

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2016

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

Attendance:

Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Robert Teague	NW Natural
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric
Nathan Pope	Chenowith Water
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Shelly Gray	City of The Dalles Public Works
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Don Patterson	NW Natural

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by President, Dale McCabe.

Minutes:

Minutes of the April, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

After 11 deposits totaling \$440, Contractor's Breakfast expenditure at Cousins (\$913) and shirts expenditure (\$684), the current balance is \$4817.60. We did receive dues from Charter and Art will be depositing that \$40 soon.

Damage Report:

Three damages: Wasco Electric, City of The Dalles Public Works and Northern Wasco PUD. However, Wasco Electric's was a carry-over from March.

Old Business:

Contractor's Breakfast went well. Most attendees were from local agencies; a few private contractors attended. It was mentioned that it's difficult to schedule without interrupting contractors' work; it was suggested that we look into radio ads or sponsorships for local softball teams, the 4th of July Concert, American Legion Baseball Team, high school equestrian team, etc. Contractors are pretty familiar with the 811 dig laws and this would broaden our outreach to others that might dig, such as homeowners.

New Business:

Ed: Ed will email directions from Clackamas County on the DIRT sign-up for those that log damages.

Round Table:

Nathan Pope – Chenoweth Water PUD

- ❖ Currently working on 8th & Snipes and will continue on to 9th & Snipes.

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric

- ❖ New services and upgrades.

Sheri Clark -- NW Natural

- ❖ Working in Hood River and some work has been permitted in The Dalles.
- ❖ Travis Davis is training a new person so hopefully there will be two crews.
- ❖ Waiting on core samples for Hwy 197.
- ❖ 2nd/Webber to Snipes is drafted. Goal is to have high pressure gas main relocated by July 1st.

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation

- ❖ Delivering water at about 70% capacity.
- ❖ Farmers are anticipating June 1st harvest for early cherry varieties
- ❖ There was previous damage on a landowner's property when an air valve broke. This was determined to be due to aging infrastructure, as it's from the early '60s. Therefore, they have a 5 year plan to replace their 157 air relief valves with stainless steel down to the main line. Critical areas are the east side of town and they plan to start work off-season from October 2016 through February 2017.

Arthur Smith- Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Chip sealing to start after the fiscal year and July 4th.
- ❖ Will be working on the 2nd round within the urban growth boundary.

Ed Ortega- Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ Customer services and facility inspections.
- ❖ 15 mile project is physically complete

Greg Jensen -- Crestline Construction

- ❖ Hood River—projects on Cascade Avenue and 2nd Street Staircase/Sherman
- ❖ The Dalles—water line on Federal

Yogi Rattay - NW Natural

- ❖ Service work. Aaron will be replacing John.

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles

- ❖ Trevitt Street waterline work –6th Street and 9th Street. Street crew will pave this week.
- ❖ Sanitary sewer work – on 8th Trevitt/Bridge will be paved.
- ❖ Thompson Street Storm Water Project is being wrapped up by Crestline. Paving to follow.
- ❖ Working on waterline on Federal between 9th and 10th.

- ❖ Design for 2nd sanitary, storm and water project on port. The water tie-in on River Rd. will be on WM3 property across NW Aluminum Smelter property and are negotiating with Google property→ then will bore under the railroad to be under 2nd St. up to Webber.

Adjourned at 8:46 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gray