

**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 14th and 15th 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 11th. 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 10th and 11th alley, E 19th at Oakwood to Golden redesign and are doing the last system reinforcement. They're working on E 11th between I and J, and just put in to dispatch for the area between E 10th and 11th from Federal to Laughlin
- ❖ W 2nd is completed
- ❖ E 18th 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 14th
- ❖ 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 10th & 12th on E Thompson. Possibility of paving the south lane on 6th between Cherry Heights and the bridge. Patching and crack sealing
- ❖ Sewer line on Federal between 7th and 8th.
- ❖ Water did new service and fire line on 4th street and Lincoln & 3rd place. Regular maintenance and flushing hydrants.
- ❖ Looking to finalize easements on 2nd and the loop.
- ❖ Next spring there will be a new motel on 6th 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