

**WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES  
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 20, 2016**

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

**Attendance:**

Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Shelly Gray	City of The Dalles Public Works
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by President, Dale McCabe.

**Minutes:**

Minutes for August 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

In August we spent \$500 to sponsor the Soapbox Derby and \$250 for the Dalles Chamber of Commerce. The balance is \$3449.28, less an outstanding balance of \$136.30 to reimburse Ed for attending the quarterly meeting. Danny also attended the quarterly meeting but hasn't submitted a request for reimbursement yet.

**Damage Report:**

Brewster reported two damages as customers failed to request locates. Ed reported one: Bonneville didn't request a locate and damaged a conduit. He noted that the serviceman fixed it within 10 minutes and it was reported to DIRT.

**Old Business:**

Dale discussed recent Right of Way construction permits that were updated to allow for trenching as boring was not an option.

**New Business:**

Danny and Ed discussed the OUCC meeting. One topic was allocations to different councils for 2017 and that how each council uses monies will determine future allocations; OUNC wants an idea of

where money is spent. Sheri asked about doing an audit as other councils do so. Ed said that the state treasurer sends monthly reports to OUCC. Greg thought it was a good idea to be transparent.

The group touched on the topic of insurance for the trailer. It had \$500 worth of damage to its fenders and as it was parked at an event when damaged, the council renting it was responsible to pay for damages. The group felt this was a grey area and wants to see if there's a better way to insure it. Sheri asked that someone bring this up at the next OUCC meeting.

The 48 hour time frame for locates changed to 2 full business days, which should help locators to meet deadlines for requests made late Thursday/Friday.

Ed said that positive responses (email confirmation) were mentioned in the board meeting. Emails would be sent to confirm when a locate is marked. It was noted that some utilities are still receiving faxed requests and email might not be a viable option.

The next quarterly state meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at Seven Feathers in Canyonville.

Ed said that local councils sponsor high schools; there are currently 4 or 5 banners at the school gym here. As the purpose of the council is to spread the message about the dig law, he thought this would be another opportunity to get the message out there. He will get information on the cost of having an 811/WCUCC banner.

Dale talked about new locate marks on the pavement on the east side of Thompson, south of 11<sup>th</sup>. He said that Thompson was recently paved and questioned why there were new marks.

Ed mentioned a locate for a house being built on the dead end there and wondered if the marks were in regard to that.

Sheri said that Clark County has done moratoriums for recent paving jobs.

Dale said we can possibly get our maps to show areas where markings should not be done on the pavement.

### **Round Table:**

#### **Sheri Clark – NW Natural**

- ❖ Three crews are working in The Dalles. They're paving on Kelly between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> alley, E 19<sup>th</sup> at Oakwood to Golden redesign and are doing the last system reinforcement. They're working on E 11<sup>th</sup> between I and J, and just put in to dispatch for the area between E 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from Federal to Laughlin
- ❖ W 2<sup>nd</sup> is completed
- ❖ E 18<sup>th</sup> from Thompson to Morton
- ❖ Possibility of Design LLC @ Port- waiting on earthquake stabilization for bridge

#### **Greg Jensen – Crestline**

- ❖ Working on road by Tonkin Motor, Port of The Dalles and two projects in Hood River

- ❖ Hit several mismarked or unknown utilities in Hood River. Response was local and a couple were abandoned utilities. Sheri mentioned the prospect of using GPS for pipe locates in the future.

### **Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation**

- ❖ Slowing down. Planning to shut off water on October 14<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Will be making a list of off season maintenance
- ❖ Last meter reads will be done after shut off

### **Ed Ortega –Northern Wasco County PUD**

- ❖ Working on a couple of projects: Cherry Growers pole replacement and Wright system improvement
- ❖ Customer services
- ❖ General maintenance

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

- ❖ Shoulder work, regular maintenance
- ❖ Investigate a project to widen Steele Rd as there have been some near misses

### **Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric**

- ❖ Normal maintenance
- ❖ Maupin fiber project (pole replacement)

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

- ❖ Street crew paved 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> on E Thompson. Possibility of paving the south lane on 6<sup>th</sup> between Cherry Heights and the bridge. Patching and crack sealing
- ❖ Sewer line on Federal between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Water did new service and fire line on 4<sup>th</sup> street and Lincoln & 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Regular maintenance and flushing hydrants.
- ❖ Looking to finalize easements on 2<sup>nd</sup> and the loop.
- ❖ Next spring there will be a new motel on 6<sup>th</sup> and Snipes. They need a 25' ROW designation on frontage, requiring a new curb/sidewalk. Ben w/Tenneson said there may be grade issues, so they are trying to designate it a bigger project; this would require grinding from centerline stripe on the west side of the Astro station through Snipes to frontage by KFC and Old Wendy's.

Adjourned at 8:57 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: October 18th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelly Gray