

# WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2015

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

### Attendance:

Herb Watts	North State Telephone Company
Cory DePriest	North State Telephone Company
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Co-op
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Shelly Grey	City of The Dalles Public Works
Nathan Pope	Chenoweth Water PUD
Scott Peters	Oregon Department of Transportation

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

### Minutes:

Minutes of the November 17th, 2015 were reviewed and Ed had a correction to ODOT Round Table report. Minutes were approved with revision.

### Visitors:

Dale introduced Shelly Grey, who was interested in coming to the meeting, as the council is looking to fill the secretary position on the council. Welcome Shelly!

### Treasurer's Report:

No Report

### Damage Report:

No Report

### Old Business:

Election of Vice President for 2016. At the November meeting it was moved and seconded to nominate Dan Saldivar for the position of Vice President. At this meeting Dan was voted in as Vice President for the 2016 Wasco County Utility Council. Congratulations Dan!

Ed Ortega attend the State Quarterly Meeting for the OUCC at Spirit Mountain Casino on December 10, 2015. He gave a brief report from the meeting. Outgoing President Kenny Hamlin, is retiring from the council and nominations were had for President. Ron Coffell of Cascade Natural Gas was nominated for the position and it was seconded. No further nominations were submitted. Ron was then voted in as president unanimously. Zone Reports from each zone

were give and the WCUCC had a brief discussion regarding ideas for events and outreach for the local community for 2016. We tabled this discussion for further review in January.

### **New Business:**

None

### **Round Table:**

#### **Herb Watts – North State Telephone Company**

Herb announced that he will be retiring from North State Telephone Company, effective December 31, 2015. He brought with him Cory DePriest, who will be taking over for Herb at North State. Thank you Herb for your years of service to the council, locally and for all of your volunteer time in the region at various events for 811 and congratulations on your retirement. Cory, welcome aboard!

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

- ❖ Working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sanitary & Storm Drain design
- ❖ Bid Opening for Thompson Street Storm Drain Project, with project slated to start approx. February 2016
- ❖ Crews working on winter maintenance
- ❖ 18” Loop water main project

#### **Scott Peters – Oregon Department of Transportation**

- ❖ Last transformer move anticipated January 2016
- ❖ South Maupin – still in progress
- ❖ I 84 work continuing
- ❖ Winter maintenance

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

- ❖ Winter maintenance and indoor projects.

#### **Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Co-op**

- ❖ General maintenance

#### **Dan Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation**

- ❖ Installing security gate at their shop
- ❖ Winter Maintenance

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

- ❖ 15 Mile Project set to start in the next week or so
- ❖ Overhead line extension out Mill Creek Rd

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: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Ortega, Vice-President