

# WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2014

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

### Attendance:

Scott Peters	ODOT
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Steve Wilkins	Wasco County Public Works
Herb Watts	North State Telephone/Fastercom
Nathan Pope	Chenoweth Water PUD
John Walker	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Scott Gallegos	NW Natural
Chuck Tuell	NW Natural
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by President, Ed Ortega.

### Minutes:

Minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report:

We have the same ending balance as last month, \$2,809.83. We will have an expense of \$100 for our space at the Wasco County Fair commercial building.

### Damage Report:

There were no reported damages for July. Century Link, Charter and NW Natural damages were not reported.

### Old Business:

Arthur showed us a picture of the booth he set up at the Wasco County Fair in the commercial building. It looked very professional and we are grateful to the state council for letting us borrow it. Trevor Voris sent us tons of 811 hats, footballs, pens, etc. and all were gone by the end of the fair. Arthur checked on the booth from time to time since he was there for the entire fair. He gave two standards manuals to Cougar Excavation which had a booth next to our booth and he spent some time educating them on the regulations. Arthur will e-mail Kenny Hamlin to let him know we have the booth so it can be kept track of for the next user.

The 811 table cloth Shari had seen used on tables in displays costs \$150.00 so use the sign, it is better she said.

Dale said our chute advertisement at the Fort Dalles Rodeo was a good idea. Every time an animal came out the chute, the announcer said the council's name and frequently read our sound bite.

Scott Gallegos said he's hoping the new standards manual will be out in November.

### **New Business:**

Scott Gallegos asked if anyone had issues with their locate contractor. Ed said they've been calling PUD if they will be late to a locate. No one else had any issues. Scott said they are running behind and he's glad they are communicating.

### **Round Table:**

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

- ❖ The new transit center project is moving forward. The LID went to City Council in July which was the first of three meetings. Since the council does not meet in August, the next meeting will be in September. Construction should hopefully begin next spring. Shari said the transit center folks can't commit to having gas but otherwise NW Natural is done there. John said he would flag the job for Mike Bosse, a city engineer.
- ❖ Sanitary sewer lines and water lines are still being worked on in the Chenowith Business Park. The Second Street survey has been completed for upsizing the sanitary sewer and installing a storm sewer to serve the Chenowith Business Park and WM3. The design will be worked on this fall and put out to bid this winter.
- ❖ The water crew will be replacing the galvanized line in the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Pentland to Garrison after NW Natural is done with their work. Then, after the water department is through, sewer will come back in and finish up their portion.
- ❖ There were no bids received for the concrete bid for sidewalks and ADA ramps at 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. This project will be re-bid in December which should put the contractor on schedule for March or April and then the City will grind and overlay after that.
- ❖ The street crew is paving Cherry Heights between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and the project should be wrapped up today.
- ❖ The sewer department is upgrading the storm system on 10<sup>th</sup> between Washington and Federal before school starts.
- ❖ There is a Q-Life project in progress along Veteran's Drive, beginning at Columbia View Drive and ending at Veteran's Drive. CoastCom is trying to stay in the PUE behind the sidewalk along the SW side of Veteran's Drive. Two underground conduits are going in on this stretch and then from the Veteran's Home it will run overhead through the View Point Mobile Home Park.
- ❖ Working on the surge tank at Sorosis Reservoir with Crestline Construction.
- ❖ Working on a design/build contract for the wastewater treatment plant. Bids will be going out this October for this 2-year project.

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

- ❖ Indian Creek Pump Station is underway.
- ❖ Downtown Hood River doing sidewalks and cleanup. Paving will start after Labor Day.
- ❖ Projects in the Chenowith Business Park and Google are still underway.
- ❖ Project on side streets and May Street in Hood River.
- ❖ Surge tank project at Sorosis Reservoir.

### **John Walker – NW Natural Gas**

- ❖ Working on W 8<sup>th</sup> to W 9<sup>th</sup>, Pentland to Lincoln. Getting into heavy rock going east.
- ❖ Bare main removal slated for E 15<sup>th</sup>/I. There is 146' of bare main to be removed. Work needs to be completed by October 31, 2014.
- ❖ Still need to finish the bare main replacement on Garrison and the alley between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Working with Barry in the Bend ODOT office on options for the upcoming gas main going through the Threemile Creek area.

### **Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works**

- ❖ Chip sealing is finished.
- ❖ Shoulder work and painting on the agenda now.
- ❖ Will be shaving the slope at the intersection of Chenowith Creek and Browns Creek Road.
- ❖ Replacing a timber cap on a bridge on Adkisson Road.

### **Nathan Pope – Chenowith Water PUD**

- ❖ Maintenance and emergency repairs
- ❖ Flushing hydrants in the next few weeks.

### **Scott Peters – ODOT**

- ❖ Austin McCabe is in charge of the Rock Creek enhancement project (salmon recovery) in Mosier.
- ❖ The paving job previously scheduled to start on July 28<sup>th</sup> on I-84 from Hood River to Mosier in the slow lanes east and westbound will begin sometime in September.
- ❖ Plans are underway for the Mosier Heights project which is a storm sewer project in front of the old gas station in Mosier on Hwy 30.
- ❖ The Maupin wash station project will begin soon. Rocky Point out of Prineville was awarded the bid.
- ❖ Blackberries will be sprayed in the Threemile Creek area as part of that enhancement project. Scott asked council members if we knew of any contractors who would remove the blackberries after they have been sprayed. Several suggestions were made.

### **Herb Watts – North State Telephone/Fastercom**

- ❖ Finished laying fiber up Easton Canyon.
- ❖ Focusing on small cleanups, maintenance and locates.

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

- ❖ Normal maintenance.
- ❖ Some customer work.
- ❖ Lost one pole in the Rowena 2014 fire and had several singed ones. Had to de-energize one line by the golf course and was on standby for others.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Remember next month's meeting: September 16th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Huskey, Secretary