

**WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2017

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

Attendance:

Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Aaron Westfall	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Arthur Smith	Wasco County
Scott Peters	ODOT
Brewster Whitmire	Wasco Electric
Nathan Pope	Chenowith Water PUD
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by President, Ed Ortega.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur reported a balance of \$3,043.92. We received our State allocation check for \$1,877.03, which brought the account balance to \$4,290.99. One payable pending for \$900 (Hoodies).

Damage Report:

No damages reported.

Old Business:

Ed attended the Quarterly meeting on February 7th, 2017. Information was shared about the 811 trailer. Scheduling/information for 811 trailer is on the 811 website. WCUCC has scheduled the trailer for this year's Cherry Festival. There was a presentation by One-Call's Marketing that could provide councils with videos, flyers, etc. with minimal costs. The idea of a possible Utility "Rodeo" was brought up at the meeting.

New Business:

Dale reported that WCUCC Secretary Shelly Gray was going through City of The Dalles archives, and inquired how long our council needs to keep records of meeting minutes. After discussion, Ed said he will check with OUCC about record retention. Dale also had concerns about response time to emergency locates. City of The Dalles had requested an emergency locate after a leak on their "high line". Locate Inc. was in Bend and informed City it would be 5 hours until they could perform the requested locate. Arthur read the statute regarding response time, but it gave no specific time frame to perform emergency locates. Ed suggested using the updated Distribution contact list to get a response for emergency locates. Dale met with an Engineer from Zago, and invited him to attend today's WCUCC meeting. Zago will be running fiber lines from the east side of The Dalles to the west side beginning in March/April, with a completion date in June. Dale reported this is a large job with multiple crews working, and recommends a representative from Zago attend a WCUCC meeting to meet our members and discuss plans. Troy (NW Natural) asked how locates will be requested with such a large job. Dale said the locates would be submitted in sections for the work to be performed. Aaron from NW Natural reported there is a meeting today with William's Pipe to discuss a job that is planned for this summer. Details to come at next monthly meeting. Aaron also informed the council of a possible "land slide" in the area of 11th and 12th street and Trevitt in The Dalles, that washed out a retaining wall. Dale said City of The Dalles would look into it.

Dale McCabe suggested a discussion at next month's meeting about a possible contractor breakfast/dinner.

Round Table:

Arthur Smith - Wasco County

- ❖ Winter maintenance
- ❖ Gravel roads in poor condition

Nathan Pope – Chenoweth Water PUD

- ❖ 400 new meter replacements
- ❖ Emergency work

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Lone Pine Well
- ❖ Sunset Peak LLC to run fiber line through town from existing Google site to a new site in the Port.
- ❖ Wastewater expansion (April)
- ❖ 2nd Street utility project
- ❖ 6th and Snipes to Astro station is expected to begin in spring

Scott Peters – ODOT

- ❖ Winter maintenance
- ❖ 12 Diesel spills (4 in Wasco Co.)
- ❖ Guard rail work (watch for locates)

Aaron Westfall – NW Natural

- ❖ Winter maintenance
- ❖ Work on Port of The Dalles
- ❖ 2" main-line work (out of town)

Brewster Whitmire – Wasco Electric

- ❖ Slow month
- ❖ Line re-build in Maupin
- ❖ Pole replacements
- ❖ Proposal for underground (Young Life)

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation District

- ❖ Closing up turnouts and drains
- ❖ Service to pumps/motors
- ❖ Air valve replacements

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m. Thanks to all who attended.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Saldivar