

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2017

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

Attendance:

Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Nathan Pope	Chenoweth Water
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric Co-op
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles Public Works
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Don Patterson	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Dan Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Scott Peters	ODOT

The meeting was called to order at 7:59 a.m. by President, Ed Ortega.

Minutes:

Minutes of the March 17, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur was absent. Everyone was positive about spending \$1,500 to be a main sponsor for The Fort Dalles Fourth Festival. Arthur will take care of the payment to Nolan Hare, festival director, Brewster said.

Damage Report:

Dale said a Crestline water feeder line was hit by USI in the port area even though it was located. Crestline has had some hard discussions with USI and if damages continue to occur, they may look at filing. Excuses about the crew being brought in from another area doesn't fly. Dale suggested we do a lunch with them since they will be in the port area a couple of months and Ed said let's go buy pizza and take it out to them.

Ed said about 3 weeks ago a homeowner doing fence work off Garrison and 19th hit their neighbor's electric service. They didn't call for a locate because they knew where their lines were but obviously didn't know where their neighbor's was located. PUD spliced it back together.

PUD had to replace a direct bury secondary on Rowena Ferry Road. Marks were off about 18" and the excavator caught a tree root and tore out a phone line.

NW Natural had a coating damaged. Nicked coatings should always be reported so they can make sure to fix them.

Old Business:

Don brought the 811 trailer with him today and said we are to be in the safety fair portion of the cherry festival. The trailer has a blue ray player along with DVD videos from CGA. There is a snow cone machine too but a food handlers license is needed to serve cones. He wanted to know who was going to tow it? Dan from TDID offered to pick it up and store it in their enclosure and take it to the fair on Saturday morning. It is 20 foot long, tongue to end with a tongue lock. Don wanted to make sure the council knows it is responsible for the trailer while using it and that it is insured for \$10,000. Since the fenders are flimsy, please don't sit or stand on them. Most council members present toured the 811 trailer after the meeting.

Tonya will receive \$200.00 for Cherry Festival candy and Brewster said Arthur has ordered swag, T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Brewster said our council is going to be one of the primary sponsors at The Fort Dalles Fourth Festival. Don wanted to know which 811 logo will be used but no one seemed to know or if the printing has started yet.

New Business:

Don said he has started a singular Twitter page and will stick to 811 topics relevant for the Columbia Gorge area. Send him any ideas or project pictures; the account is tied into his phone. He's hoping it will grab everyone's attention. Posting guidelines were discussed and Don said he would draft some and e-mail them to everyone. He will also post reports/newsletters from CGA and other organizations and hopes the page will help promote events.

Brewster was impressed with Cliff Meidl who spoke last week at the NWPPA conference. He is a spokesman and speaker for 811 and has a great message. We used his video at a Contractor's Night about 5 years ago and it is one you will never forget.

Round Table:

Scott Peters – ODOT

- ❖ US Highway 30 Bridge project will totally close the road for 3 weeks from 7/15 to 8/19/17. Other closures during the project will just be single lane
- ❖ The Dalles bridge still has on-going delays. Project to be completed April 20, 2017
- ❖ Ramps on/off I-84 are still being paved after experiencing delays caused by rain. Lane paving will begin after the ramps and work is expected to continue until at least the end of August
- ❖ LSN is putting poles in from the top of auction yard to Dufur for a new fiber line
- ❖ Zayo is crossing the Deschutes River and coming into Wasco County. They are having map problems. On 197, from lower 8-Mile Road, they will go to Fremont Street in the ODOT R-O-W. Dale said Zayo still needs traffic control plans for the area
- ❖ ODOT declined the bid for the paving of US 30 from the roundabout to Big Jims and after modifying the contract, it will be out for rebid with a new closing date of May 3rd
- ❖ On August 21st the southern end of the county, starting at Maupin, will experience an eclipse. It is prime fire season so everyone needs to be on alert. Sheriff Magill states up to 15,000 people will be arriving to view the event in the Shaniko/Antelope area

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Working with ZAYO. Hoping to get started next month. Dale feels Zayo should become part of our council
- ❖ Sewer line across second street in ODOT right-of-way
- ❖ Looking at getting rid of the 8th and Clark Street Lift Station. Sewer will run down over the hill and be tied into our main located across 2nd Street
- ❖ City has to reroute 2 force mains on the Chenowith Creek Bridge while it is removed
- ❖ Replacing the boat basin lift station
- ❖ Sewer service upgrade is in the design stages in alley between 8th to 9th, Garrison to Pentland
- ❖ Patching and potholing streets damaged by the bad winter
- ❖ Grind and overlay 6th Street by Home Depot the end of May or first of June. Working with the hotel development project at 6th and Snipes to widen that area
- ❖ Finalizing easement with WM3 folks and Walmart
- ❖ Major projects currently in the works include the 18” water main line from River Trail Way, painting Columbia View and Sorosis Reservoirs, and the Lone Pine Well project
- ❖ Had the groundbreaking ceremony to upgrade the WWTP. Excavation should start next week and be completed in March 2018
- ❖ Working with the Cherry Growers to do an upgrade on their side because their ponds are upset and emitting a sewage smell. They want to tie into our sewer

Brewster Whitmire—Wasco Electric

- ❖ Had an underground secondary service break loose. Continuing with new services and pole replacements. No big projects on the horizon

Nathan Pope – Chenowith Water

- ❖ Putting meters in the ground. Locates and inquiries

Dan Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

- ❖ Started moving water up the hill March 20th. Working out bugs in the system, finding leaks, repairing leaks, calibrating meters

Sheri Clark- NW Natural

- ❖ Sheri is retiring soon and will bring Jodi Wright, her replacement, to our next meeting
- ❖ Gas line that feeds The Dalles will be shut down June 26th. LNG will be supplying the city’s gas from 2 tanks, staged at Airgas on W. 2nd Street, to keep the City of The Dalles line active. They will discharge from the tanks to a riser that will have barricading around it for protection. The Airgas property is being leased on May 31st with a high pressure crew staging from there. MCMC has alternative fuel and so does the Amerities so they should be OK. Granite doesn’t have alternative fuel so they are working on that issue
- ❖ Trevitt from 13th/14th alley to 15th/16th alley—design locates are being done
- ❖ 350’ main extension for system reinforcement at W. 6th/7th alley
- ❖ Oakwood from E 16th to the hospital—350’ main extension is permitted but no crews available
- ❖ Mt Hood from W 16th to W 17th- 200’ tie in

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco County PUD

❖ NWCPUD has been busy with overhead, underground and new construction work

The next OUCC quarterly meeting is May 8th and 9th in Medford. Please let Ed know if you'd like to attend as he won't be able to go.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: May 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Huskey
Interim Secretary