

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2015

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

Attendance:

Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
John Walker	NW Natural
Scott Gallegos	NW Natural
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
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Co-op
Mike Richardson	The Dalles Irrigation District
Danny Salvidar	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 8:05 a.m. by President, John Walker.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur will give the council an up-to-date balance next month. He said most all dues have been received and he's made several payments, one to the rodeo association for \$400 for our chute advertisement and one to the Celilo Bowmen for \$100 for advertising. Arthur sent Tobin our tax information over a month ago.

Damage Report:

One damage was reported for the month of April. North State Telephone/Fastercom had a fiber line that was passed through a sewer line that finally showed up after 5 years. There was only one person in the residence so it took that long to show up.

Old Business:

Greg wasn't able to talk to Home Depot or True Value but he said he will this week and e-mail the details. Dale visited with Matt at Discover Rentals and he's very interested but summer is extremely busy for him and it would suit his schedule better to do something in the fall or early spring. Nathan suggested we hook up with Coastal Farm and Ranch since they seem to have a barbecue every weekend. Dale will check with Coastal and get back with us via e-mail also. We will wait to make plans until we hear back from Greg and Dale.

New Business:

Crestline has a water line project in Bingen on Hwy 14 where they called for locates. Crestline found the locate marks blacked over in front of one residence. John said he had laid down his marks the week before but everything was erased as were the electric company's marks. This could have been an extremely dangerous situation! Mike asked if there was anything in the standards manual addressing willfully obliterating marks and Scott said there wasn't. Greg said they are taking pictures and it was suggested someone visit with the residents at that one house and let them know how fortunate they are that someone repainted those marks and saved them and the Crestline personnel from possible personal trauma and property damage. Dale said if this happens in The Dalles, he will involve the police chief.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ The W 7th Street LID project is wrapping up. Crestline has submitted a letter of substantial completion. Stripping should be completed today.
- ❖ 3rd Place between Trevitt and Lincoln is completed.
- ❖ Still working on the sanitary and storm on West Second Street.
- ❖ Work on Scenic Drive is still underway but taking a little longer than expected because of franchise utilities.
- ❖ Thompson Street project is held up at the City Council level.
- ❖ The City's chip sealing list is as follows: W 14th -- Union to Mt. Hood; Old Dufur Road -- 10th to Fremont; Columbia View Drive -- E Knoll to Summit Ridge, Brentwood Drive -- Columbia View Drive to the end; Cherry Heights -- 10th Street to the city limits, Washington Street -- 4th to 7th; Scenic Drive – Garrison to CGCC.

Nathan Pope – Chenowith Water PUD

- ❖ Chenowith PUD will be installing fire hydrants at each entrance to Foley Lakes. Foley Lakes has its own water system which most of us did not know.
- ❖ Abandoning a line beside I-84 from Pacer Propane to Snipes Street and moving 5 services off that old line to Second Street.

John Walker/Sheri Clark – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ Potholing on Thompson Street from 10th to 19th. Depths are shallow on Thompson and they want to get this project done this summer but won't start it until they know they can finish it.
- ❖ The service to 700 Court Street was potholed and needs to be lowered.
- ❖ Potholing 8th and Myrtle Street. Will camera this job to check the wrap.

Jim Bailey/Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Co-op

- ❖ Doing system wide maintenance and replacing poles (this will continue for a while).
- ❖ Occasional new services.
- ❖ No major line extensions are coming up.
- ❖ Jim introduced Brewster Whitmire who will be taking over his position when he retires June 30th.

Greg Jensen/Alan Easling – Crestline Construction

- ❖ Starting a water line project in Bingen. Only going up to Lois Lane on Jewett.
- ❖ Starting a project for the tribes at Moving Falls in Hood River.
- ❖ Completed the W. 7th Street job for the City.
- ❖ Starting to work on the wall on Scenic Drive.
- ❖ Next transformer move will be in 3 to 4 more weeks. The second move went much better than the first. This project will probably be extended to January 2016.
- ❖ Because the date has been pushed out until January for these transformer moves, the port will be doing its final lift and wrapping up that project.

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Crack sealing, paving and patching.
- ❖ County budget is going to allow for about 10 to 12 miles of chip sealing in rural areas this year.
- ❖ Having conversations with the City to facilitate chip sealing with them.
- ❖ General road maintenance.

Mike Richardson/Danny Salvidar – The Dalles Irrigation

- ❖ No underground projects this next month. Just delivering water.
- ❖ Mike retires June 30th but will stay on as an advisor for several years. Danny will become the new manager.

Herb Watts – North State Telephone/Fastercom

- ❖ Responding to locates.
- ❖ Line inspections.
- ❖ Cleaning up aerial drops.

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: June 16th.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Huskey, Secretary