

# WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2015

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

### Attendance:

Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Don Patterson	NW Natural
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Co-op
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 8:02 a.m. by Vice President, Ed Ortega.

### Minutes:

Minutes of the August 18th, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report:

Arthur reported our current balance to be \$4,257.96. There is only one outstanding expenditure of \$50.00 for the booth at the Wasco County Fair. No other anticipated expenditures.

### Damage Report:

Two damages reported for August. Wasco Electric had a homeowner who ripped the secondary out of a meter box and North State Telephone had a homeowner who failed to protect.

### Old Business:

April is Dig Safely Month and Arthur said spring is actually the best time to hold a contractor's /homeowner' awareness event so we should hold our event then in conjunction with Coastal or True Value. A True Value event might focus more on the homeowners. Don suggested we have a gift certificate drawing for the store we collaborate with for those contractors/homeowners who have submitted locate tickets.

### New 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](mailto:dwp@nwnatural.com).

Kenny Hamlin will be staying on as President of the OUNC until the end of the year when the new President is elected.

Ed volunteered to take minutes for our council since I am retiring the end of October to care for my mother. I have really enjoyed my second stint as secretary and will miss everyone.

December 9<sup>th</sup> is the next quarterly meeting at the Oregon Gardens. Arthur told everyone to please attend a quarterly meeting if possible and see how the state level operates.

### **Round Table:**

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

- ❖ Repairing a water main break on Union Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Prepping it now to pave.
- ❖ Will be grinding and paving back Court Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Working on the design for the West Second Street Sanitary and Storm Contract. It will be out next spring.
- ❖ Working on getting Thompson Street paved.
- ❖ Big water projects coming up to get water to the Port developments.
- ❖ Gearing up for winter.

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

- ❖ Finished paint stripping.
- ❖ Federal project on Wamic Grade is on schedule and is expected to be paved September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Project will be finished by October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Crack sealing roads.
- ❖ Gearing up for winter.

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

- ❖ Routine maintenance and installations.

#### **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 Thompson Street.
- ❖ Still redesigning the high pressure line on 197.

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

- ❖ Sewer line project by the hospital in Hood River.
- ❖ Working on I-84 again.

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

- ❖ Doing maintenance and putting in new underground services but nothing big at the moment.

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

- ❖ Another month left to pump water as everyone is shut off on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ New telemetry should be done soon, possibly today, 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.
- ❖ Install poles to improve customer situations.
- ❖ Working on getting the power and communications to the MCCOG building at the Port.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: October 20th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Huskey, Secretary