

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2014

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

Attendance:

Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Steve Byers	City of The Dalles Public Works
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles Public Works
Scott Peters	ODOT
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
John Walker	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Nathan Pope	Chenowith PUD

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. by President Elect, John Walker.

Minutes:

Minutes of the January 21st 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur paid our 2014 state dues of \$124.04 on January 21, 2014. We currently have a balance of \$2,214.56 in our checking account.

Damage Report:

There were no reported damages for January. The damage report does not include Charter, Century Link or NW Natural (which is reported online).

Old Business:

April 2, 2014 is the date for our next contractor's night. It will be held at Spooky's from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the large back room. Greg wasn't able to find the video he wanted so Yogi said he would check NW Natural's video library. If someone is going to show a video, please let Arthur or Brenda know ahead of time so the proper video equipment will be there. Please remember our target audience is local contractors.

If you know of a particularly good video that we can purchase, let Brenda know. Nathan suggested checking You Tube or SAIF which might have some excellent ones.

Arthur will contact Jennifer Carter to see if she will be available to tell us all the updates to the standards manual.

A motion was made to spend \$500 on door prizes, it was seconded and unanimously passed.

John would like the last subject of the night to be the contractor emergency numbers card that we'll be handing out. He also suggested laying out pictures of the different types of damages that have occurred to our utilities. He would really like to have someone from NW Natural Gas explain how gas can migrate to storm sewers and into someone's home from a damaged gas line that was covered up because the excavator "just knicked" the pipe or didn't feel it was important to report it.

Steve asked if managers from the different utility departments were going to be introduced and the idea was nixed.

New Business:

There was none.

Round Table:

Nathan Pope – Chenoweth Water PUD

- ❖ Finishing up winter maintenance.
- ❖ Mid-March the PUD will be tying in the 700 block of Floral Court into Pomona.

Steve Byers – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Finished sewer main renewal at 4th Laughlin.
- ❖ Michel's was awarded the latest slipline project and will be doing sewer sliplining at various locations around the City the end of May.
- ❖ City will reroute a sewer line at 14th/Clark that runs under a house.
- ❖ Installing 2 new manholes on Trevitt Street in April, one at 15th and the other b/t 13th and 14th.
- ❖ Service renewal project on Pentland Street between 7th and 9th will start next month.
- ❖ The City is doing the design of 7th Street for the Transit Center that will be located at Chenoweth Loop and W 7th Streets and for W 7th between Chenoweth Loop and Hostetler that will be an LID. Design will be done this spring or early summer.
- ❖ Water service renewals on 13th Street between Riverview and Clark.
- ❖ Two blocks of water service renewals are left to do from the Junior High School to Kelly Avenue.
- ❖ In May the Webber Street intersection will be ground out and repaved in all 4 directions. Several other paving projects may not happen until after July 1st because of funding. One of these is 12th Street between Dry Hollow and Kelly Avenue but we are reminding everyone to get their utility projects done in that area ahead of the paving.

Scott Peters - ODOT

- ❖ Storm recovery.
- ❖ Diesel spill of 100-120 gallons at MP 75 eastbound. Will be digging tomorrow under the rock bluff there.
- ❖ Contractor will be doing guardrails at MP 80.
- ❖ A fence has been installed from exit 83 by United Grocers west to the Chenoweth Interchange to stop people from crossing the freeway.

Sheri Clark – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ Busy this winter with new services.
- ❖ Starting bare main replacement on W. 8th Street from Liberty to Lincoln and then moving to W. 8th from Garrison to Pentland.
- ❖ W. 8th and Union will be done by 10/31 of this year.
- ❖ NW Natural will not have the crews available to do the bare main replacement on Union/W 13th as planned but when it is finished, it will be the final piece of bare main replacement in The Dalles.

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Have been in storm recovery mode. Had plugged culverts, slides, ditches that eroded and the Juniper Flat ditches that overflowed. Waiting for winter to be over!
- ❖ Guardrails are completed on Chenowith Road, Chenowith Creek Road and Sevenmile Road.

Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction

- ❖ Starting the Port Flounder project on Monday, working on traffic control.
- ❖ Going full speed ahead in downtown Hood River. Hope to have this project done the last part of May/first part of June.
- ❖ Chenowith Business Park.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Remember next month's meeting: **March 18th.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Huskey, Secretary