

# WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2015

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

### Attendance:

Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
John Walker	NW Natural
Scott Peters	ODOT
Joy Marcum	Northern Wasco County PUD
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Alan Easling	Crestline Construction
Nathan Pope	Chenoweth Water PUD
Jim Bailey	Wasco Electric Co-op
Mike Richardson	The Dalles Irrigation District
Herb Watts	North State Telephone/Fastercom
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by President, John Walker.

### Minutes:

Minutes of the March 17th, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report:

Because of the state council's assistance we received, we have a total of \$4,483.46 in our checking account. Arthur has submitted the tax information about our receipts and expenditures as a non-profit to the state council. He is also resubmitting a letter to Kenny to include us under the OUNC umbrella as a non-profit. Our council President, John Walker, must sign the request letter.

Arthur is giving Tonya a check for \$200 for Cherry Festival Parade candy.

### Damage Report:

City of The Dalles had two damages in March. Both were for failure to protect. Century Link did not submit their totals for the month.

### Old Business:

Scott asked for input on the transfer move. Mike said The Dalles Irrigation needed their 12,000 volt line raised that is by Burger King and didn't have a crew to do it so Century Link used a pole and hot glove to raise the line for them. Mike said he had talked to Leon and told him he had to deal with the Bureau of

Reclamation but that obviously didn't happen. He felt BPA should pay to raise their line permanently because of these transformer moves. Arthur said the county has been pleased with the move and the news releases that inform people ahead of time. Greg said he was appreciative of how everyone has worked together on the move and tonight's move should go smoother.

### **New Business:**

Arthur will make a quick order of SWAG merchandise for the cherry festival.

Discover Rentals needs some round 811 stickers to place on their rental equipment.

Arthur will give Tonya his 18" x 14" corrugated 811 sign since she gave hers away.

The Celilo Bowman made a request to our council for either a \$50 or \$100 donation. They will advertise for us for one year (\$100 donation) at one target site at seven of their shoots. They attach a 8.5" x 11" laminated logo at one target site at each shoot and approximately 180 to 200 people attend each shoot. It was motioned and seconded to approve \$100 for a year's worth of advertising. Brenda will design the 811 ad and give to Dan Roberts of the Celilo Bowmen.

The Fort Dalles Rodeo Association wanted to know if we want to advertise on a chute at the rodeo again this year. It was moved and seconded to use the same sign as last year and send them a check for \$400 for advertising.

Greg introduced Alan Easling, Project Engineer for Crestline. He will be attending some of our meetings in the future.

Arthur had the dues invoices ready to hand out to those attending today. He wanted to make sure \$40 was what we agreed upon and that was correct.

Having a contractor's event was discussed again. Dale suggested we piggyback with a store like Home Depot, Discover Rentals or True Value that is having an event/barbecue and help with their expenses (food/advertising) plus hand out gift certificates (for that store). Greg said he would contact Jarrod at True Value and Tina Springsted at Home Depot and Dale will contact Discover Rentals. Dale and Greg will let Brenda know what they find out and she'll send the info out by e-mail to all members.

Shari suggested we purchase a large item to raffle off (like a TV) and bring just the box to these events so people can put their drawing tickets in early and hopefully they will come to our contractor's night in October when the drawing will be held.

Herb has been getting locates that are out of his area. He tried to call the locate requestor but wasn't able to make contact. He wanted to know what he should do and was told by council members to call 811 back and let them know that the locate is not his area and ask the center to contact the correct utility (and change their maps). He also wanted to let council members know his locator was stolen last week on 6<sup>th</sup> Street by Griffith Motors.

### **Round Table:**

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

- ❖ The W 7<sup>th</sup> Street LID project is wrapping up by Chenoweth Loop and Hostetler. The road base is being built up and should be paved soon.

- ❖ The storm drain lines are done on the West Scenic Drive Stabilization and Retaining Wall Contract. The City is working with PUD to finish the overhead and then Century Link needs to get their service off the old poles and attached to new poles. Then Charter needs to do theirs. After this is done, the drilling contractor moves in to do the pilings and start on the wall. NW Natural still has one service to lower and Dale said he would remind Mike about that line.
- ❖ The concrete contractor on 3<sup>rd</sup> Place is replacing the ADA ramps between Lincoln and Trevitt. This project should be wrapped up this week. May 11th the grinder is coming in and then the street crew will pave it back. NW Natural still has one service to lower here.
- ❖ Still working on the sanitary and storm on West Second Street.
- ❖ Just awarded a contract for a CIPP lining project.
- ❖ Still having a discussion with City Council about Thompson Street. There is no curb or sidewalk associated with this project.
- ❖ Starting a design/build contract at the City WWTP.

### **Nathan Pope – Chenoweth Water PUD**

- ❖ Wrapping up the water line (12” ductile) project from 6<sup>th</sup>/Snipes that goes under the freeway to Second Street.

### **John Walker – NW Natural Gas**

- ❖ Shooting depths on Thompson Street from 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Busy with projects out of town.
- ❖ Should be OK on the City’s W 3<sup>rd</sup> Place project. Just one service on the south side that wasn’t potholed.

### **Jim Bailey – Wasco Electric Co-op**

- ❖ Services system wide.
- ❖ Removing idle lines that are no longer in use.

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

- ❖ Construction support work on I-84 for ODOT continues.
- ❖ Second transformer will be moved this evening using the same timeframe. Now that the maiden voyage is out of the way, the move should go smoother. These moves have been a logistical nightmare and Crestline has been taking some of the pressure off of BPA’s contractor.
- ❖ Couple of projects in the Hood River area. One for Farmer’s Irrigation District and one retrofitting hatchery tanks at the fish hatchery.
- ❖ Crestline is working on W. 7<sup>th</sup> and West Scenic.

### **Scott Peters – ODOT**

- ❖ Concrete removal and base prep on I-84. Lane configuration will stay the same for now until Memorial Day when it will be opened up through the summer.
- ❖ Repaving and median replacement on I-84 from Celilo – Rufus could start as early as June. Oregon Mainline Paving is the contractor. Deatley is crushing at Fulton Canyon pit in preparation now.
- ❖ US-97 from Moro to Madras: Kerr was low bidder. Project will repave 97 from Grass Valley to Shaniko with a curve correction. Project starts in June.

- ❖ Mid June to the end of July as part of BPA's Big Eddy-Knight Transmission Project, 22 new lines will be strung across the Columbia River & I-84 just west of the Celilo train bridge. These line changeouts will have rolling slowdowns.
- ❖ Guard rail work on US 26.
- ❖ New transformers for the Celilo Converter/Big Eddy substation are coming in by barge, two transformers per barge. The barge docks at the Chenoweth Business Park where the transformers are unloaded. Now that the maiden voyage is done, it looks like it will be a two week process for each round trip with Monday through Wednesday being set up/move days. Last week in June should be the final transformer move.
- ❖ Getting ready for summer projects.

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

- ❖ General maintenance
- ❖ County budget allows about 10 miles of chip sealing this year.
- ❖ A lot of crack sealing in the UGB.
- ❖ Wamic Grade reconstruction bid has been out for over a month. Supposed to happen this summer.

### **Mike Richardson – The Dalles Irrigation**

- ❖ Normal maintenance as it comes along.
- ❖ Mike retires June 30<sup>th</sup> but will stay as an advisor for several years. Danny Salvidar will become manager. Jim Thompson is slated to retire probably a year after Mike.

### **Joy Marcum – Northern Wasco County PUD**

- ❖ Finishing up on Scenic Drive.
- ❖ Miscellaneous services.
- ❖ 15-Mile redesign with power next to the road. Contractor has been hired and project should happen this fall.

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

- ❖ General maintenance.
- ❖ Service installs.
- ❖ Locating.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

**Put next month's meeting on your calendar: May 19th.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Huskey, Secretary