

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2016

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

Attendance:

Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Shelly Gray	City of The Dalles Public Works
Nathan Pope	Chenowith Water
Aaron Westfall	NW Natural
Cory DePriest	Oregon Telephone Corporation
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by President, Dale McCabe.

Minutes:

Minutes July 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

We've sponsored Route 30 Soapbox for \$750 total: \$500 individual racer and \$250 to chamber. Balance is \$3449.28. There will be a \$100 donation taken out for the fair this weekend.

Damage Report:

Ed reminded us all to sign up for DIRT if we hadn't already done so: <https://www.cga-dirt.com/oregon811/>
Ed made one damage report to DIRT this month; no one else had any damages to report. Art questioned how reporting to DIRT instead of giving the substructure damage report to Art to submit a full report for the council would affect funding. Troy said that it's taking a while to iron out the kinks but that they hope to have an answer soon.

Old Business:

Discussed the banner for Community Clean-up next year (Public Works to get that information to Art). We're moving forward with the soap box derby and Wasco County fair and trying to locate and/or replace the Bucking Chute banner. Sheri reserved the 811 trailer for next year's Cherry Festival.

New Business:

Dale brought up a Right-of-Way Construction Permit submitted by NW Natural he needed more information for; Sheri said that it sounded like two jobs were being comingled and said that she would get it sorted out and get the information to Dale.

Ed reminded everyone that the State OUCC meeting is next Tuesday at Cousin's and that the quarterly meeting is in September. He asked that if anyone is interested to let us know. Allowable costs will be reimbursed.

Brewster asked how others deal with locating secondary customer owned utilities on private property. Everyone agreed that they locate utilities on public property, but some private locate companies were mentioned for possibly locating private utilities (not an exhaustive list):

Locates Down Under (503) 654-2637

Coburn Electric (541) 354-1163

Precision Locating Inc. (503) 803-1106

Round Table:

Nathan Pope– Chenowith Water

- ❖ 9th/Snipes wrapping up. Flushing hydrants.

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

- ❖ 2nd St started yesterday and they hope to finish in a week or two.
- ❖ Working on Oakwood Project.
- ❖ System reinforcement on 18th between Thompson and Morton and plan to tie in to main. After discussion, it was determined that this is a County maintained road and Art confirmed that there are no preservation plans at this point.
- ❖ Services in alley between E 10th and 11th at Kelly (any crossing of utilities on Kelly will require boring).

Cory DePriest – Oregon Telephone Corporation

- ❖ No business to report.

Greg Jensen – Crestline

- ❖ Water and sewer service tie-in on 6th street as part of Tonkin project
- ❖ Port of The Dalles

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ All paint striping after chip seal, then redo paved roads, followed by shoulder work.
- ❖ General operations and maintenance.

Ed Ortega –Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ Customer services and routine maintenance.

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation

- ❖ Running at 75-80% capacity.
- ❖ 2nd meter readings and doing repairs.
- ❖ Upcoming meeting to reset power rates.
- ❖ Routine work.

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric

- ❖ Routine work
- ❖ Upcoming job in Maupin for big fiber install; likely will need to change out/put in 40 poles, but no firm details at this point.

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles

- ❖ Sewer division will finish a storm project on 11th & Washington this week.
- ❖ Storm sewer and paving 8th from Trevitt to Pentland. He asked to let him know if any work is planned for that area. Sheri said there may be utilities and she'll check the depth and let him know.
- ❖ Street division is doing a thin mix overlay on E 10th and Thompson to City limits, E 12th from Thompson to Morton.
- ❖ Profile and pave Federal from 7th to 10th. Dale asked that if there is any work planned for the area to let him know so that all utilities can be done.
- ❖ 3rd St- possibly will be filling in the ruts from Lincoln to Taylor. This area may be addressed in urban renewal, but he's not sure when.
- ❖ Water division is doing routine maintenance and services.
- ❖ Lone Pine well enhancement project is going out to bid
- ❖ Looped 18' water line should get contracted out to bid soon; working with the railroad to get a permit to bore under their tracks.
- ❖ Talked with Chenoweth water regarding a conflict with a water service near Airgas. Talked to Paul Titus regarding a power drop conflict. Ed to follow up.
- ❖ Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project is with the design engineer and contractor. The plan is to start the project later this winter.
- ❖ Development work in the Port.
- ❖ Tenneson is working on the design and frontage improvements for new hotel at 6th/Snipes. There will be a 25' right-of-way dedication and additional paving and a new curb line.

Adjourned at 8:49 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gray