



Malheur Utility Coordination Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2017

12PM

Bob's Steak N Spirits - Nyssa

MEETING CALLED BY	Kyle McCauley, President
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly MUCC
NOTE TAKER	Dawn Eden
ATTENDEES	Dan Shepard, Arlin Smith, Brett Pike, Dawn Eden and Kyle McCauley
DISCUSSION	Topic: New Business

Cascade Natural Gas:

- One Call Concepts is developing a brochure for Oregon. Kyle showed an example of the brochure promoting calling Dig Line.
- Kyle announced there is going to be a 4-day option for locates, however, according to Oregon law the locates still have to be completed within a 48-hour window or face having an Request for Administrative Action (RAA) filed against your company.
- Another change to the Dig Line process could be to provide feedback on having completed your locate for each locate ticket received. This is going to be optional at first, but there is a possibility this could be required in the future. Some states are already doing this.
- The issue was brought up at a previous meeting regarding how Oregon adds approximately two additional blocks in any apparent random direction – causing utilities to be receive tickets for locates over a greater area or receiving locates for work in which there are no utilities to be located. This is still not resolved, but it appears for the time being there is no workable solution.
- It was also announced that the Oregon Contractor's Board will be adding questions to their Oregon CCB test regarding 811 digging laws.
- Kyle announced that the Malheur Utility Coordination Council received a check from the state for the year. Instead of waiting for the counties to submit a check for their dues, the state is just deducting the dues from the check they send to each coordination council.
- We are looking for a location for our annual contractor appreciation lunch. For the past couple of years we have held it at the Grange Hall on Highway 201. The cost has increased from \$10 to \$12 per person, so we are looking for a cheaper location to hold the appreciation lunch, tentatively scheduled for some time mid-March. Idaho Power will be our speaker. About \$800 in prizes will be purchased as giveaways, plus CH2M has offered to purchase extra prizes and a BBQ in lieu of paying dues this year.
- OSHA is also in town checking to see if contractor's have a locate ticket for digging. If you don't have a locate ticket on site, you could face having an RAA filed against your company.
- Kyle is doing some checking at the fairgrounds regarding using a trailer with a TV, air conditioner and games for kids instead of renting a booth in the commercial building during the Malheur County Fair held August 1-5.
- CNG will also bring 811 Dig Line T-shirts to the next meeting.

Ontario/CH2M:

- Upcoming project in Ontario – SW 5th Avenue in front of Four Rivers Cultural Center, replacing sewer, water and storm lines from SW 7th Street to the alley behind Kinney and Keele hardware store.
- Just a reminder that City of Ontario requires a right of way permit for working in the City right of way. If there is ever any question whether a right of way permit is needed, please call to verify. Or if any the utilities need a copy of their franchise agreement with the City of Ontario, or a copy of the City's Right of Way Ordinance or fee schedule, please contact Dan Shepard at 541-889-8572 at the CH2M Public Works Shop. Regardless if a right of way permit is required, you must provide

traffic control if vehicular traffic is impeded, despite time duration.

Idaho Power:

- No big projects planned for now.

Cable One:

- Oregon PUC 10-year audit report is due. No other big projects planned for now.

NEXT MEETING: ***March 2017. Location and date TBA.***