

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2016

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

Attendance:

Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles Public Works
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Travis Davis	NW Natural
Shelly Gray	City of The Dalles Public Works
Scott Peters	ODOT
Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Nathan Pope	Chenowith Water

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by President, Dale McCabe

Minutes:

Minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur reported one out standing payment. We received the State Assistance check less dues in the amount of \$1877. The current account balance is \$6049.71.

Damage Report:

No damages reported.

Old Business:

Contractor's Event is slated for March or April and will likely be a breakfast at Cousins. Arthur will contact them regarding possible dates. Sheri mentioned having a speaker from the State Safety Committee or Locate so that the message about dig laws comes from a 3rd party.

New Business:

Dale brought a flyer he received for an upcoming Coordinated Response for Gas Lines liaison meeting. Also, he will extend an invite to Charter for our next OUCC meeting as they said in a recent meeting with the Public Works Director and City Attorney that they would be willing to attend.

Scott mentioned that the Forest Service will be holding a simulation of a train derailment with hazardous material on April 20th at the Readiness Center. He will be forwarding along pertinent information.

Ed confirmed the next quarterly meeting: March 9, 2016 at NW Natural Gas/Training Center.
Located at 20285 SW Cipole Rd., Sherwood, OR 97140

Hotel accommodations:
Comfort Inn & Suites
7640 SW Warm Springs Street
Tualatin, OR 97062

Group Name: OUNC

For those of you making your hotel reservations, please call [\(503\) 612-9952](tel:5036129952)

Rate: \$89.99 + tax

(hotel is appx. 3 miles to NWN)

Deadline for reservations: 2.20.16

Meeting Time:

Breakfast: 8:00am-9:00am

OUNC will meet from 9:00am - Noon

Lunch: Noon - 1:00pm

OUC will meet from 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Round Table:

Nathan Pope -- Chenoweth Water

- ❖ Currently in winter mode.
- ❖ Projects anticipated to begin April 1st.
- ❖ Working on a sanitation survey

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation

- ❖ Will start moving water up the hill on March 11th.
- ❖ Pole projects still taking place
- ❖ March will be a busy month

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ County Road Department is developing the oil/chip seal for the coming summer
- ❖ Working on road grading

Sheri Clark- NW Natural

- ❖ Hwy 197 needs core samples and to get the gas line moved. They expect their portion to be finished in the summer as the next phase is set for a 2017 completion date.
- ❖ Working on five system reinforcements for improving service to MCMC & the community
- ❖ Working on an estimate for a new gas line out at the port

Scott Peters -- ODOT

- ❖ Winter maintenance.
- ❖ Clearing trees in Dufur.
- ❖ Expanding clear zone on the edges of U.S. Highways 97 and 197 to give more "clear" room for vehicles that leave the roadway. Drivers in regular passenger vehicles will be able to legally drive 65 mph between The Dalles and Klamath Falls. Large trucks will be limited to 60 mph in those areas. On Interstate 84 east of The Dalles, the speed limits will be raised to 70 mph for cars and 65 for trucks, the highest of any major highway in Oregon. The increased speed limits do not apply to sections of highway within city limits, or in places with lower posted speed limits.
- ❖ Still working in Maupin
- ❖ Raised question about changing the depths of locates. Members requested a courtesy call as long as the scope of the project doesn't change and doesn't warrant a new/updated locate.
- ❖ Drill and shoot in Boyd

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Thompson Street Project start date is February 22th. Public Works and Crestline Construction met with property owners to let them know about the upcoming disruptions. They plan to start at 10th/Old Dufur Rd/Thompson and head south, closing one block at a time for 3-4 days/block. Expected completion date April 29th, 2016.
- ❖ Working on 18" water main to loop around port and NW Aluminum. Finishing obtaining easements.
- ❖ Currently designing 2nd St sanitary and storm project from the cul-de-sac on 2nd to Webber.
- ❖ Reviewing plans from Lockheed Martin for a monitoring system at their stockpile site. They'd like to run sewer from River Rd → Crates Way → Columbia → Steelhead Way
- ❖ Will be reviewing plans for a new 7th Day Adventist Church on Columbia View Dr/Veterans Drive
- ❖ 6" water line at 10th/Federal will be going out to bid

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: March 15th.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gray Secretary