

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2015

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

Attendance:

Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Don Patterson	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	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
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 September 15th, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur reported our current balance to be \$4,257.96.

Damage Report:

No damages reported for the month of October 2015.

Old Business:

Don reminded us there is a booth for Hood River and Wasco County Councils to use. He would like to have some new "dig" pictures to use in the booth so please send him your job site pictures, not just the utility damage ones to dwp@nwnatural.com.

December 9th is the next quarterly meeting at the Grande Ronde, OR at the Spirit Mountain Casino. Ed is planning on attending, but is open for someone else that may be interested in going to the meeting.

New Business:

Dale brought up a project that had submitted a right of way construction permit to the city and wondered who is responsible for locating electrical lines for the traffic lights, specifically at the intersection of 2nd and Union where the Main Street committee is asking to place a way sign. Dale had contacted Northern Wasco County PUD and had a question for ODOT regarding the electrical lines to the traffic lights. Scott stated that ODOT would locate the lines for

the traffic light lines, Ed stated that PUD would locate the street light circuits. Dale is going to make a note that the lines would need to be located.

A brief discussion was held regarding The Dalles Irrigation newsletter and Dale suggested striking the wording "contractor" in the Call Before You Dig note that was in the newsletter. The thought was that it might be confusing for someone reading the note and believe that only contractors would need to call in locates when excavating. Don suggest that a link to the www.digsafely.com website be placed in that note as well. Dan was going to look into making these corrections/suggestions.

Nominations for Vice-President were opened up. After a brief discussion, Danny Saldivar was nominated for the Vice-President position for 2016. The nomination was seconded. Election will be at the December meeting.

A brief discussion was held with regards to the Secretary position. Ed has volunteered to be the interim recording secretary until someone can be found to fill the position. Ed will also send out an email to council members asking if anyone may be interested in the Secretary position.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Working on 2nd Street Sanitary & Storm Drain design
- ❖ Working on the 18" main water line and loop around the NWA property and 2nd Street area, working on easements, possibly incorporate this project with the 2nd Street Sanitary and Storm drain project, approximate time line is 18 months.
- ❖ Waste water treatment project should start Spring-Summer 2016. Design build contract.
- ❖ Bridge Street sewer project close to completion.
- ❖ Crews working on flushing hydrants and sweeping up leaves.

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Federal project on Wamic Grade is complete.
- ❖ Winter work schedule in effect – 5 8's, when events happen there will be a crew on from 4 AM to 2 PM.

Scott Peters – Oregon Department of Transportation

- ❖ Mosier Creek bridge work and inspections
- ❖ South Maupin – moving the road back towards the bank on the north side toward the river
- ❖ I 84 going to open up to 2 lanes for the Thanksgiving weekend
- ❖ Higher elevation work crews going to winter shifts, locally after Thanksgiving, crews will be going to winter shifts

Yogi Rattay – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ Thompson Street work complete
- ❖ Project to help reinforce system for hospital, areas of project are: between Federal and Laughlin on E 10th, 10th & Kelly, 8th & Laughlin, and 11th & I Street
- ❖ Maintenance and service week

Nathan Pope – Chenoweth Water PUD

- ❖ Winter maintenance and indoor projects.

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric Co-op

- ❖ Underground services and maintenance. Contractors are doing the excavation for the underground services.

Danny Salvidar – The Dalles Irrigation

- ❖ Working on repairing a 12” main that was damage by a customer earlier this month, probably \$5000 to \$6000 damage
- ❖ Had a contractor come in to perform pole inspections and treatment, recommendations for work for issues found on poles.
- ❖ Maintenance and repair work on pumps motors.

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 8:43 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: December 15th, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Ortega, Vice-President

WASCO COUNTY UNDERGROUND COORDINATING COUNCIL

SUBSTRUCTURE DAMAGE SUMMARY

Month / Year: **Oct-15**

REPORTING ORGANIZATION	Wasco County PW	Wasco Electric Coop	City of The Dalles PW	Northern Wasco County PUD	Charter Comm	Northwest Natural Gas	Chenoweth Water PUD	Sprint United	ODOT	The Dalles Irrigation	North State Tel	Faster Com	TOTAL
Terminal Code(s)	WCPW01	WEC01	DALLES01	NWCP01	FALCON04	NNG07	CIC01	UNITED02	ODOTD09	DID01	NSTC	SPLLC	
Number of damages to your underground facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of damages caused by commercial excavator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of damages caused by homeowner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REASON WHY DAMAGE OCCURRED													
Failed to request locate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed to hand expose where located & marked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities inaccurately marked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed to protect facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failed to wait two business days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of requests received by you for locating service	23	124	106	122			32						422