

# WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2015

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

### Attendance:

Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Scott Gallegos	NW Natural
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Nathan Pope	Chenowith Water
Herb Watts	North State Telephone/Fastercom
Scott Peters	ODOT
Austin McCabe	ODOT
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice President, Ed Ortega.

### Minutes:

Minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report:

Arthur reported our current balance to be \$4,257.96. Rodeo fees have been paid.

### Damage Report:

No reported damages for July.

### Old Business:

Dale has not been able to contact Todd of Coastal Farm and Ranch yet but he will work on it. Arthur said spring is actually the best time to hold a contractor's /homeowner' awareness event. So maybe we should look at the first part of March since all of us are scrambling to get projects done.

### New Business:

Arthur set up and each day replenished the 811 booth at the Wasco County Fair. Cost to rent a space at the commercial building was \$50 and all the merchandise (golf tees, lanyards, manuals) was gone by Sunday!

At the end of July a locate was submitted by City of The Dalles for potholing on Court Street. The locate was marked "No NWN" but the City water crew using the vac truck found a 2-inch poly line. They were thankful they were not using a backhoe. Dale contacted Stan Tribbey sending him pictures and his contact number. Stan did not get back to Dale. City crews are pretty worried about the gas locates. Scott Gallegos said they take this very seriously and he will follow up with Stan and Locate Inc. and get back to Dale.

Google has purchased a large portion of the property in the Columbia Gorge Industrial Center off River Road in the Port area. They are asking the City to vacate a portion of an existing road and if we do, we will have to vacate public utility easements. Dale said there is no gas there but he believes there is power, phone and fiber. The area will have to be replated after PUE easements are vacated.

The next quarterly meeting is in Seaside on September 10, 2015. The OUNC Meeting is on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. There is another event that coincides with our meeting so today is the last day for you to book a room at the Best Western and get the OUNC rate if you want to attend. Arthur said funds are available for anyone that wants to attend.

Greg asked what activity was happening on the Northwest Aluminum site that was causing so much dust in the air? If Crestline was putting that much dust in the air, he said, a complaint would be registered and dust abatement would be required. Dale said he would have Jim Schwinof look into the problem.

Ed told us Kenny Hamlin will be retiring the end of this month from Linn County. In the President's letter we just received from Kenny, he said he will continue to be President of the OUCG until the end of the year.

Scott Gallegos and Herb both said there was a ton of exposure at the country music festivals. Both volunteered and felt the \$85,000 spent for advertising was well worth it!

Scott Gallegos informed us the OUNC board is looking at hiring an executive administrator. Bids have come in and it looks like it will be a heavy dollar amount -- \$189,000 a year. This amount could lower the pot of available funds that comes to the individual councils. The decision is being revisited to see what the council is willing to pay and what their expectations will be for the position.

Big changes have happened at the state level. Kenny is retiring but will stay President until the end of the year, P & E chair Kevin Hennessy has stepped down and Flo Hoskinson now works for OSU.

### **Round Table:**

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

- ❖ Chip sealing with the County on these City streets the last 2 weeks of August: West 13<sup>th</sup> Union to Mt. Hood; Old Dufur Road from Fremont to East 10<sup>th</sup>; Columbia View Drive from East Knoll to Summit; Cherry Heights from West 10<sup>th</sup> to the City Limits; Washington Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> streets; Scenic Drive from Garrison to CGCC; Brentwood from Columbia View to end at Royal Crest.
- ❖ The County is chip sealing these streets and then transferring them to the City the last two weeks of August: Pomona Street from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>; West 14<sup>th</sup> from Kingsley to Elberta; River Road from Bargeway to River Trail Way; Snipes from West 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>; West 7<sup>th</sup> from Hostetler to Snipes; Verdant from West 10<sup>th</sup> to West 14<sup>th</sup>; Skyline from Mt. Hood to City limits; Walnut from West 7<sup>th</sup> to West 13<sup>th</sup>; Bret Clodfelter Way from Hwy 197 to the Gate; Lambert from Old Dufur Road to the City limits; View Point from lower 8-mile Road to the City limits; Morton Street from East 15<sup>th</sup> to East 18<sup>th</sup>; Emerson from West 10<sup>th</sup> to the City limits; West 13<sup>th</sup> from Cherry Heights to Verdant; Sandy Street from West 10<sup>th</sup> to West 13<sup>th</sup>; West 2<sup>nd</sup> from Snipes to Hostetler; Snipes from West 2<sup>nd</sup> to the end and Fremont from Highway 197 to East Knoll.
- ❖ These three streets are to be profiled and paved and are ones you will want to complete your underground projects on now: Court Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to Jefferson and West 15<sup>th</sup> from Garrison to Trevitt. Hopefully all will be profiled and paved but could possibly be rollovers to another fiscal year: West 10<sup>th</sup> from Mt. Hood to Mill Creek Bridge has been completed; East 10<sup>th</sup> from Union to Kelly (before school starts); East 10<sup>th</sup> from Lewis to Dry Hollow; Monroe alley between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Trevitt from 6<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) to 10<sup>th</sup> street.

- ❖ Thompson Street did get approval from the City Council to be paved and the project will start next spring. The City will use their zipper to remove the asphalt and then add concrete so we will have a concrete base. There are 15 galvanized water services to replace, plus manholes that need to be replaced. The power needs to be taken care of before next spring and Dale will contact Century Link. The City will have a storm line contract out for this project soon.
- ❖ The City has a contractor crack sealing at night this week on West 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Trevitt to Division.
- ❖ Working on the West Second Street Sanitary and Storm Contract. It will be out next spring.

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

- ❖ Chip sealing project with City.
- ❖ Federal project on Wamic Grade is on schedule and should be finished by the end of September.
- ❖ Watching the transformer moves on River Road to make sure road surface is not damaged.
- ❖ In maintenance mode.

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

- ❖ North State Telephone is upgrading their fiber on Hwy 197 and Old Dufur Road but the crew was temporarily pulled off to mitigate damages from the Canyon City fire.

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

- ❖ In the design phase are two projects. One is about 200 feet of mainline up Sevenmile Road from Chenoweth Road and the other is approximately 200 feet down the 2800 block of West 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Flushing hydrants.

#### **Sheri Clark – NW Natural Gas**

- ❖ Remember...John Walker will be off until January and so locates might be a little slow, please let Shari know if they are.
- ❖ Working on Westcliff Drive in Hood River and when they finish there NW Natural will start on Thompson Street in The Dalles.
- ❖ Locating pipe on 12<sup>th</sup> Street at Sherman and Eugene Streets in Hood River.
- ❖ NW Natural is back to redesigning the high pressure line on 197.

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

- ❖ Tomorrow morning Crestline will move the transformer to the staging area. Process will take 45 minutes across the main drag on River Road
- ❖ Projects in Hood River on Westcliff Drive and substations for the Farmer's Irrigation District.
- ❖ Sidewalk project in Hood River by the hospital on May/12<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- ❖ Greg said he noticed the roundabout is heaving and Dale nodded his agreement.

#### **Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Co-op (via e-mail)**

- ❖ Continuing to replace poles and upgrade miscellaneous services.
- ❖ New services.

### **Scott Peters - ODOT**

- ❖ Transformer #6 of seven will be moving this Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Number 7 may not be moved until January 2016 but Scott will keep everyone informed.
- ❖ New speed limit signs are going up, they will be effective next May.
- ❖ Bridge work will start at 15-Mile on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Cable barriers on the freeway will be installed from the east side of the Deschutes River to the Oregon border. Crossovers will be installed for emergency vehicles.
- ❖ Road construction at Madras will be switched from the east side lane to the west side. This project is on the Wasco County border.
- ❖ Finished the paving on the Celilo/Rufus project.

### **Danny Salvidar – The Dalles Irrigation**

- ❖ Water output is high.
- ❖ Starting to see numerous locates for farmers/orchardists that are pulling up trees.
- ❖ New technology to be installed that shows farmer's meters and district meters flow on line. Also a website being developed so farmers can check on line for problems or to manage their water use.

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

- ❖ Reviewing the design of the 15-Mile Project from Petersburg School to the cell site (about 5 miles). Project is going out to bid this fall.
- ❖ Installing temporary service for the construction of the transportation center behind Home Depot. Griffin Construction and Hire Electric are the contractors.
- ❖ USI will install new conduit for the direct bury at American Village that failed.
- ❖ Paul is working with Bonneville Power and Wasco Electric Co-op on the 3-Mile substation.
- ❖ Dropped the poles and took the services down at the rodeo arena.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: September 15th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Huskey, Secretary