

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2014

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

Attendance:

Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Marty Matherly	Wasco County Public Works
Jeff McCall	Wasco County Public Works
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles Public Works
Scott Peters	ODOT
Mike Richardson	The Dalles Irrigation District
Nathan Pope	Chenowith PUD
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
John Walker	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Scott Gallegos	NW Natural

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by President, Ed Ortega.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 18th, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur paid our 2014 state dues of \$124.04 on 1/24/14 and our Staples bill of \$69.17 on 3/15/14 for envelopes, paper and postage stamps to mail the Contractor Night flyers. We received our state assistance check for \$2,000. Thank you very much OUCC for giving us \$1,000 more than last year! So we currently have a balance of \$4,145.39 in our checking account.

Damage Report:

There was one reported damage for February by City of The Dalles. The damage report does not include Charter, Century Link or NW Natural (which is reported online).

Old Business:

Yesterday Arthur sent out the flyers for Contractor's Night. Brenda will e-mail that flyer to everyone so please post it and encourage your employees/co-workers to come to Spooky's on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for free pizza, salad and drinks in that large meeting room. John said they would locate a speaker to talk about knocking gas lines and gas migration. Brenda found a video on line to show that applies to everyone. Kenny Hamlin, OUCC President, will inform us of updates to the dig laws. John is again in charge of door prizes since he (and Yogi) did such a good job last year.

New Business:

Sheri reminded us that Dozer Days is coming up again on May 16th and 17th at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Bring your kids or volunteer and make some little kid's day!

Scott Gallegos told us surveyors wanted certain exemptions made to the dig laws and so the definition of "excavation" has been revised. Installing a monument marker is not considered excavation now. The new regulation books will be coming out this summer. He showed us a Washington state regulation book which is smaller and more user-friendly he felt.

Round Table:

Nathan Pope – Chenoweth Water PUD

- ❖ Flushing hydrants and general maintenance.
- ❖ Mid-April the PUD will be tying the 700 block of Floral Court into Pomona.

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Re-doing the sewer main at 14th/Clark and rerouting a line that runs under a house. Re-doing the sewer main at 8-9th/Pentland.
- ❖ Michel's has been sliplining sewer lines at various locations around town.
- ❖ Installing 2 new manholes on Trevitt Street in April, one at 15th and the other b/t 13th and 14th.
- ❖ The City is doing the design of 7th Street for the Transit Center that will be located at Chenoweth Loop and W 7th Streets. The design is for W 7th between Chenoweth Loop and Hostetler that will be an LID. Design will be done this spring or early summer.
- ❖ Two blocks of water service renewals are left to do from the Junior High School to Kelly Avenue.
- ❖ All four legs of the 2nd/Webber paving project has now become just a patch repair because the Department of Justice has said any surface repairs that have a sidewalk and curb ramps involved must be brought up to current ADA standards. This means grades/slopes must be met and new stripping required. The slopes at 2nd/Webber have not been met and there are no truncated domes there. A patch is OK and so is a chip seal but surface repairs like an overlay or a curb-to-curb will require ADA standards be met. So every scheduled paving project will have to be re-evaluated!
- ❖ Crestline is installing a force main in the Chenoweth Business Park which runs across River Road. It actually starts at Second Street but they have had to stop construction in the wetlands area until it quits raining and that area dries out.

Scott Peters - ODOT

- ❖ Storm recovery and guard rail repairs.
- ❖ Cleanup of diesel spill in south Wasco County.
- ❖ Brooming from Arlington to The Dalles and Highway 197.

John Walker – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ Finishing up bare main replacement on W. 8th Street from Liberty to Lincoln.
- ❖ W. 8th from Pentland to Garrison will be started this summer.
- ❖ NW Natural will move to Union/13th after they finish W. 8th from Liberty to Lincoln. They have 300' of bare main to replace there.

Jeff McCall – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Grading gravel roads.
- ❖ Sweeping sand off roads.

Mike Richardson – The Dalles Irrigation District

- ❖ Putting water in the pipes. Normal startup.
- ❖ Repair on Skyline Road last week and finishing the backfill.

Jim Bailey – Wasco Electric Co-op

- ❖ Miscellaneous services and maintenance throughout their territory.

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ Catching up on pole and transformer inspections.
- ❖ Removed transformer at Google at their request.
- ❖ Providing customer service to all the new homes being built.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Remember next month's meeting: April 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Huskey, Secretary