

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2015

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

Attendance:

Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Scott Peters	ODOT
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Jeff McCall	Wasco County Public Works
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Nathan Pope	Chenowith Water PUD
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Vice President, Ed Ortega.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur was absent so no treasurer's report.

Damage Report:

No damage report given since Arthur was absent.

Old Business:

No one really had any new ideas for contractor's night. Ed said he will e-mail Arthur and set something up for an April Contractor's Night. Yogi volunteered himself and John to purchase items from Home Depot for the drawings.

New Business:

Dale wanted to address a couple incidents that have happened on the East Scenic Drive Stabilization Phase I Project. There have been 2 instances where Crestline's project foreman has chosen to hit a sewer line rather than protect it. All utility locates were done prior to excavation and so the City has had discussions with the project foreman and superintendent. Greg Jensen from Crestline said this was totally unacceptable and another council member said Mike Bosse, City Project Engineer, should throw the hammer down. Members present felt an RA would solve the problem.

Ed reported on the OUNC/OUCC Quarterly meeting he attended on March 11th. Kitty Davis gave Ed a set of 811 tablecloths to use for our booth table. Jeff McCall will take them to Arthur since he usually sets up the booth.

Ed handed out information cards about the two upcoming country music festivals in Brownsville and Cape Blanco, Oregon which Oregon 811 is helping sponsor. Volunteers are needed to man the 811 booth so call or e-mail Kitty Davis or Kenny Hamlin to sign up for either festival. Two, four and six hour shifts are available. Volunteers get a 3-day pass and additional tickets for family members are \$110/each.

ITIC Digging Safe Mobile cards were also handed out by Ed. ITIC Mobile has the same features as the desktop version and is now optimized for all mobile devices. Ed said 87 locates in February were entered on ITIC Mobile. You go through the One Call Center with your mobile phone if you are on the jobsite and the center will automatically GPS your location.

We are going to the DIRT damage reporting system soon. All local utilities will still send their reports to Arthur who will compile them and send the information onto the state damage reporting rep who will input the information. DIRT training is coming soon.

Ed said several councils have paid to have the 811 logo put on cement trucks in their area. It was suggested we put the 811 logo on a fence board at the local baseball field and Ed said he will talk with Curt Harth and see if that is possible and if it still costs \$200.00.

The OUNC is talking about adopting Hawaii's method in NTMS (national ticket management system) so that anyone can check on the status of their ticket plus be able to go into the ticket and update it and see which utilities have responded. More to come on this.

June 9th and 10th is locator training at Eagle Crest. Slots are limited to 4 people per utility with only 20 slots available.

Ed brought back the five Hood River UCC 811 signs and he will see they get delivered.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ The W 7th Street LID project was supposed to start yesterday but is being held off another week.
- ❖ The Scenic Drive Stabilization and Retaining Wall Contract has been underway for two weeks.
- ❖ Concrete bids close tomorrow for the ADA ramps and concrete on 3rd Place from Trevitt to Lincoln. This project should start in the next couple of weeks. The City will grind this stretch and pave it back the end of April and first of May.
- ❖ Still awaiting the City Council's decision on Thompson Street from 10th to 19th.
- ❖ Still working on the sanitary and storm on West Second Street.
- ❖ The Granada block may still be something that's happening.
- ❖ Dale is getting concerned because he's waiting for more information from Leon of Trans Logic on the transformer move. The City may actually hold up the move if the information needed has not arrived (NW Natural hadn't heard anything and neither has Scott). He realizes this is old hat to Leon because he's done it so many times but an engineering analyses is needed before these transformers can travel through the roundabout on the east end of Second Street.

An analysis has already been done on the Chenowith Creek bridge. Dale wanted to know if Riverfront Trail is to be lowered and then raised back up after the moves; there seemed to be some conflicting information.

Nathan Pope – Chenowith Water PUD

- ❖ Excavation will start next week for a water line from 6th/Snipes that goes under the freeway to Second Street. Summit Excavation is the contractor.
- ❖ Flushing hydrants and general maintenance.

Sheri Clark – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ Hammering away on the last piece of bare main in the alley off West 8th, Garrison to Pentland. Should be done in one week if the crew isn't pulled off for another project.
- ❖ Trying to figure out the crew situation for the Thompson Street project.
- ❖ Will be relocating the high pressure gas line next year in conjunction with ODOT's I-84/197 culvert removal.
- ❖ Working with Leon on the upcoming transformer move. Natural Gas should be setting OK. Just a couple of places the transformers will be directly over their lines. Identifying the valves that will need to be shut off.
- ❖ Should be OK on the City's W 3rd Place project. Just one service on the south side that wasn't potholed.

Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction

- ❖ Construction support work on I-84 for ODOT.
- ❖ Starting the West 7th LID Project next week.
- ❖ Scenic Drive Stabilization and Retaining Wall Project is underway.
- ❖ Will be moving and taking out the medians for the transformer move. Greg thinks the paving project on the port will wait until after the BPA transformers are moved.

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.
- ❖ US-97: Moro – Madras bid was extended to April 6th. Project will repave 97 from Grass Valley to Shaniko with a curve correction.
- ❖ BPA is restringing lines from The Dalles Dam to Big Eddy April 6th to 8th. No slowdowns.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The 3 lines from BPA to Celilo are done.
- ❖ New transformers for the Celilo Converter/Big Eddy substation will be coming in by barge, two transformers per barge. The barges will dock at the Chenowith Business Park where they will be unloaded. It will take approximately 4 days to load one transformer on the trailer and about the same to dismantle it once it arrives at the substation. The proposed route is to travel River Trail Way to River Road. Then River Road to the Webber Street Interchange. From there taking the I-84 ramp westbound at Exit 83, cross I-84 through the median and using eastbound Exit 83 to 6th Street to Mt. Hood and then Cherry Heights exit to Second Street.

The transformers will travel backwards down Second Street, through the roundabout, continuing eastbound on Highway 30 to Highway 197. They will head south on Highway 197 to the Celilo Converter Station road. ODOT is re-considering making this a 2-phase crossing and just closing down 1 side of the freeway at a time instead of all 4 lanes and making it work without closing all exits (maybe just 83 and 84 at the same time). Scott thinks it will take about 9 to 10 hours to transport from the port to the substation at a speed of about 4 to 5 mph and this will all take place at night. As he receives more information, he will try and keep everyone in the loop.

Jeff McCall – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Crushing rock.
- ❖ Shoulder work and starting spring blading/maintenance.

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ Charter has to attach to new poles on the W 7th LID project. If the wooden pole is still in the way when Crestline starts the project, they can take it down because PUD has to take it down and then bill Charter.
- ❖ The Scenic project has been delayed a little because they were pulled off for another job, so they are hoping to be there this Thursday on Esther Way and be able to stay on task.
- ❖ Finishing up another portion of Hageman's project on Lambert.
- ❖ Customer maintenance.
- ❖ Had a secondary failure on Division Street. USI will be boring and putting in conduit.

Jim Bailey – Wasco Electric Co-op (via e-mail, wasn't able to attend)

- ❖ System maintenance.
- ❖ Miscellaneous services throughout their territory.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: April 21st.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Huskey, Secretary