

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2013

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

Attendance:

Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Herb Watts	North State Telephone/Sunset Peak
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles
John Walker	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Joy Marcum	Northern Wasco County PUD
Mike Richardson	The Dalles Irrigation District
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Nathan Pope	Chenoweth PUD
Jeb Miller	Chenoweth PUD

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice President, John Walker.

Minutes:

Minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Account balance is \$2,477.85 with all invoices paid current. We had two payments this month, Arthur said. Both were to Herb for his purchases at Staples and his expenses incurred while attending the state meeting. Arthur said the last of the dues have been received.

Damage Report:

North State Telephone reported one damage for failing to protect their facilities.

Old Business:

Dale moved to approve the bylaws as written and Mike seconded the motion. Officers present signed the bylaws but since Ed was absent today, Brenda will obtain his signature later.

Arthur said the county's budget had just been approved and the paving schedule changed because of budgetary revisions. Only 16 miles of county road will be chip sealed this year. On July 9th they will start at Smock Prairie and work their way towards town with Murray's Addition being paved last, around July 16th.

Herb said John had taken the 811 signs to Home Depot but was told they wouldn't be allowed to be hung on the walls. The national headquarters had told the stores the only wall advertisements were to be their sale items. Home Depot supports 811 so they changed their minds and will now display our sign which Herb took back to them. True Value also has one displayed as does Maupin Hardware. It was suggested we ask Dufur Hardware

to a hang a sign so Herb will check with them. He's also going to ask Anita for 5 more 811 signs and for more of the thicker magnetized bumper stickers plus he'll also ask her about decals.

Having two contractor nights was discussed again. Starting next year it was decided to hold two meetings, one for local utility crews possibly around lunch time and that would be a "manager required" safety type meeting. Another meeting for contractors would be held in early February before construction gears up. Details will be worked out later.

Ideas for items that would benefit our council that we could ask the state council to purchase for us were discussed. An 811 banner (call before you dig, it's the law) was suggested to hang on the banner pole on Second Street to advertise "Call Before You Dig Month". We could also hang it when there isn't another banner scheduled. Cost is \$25 to hang for a 2 week period and Public Works hangs and takes it down. Brenda will get some prices from the two banner makers in town and bring those to the next meeting. Sheri will check with Stephanie Baxter to see what good ideas she has.

New Business:

Dale said the sewer crew had a sewer main renewal in an alley and locates were done. A homeowner informed the crew there was an electrical service line on a pole that crossed that alley to a home so they checked and discovered the meter was on but that service line had not been located. The sewer crew then contacted PUD and according to PUD's service person, there are lots of these lines in the city and they will not be located. As it stands now, the homeowner is responsible for the meter and the locate and if the homeowner is not registered with the one call center, a locate won't be done. Dale asked if PUD was going to accept responsibility for those lines and Joy said no. Dale asked if the homeowner could be forced to move it and there is no law that states they have to. If you know of someone who has this type of service, strongly suggest they register with the one call center as power and gas are very important and situations like this could be life threatening. Herb will push this issue up the chain when he attends the quarterly meetings.

Round Table:

Sheri/John – NW Natural

- ❖ Finishing up the new main on F Street between 9th and 10th this week.
- ❖ The Scenic job is on the horizon.
- ❖ Shari is permitting W. 8th Liberty to Pentland where NW Natural will be installing 162 feet of 2" poly main.
- ❖ Installing 231 feet of 2" poly main (4 crossings) on Bridge Street between 16th and 18th and on Trevitt from the alley to 16th. This job is in dispatch and should be their next project. John should contact Dale or Bill if he has any questions.
- ❖ Coming soon will be the design/drafting for Laughlin phase 4 (7th to 10th) and Laughlin phase 5 (10th to 12th).
- ❖ Bare main at Union/13th – 360 feet to be designed.

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Prepping roads for chip sealing. Spraying weeds in Murray's Addition.

Dale McCabe - City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ The City is done paving 14th Street from Washington to Kelly.
- ❖ Dry Hollow is to be chip-sealed soon from 9th to 19th.
- ❖ Bridge Street from 14th to 18th and Mt. Hood from 10th to 23rd will be paved in August.
- ❖ After the 1st of July the Kelly Avenue pedestrian crosswalks and bulb-outs from 10th to 12th will be installed.

- ❖ Had the bid opening last week for the Webber Street water line. NW Kodiak is the apparent low bidder and the project is slated to start August 19th.
- ❖ Working on the 4th Street Grade sewer design. It will be out to bid this fall and awarded sometime in September or October.
- ❖ There is a preconstruction meeting today at 10 a.m. for the 80-unit Marriot/Fairfield Inn next to the Eagles Lodge.
- ❖ Still working on the Scenic drive design. It is about 2 years out.

Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction

- ❖ Greg had to leave early before the roundtable discussion.

Herb Watts – North State Telephone/Sunset Peak

- ❖ Responding to locates.
- ❖ Removing abandoned overhead facilities.
- ❖ Installing new underground fiber services.

Joy Marcum – Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ Working on the Goodwill Store site.
- ❖ New service on 7-Mile.

Jeb Miller – Chenoweth PUD

- ❖ New water main line in Murray's Addition -- up Murray, down Lockwood to part of Maple Street.

Mike Richardson – The Dalles Irrigation District

- ❖ Normal operations, keeping that water flowing.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Next month's meeting: July 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Huskey, Secretary