

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2014

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

Attendance:

Nathan Pope	Chenowith PUD
Scott Peters	ODOT
Austin McCabe	ODOT
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
John Walker	NW natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Scott Gallegos	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President Elect, John Walker.

Minutes:

Minutes of the May 20th, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Our ending balance last month was \$3,209.83 and it is the same this month. We only have one due that is outstanding, Arthur will resend the invoice.

Damage Report:

One reported damage for May by City of The Dalles. The report did not include Charter, Century Link or NW Natural (which is reported online).

Old Business:

Scott Gallegos told us each council is going to automatically be sent five 811 signs to do with whatever they want and we should be receiving them soon. Arthur felt 5 signs would be enough. Scott also said he favors the Damage Prevention Magazine that Common Ground Alliance publishes. Brenda looked it up on line and for 25 to 99 issues, the cost is \$2.60 an issue.

Arthur talked about doing a special outreach with summer lunches to local contractors. No one had any issues or problems with contractors at the moment so we will see how the summer goes. We can always arrange a luncheon through e-mail if someone thinks a particular contractor will benefit from a council-sponsored lunch.

Scott G. said the goal is to have the new standards manual out in June but it will probably be July since they have another meeting before finalizing.

John thought the council should piggy back on an event the rental centers are having. He will talk with Sawyer's, Home Depot and Discover Rentals to see what upcoming events/activities they have planned. Volunteer council members could split up their time so no one has to work the whole event. Dale suggested asking the rental centers to use the 811 magnetic stickers on their vehicles but first we need to locate some. He also suggested sponsoring a bucking chute at the Fort Dalles Rodeo or sponsoring a donkey in the donkey race (like California Chrome). Brenda will call a rodeo board member to see what sponsoring will entail. Arthur will order materials to have on hand when we decide which event we'll be doing.

Having a booth at the Wasco County Fair in the commercial building was discussed. Arthur will talk with Ken Polehn about it. Arthur suggested buying one of the fair animals but deciding which one and for how much made for interesting conversation.

New Business:

The next OUNC/OUCC quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 9th and 10th in Medford. Arthur said we should have a rep from our council there so be thinking about whose schedule allows them to go. Gas, food and hotel will be reimbursed. Also a reminder...the Joint States Meeting will be held in Big Sky, Montana on September 16th-18th.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ The new transit center project is moving forward. Continue getting your facilities done even though we are not sure of the time frame yet because it is an LID project.
- ❖ The Chenowith Business Park is under construction and moving forward. The City is going to upsize the sanitary sewer and install a storm sewer on 2nd Street from the far end of the cul-de-sac on 2nd all the way to Webber Street. The lift station will serve all of the Chenowith Business Park and WM3. Hopefully this project will start next spring. If you have anything on Second Street at this location, now would be a good time to upgrade. This is going to be a big project!
- ❖ Grinding and overlaying 3rd Place from Trevitt to Lincoln is slated for the middle of August. Three inches will be removed and ADA corner ramps and crosswalks brought into compliance.
- ❖ Slated for September--profile and pave Cherry Heights from the south side of 10th Street to 6th Street (travel lanes only).
- ❖ Focusing on crack sealing the downtown area now.
- ❖ Hammering through rock on Pentland from 8th to 9th for a new sanitary sewer main. Should take 2 more weeks and then the sewer department will move to Bridge Street from 10th to 11th for a line upgrade and 11th Street from Mt. Hood to Trevitt.
- ❖ Finishing up the collection pond at Mark's Well (Skyline and Mt. Hood).
- ❖ The City had a leak detection analysis done and next week those identified locations will start being repaired.

Nathan Pope – Chenowith Water PUD

- ❖ Wrapping up Floral Court and abandoning lines at the main plus capping them off.
- ❖ Summer maintenance.

John Walker – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ Finished up bare main removal on Union/13th.
- ❖ In the permitting process for Chenowith Loop/W 7th.
- ❖ Looking over ODOT plans for the 15-Mile Creek project in The Dalles.
- ❖ Design locates are in for E 15th/I streets. This is hopefully the last section of bare main in The Dalles!

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Finished up prep for chip sealing.
- ❖ Arthur will have the 2014 paving schedule after July 1st. Fremont Street and Columbia View Drive in the UGB will be chip sealed.

Scott Peters – ODOT

- ❖ Potholing and checking for the depth of concrete on I-84 for the 15-Mile Creek Project. This is a 2015 project with the comment period still open.
- ❖ ODOT has 3 different rock scaling projects on the radar. One at Clarno that will start on the 23rd, one at the junction of Hwy 30 and 197 (starting after Clarno) and one at Rowena Crest below the view point. The rock from the Rowena job will be taken to the Mosier pit.
- ❖ Hwy 216 from Maupin to Pine Grove will have to be repaved. It will take 10 days to 2 weeks to complete.
- ❖ Installing a wash station at the Maupin ODOT maintenance building. A diesel fuel tank has been approved for there also.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Remember next month's meeting: July 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Huskey, Secretary