Arthur distributed them. He will order more since we were a little short.

### New Business:

Registration is open for locator training at the Oregon Garden in Silverton on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, at Sunriver Resort on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and at Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Register at [www.digsafelyoregon.com](http://www.digsafelyoregon.com). Cost is \$100 per person.

Jim Bailey is going to attend the Oregon Public Utility Safety Meeting in Salem this coming Thursday. Next month he will give our council highlights from the meeting.

Arthur said the OAR Committee (a subset of OUNC) meets monthly to talk about locate issues and they have been discussing the surveyor exemption. They are also considering changing the terminology of “excavation”. It seems stakes, hubs and tripods create issues that need to be resolved. Marty felt it wasn’t justifiable to have a locate for every stake pounded and it could become financially burdensome if everything had to be located. It will be interesting to see what is decided. Troy said homeowners have a 12-inch protection law if they’ve called in a locate. Troy was asked how deep NW Natural lines are supposed to be and he said 18 to 24 inches.

Implementation of the new Washington law (marking everything in the field in white and being able to dig 11 inches down without a locate) is being delayed until April of 2013, Troy said.

### **Round Table:**

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

- ❖ Customer work.
- ❖ System improvements off Thompson and 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **John Walker – NW Natural**

- ❖ Meet w/Dale today to discuss deadline on W 1<sup>st</sup> before the Phase 2 LID starts mid-February.
- ❖ Long couplings on Scenic and Jefferson.

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

- ❖ The slipline contract was awarded and it should start next month.
- ❖ Designing/upsizing the water line across 2<sup>nd</sup> & Webber underneath the tracks to Norcor.
- ❖ Bids were received last week for the River Road water line upgrade from Crates Way to the hydrant by the animal shelter. Crestline Construction was the apparent lower bidder. Project start date is mid-February. The City is upsizing that line from 8 inches to 18 inches and moving it to the other side of the road to meet fire requirements as property in the port is developed.
- ❖ Kodiak Construction was the apparent low bidder on the W. 1<sup>st</sup>/Bargeway Phase 2 LID. Project start date is mid-February.
- ❖ Working on the design to rebuild Scenic from Jefferson to Esther Way.
- ❖ Later this spring or summer—demo of the Recreation Lanes building.

#### **Jeff McCall - Wasco County Public Works**

- ❖ Spreading ¾ rock on county roads.
- ❖ Ditch line work on Cherry Heights.
- ❖ Vegetation management and brush cleanup.

#### **Mike Richardson – The Dalles Irrigation District**

- ❖ Winter maintenance.
- ❖ Danny Salvidar is the District’s new employee.
- ❖ Replacing several valves and getting ready to start the new power line for the office.

**Jim Bailey – Wasco Electric Co-op**

- ❖ Miscellaneous maintenance throughout the system.

**Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction**

- ❖ Finishing up a lift station for the City.
- ❖ Several projects in Hood River.

**Scott Peters – ODOT**

- ❖ Winter maintenance.
- ❖ Removed 6 to 7 hundred yards of material after a 200+ gallons diesel spill at MP 52 ½ and MP 61.
- ❖ The UPRR is going to be installing an above-ground line for the power switch heater at the exit 82 off ramp.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Next month's meeting: February 19<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Huskey, Secretary