

WASCO COUNTY UNDERGROUND COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2013

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

Attendance:

Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Jeff McCall	Wasco County Public Works
Marty Matherly	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
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Nathan Pope	Chenoweth Water PUD
Scott Peters	ODOT
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by President, Herb Watts.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 19th, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Arthur has paid the state dues of \$124.04 but still owes Herb for the 811 sign. We received our \$1,000 check from the state. He will be sending out the local due notices which members present would like to see remain at \$40/year. Account balance is \$3,742.74.

Damage Report:

Northern Wasco County PUD reported one damage. NW Kodiak caught their main orange primary line at West First/Bargeway so Mid-Columbia Producers, the Windseeker, Cascade Propane and Riverside Gymnastics were out of service for awhile. Ed verified that the marks were a little bit off.

Old Business:

Arthur brought more calendars to the meeting. There is one 811 poster board sign left and Ed said that PUD needs one. Herb suggested we ask Discovery Rentals and Home Depot if they would display one and the council agreed so he will check with both stores.

New Business:

Herb handed out 811 bumper stickers with sticky backs at the meeting. Magnetized ones in the same size cost \$86.99 for 24 at Staples. Council gave the OK for 24 as a test run and Herb will have those made.

Sheri reminded everyone the Cherry Festival Parade is April 27th and asked the council if we would pay for half the candy handed out and some 811 supplies and Arthur said we typically give Tonya \$150 for the candy and he will order some supplies on line and have them here by April 13th. Sheri will ask Don Patterson if he has the call before you dig banner.

Sheri is looking for volunteers for Dozer Days which is held May 18th and 19th this year.

A name change for our council has been requested by Kenny Hamlin, President of the OUNC. He would like to see consistency throughout the councils so he would like us to change “underground” in our council name to “utilities”. We would have to change our bylaws so a copy of them was handed out at the meeting for members to peruse and at the next meeting we will discuss any changes/amendments. Brenda will e-mail a copy of the bylaws to those not present at the meeting for their input. Troy asked if changing the name of our council would affect our tax ID number and Arthur said he will find out.

Arthur asked when we would like to have a contractor’s night? How about April 23rd, 24th or 25th at Spooky’s? Troy will contact Frank or Adam at ITIC and see if they would like to put on a presentation because there has been so many changes to the system and then follow-up with Arthur. Once the speaker/presentation is settled, Arthur will contact Spooky’s and firm up the date.

May 8th is the quarterly OUNC/OUCC meeting at Sun River Resort and our council should send at least one officer. Herb volunteered to go, Yogi said he will go and John may go too (he will let Art know later).

Arthur attended the OUNC/OUCC meeting in Hood River on March 13th and said April has been designated “Dig Safely Month” by Governor Kitzhaber. The One Call Center is operating smoothly and the council is trying to make damage reporting mandatory using IDIRT to report damages. The OUNC has been working hard at getting the language clarified regarding ODOT’s requested exemption so that everyone will be happy with it. The OUNC has until 2014 to resolve the ODOT survey exemption issue or SB 550 will go to the legislative level Senator Prozanski said. If anyone wants to attend the OAR Committee meetings to discuss SB550, check their website for meeting dates.

Round Table:

Sheri/John – NW Natural

- ❖ Only 6 long couplings left to eliminate on Scenic.
- ❖ Finishing up new services.
- ❖ Finish another on Laughlin Street between 9th and 10th.

Jeff McCall – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Ditching.
- ❖ Blading roads and prepping for chip sealing. The final paving list will be out soon.

Dale McCabe - City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Crestline will start installing the pipe on the River Road water line project, the trench was pre-dug from Crates Way to the animal shelter.
- ❖ The storm is in on Bargeway Road and NW Kodiak is working on the storm on West 1st.
- ❖ The sewer slipline project is starting. Contractor will clean and camera sewer lines in different locations around the city and then slipline them.

- ❖ Finishing up the bid for a water line project on Webber from the S. side of 2nd by the underpass, across 2nd, underneath the RR tracks and ending on the south edge of the Norcor property. The line will be 5 feet deep. This project will begin the middle of August so it does not interfere with cherry/wheat harvest.
- ❖ A list of city streets to be paved will be distributed soon.
- ❖ Still working on the designs for Scenic.
- ❖ The Granada block is still moving forward. No information on the timeline yet.
- ❖ The Washington Street Undercrossing project is moving forward but no information on the timeline yet.
- ❖ Installed ADA ramps on 10th/Webber.

Dale said he had received two R-O-W Construction Permits from Charter. One is to bore under 1st and Madison Street (under the RR tracks) for new services to the Cherry Growers and that is slated to start this Thursday. The other permit is at 8th/Vey Way and they will be boring across 8th for a drop.

Nathan Pope – Chenoweth PUD

- ❖ Still have 400 feet of water mainline on Verdant between W 8th and W 10th. The project should be completed in two more weeks.
- ❖ 8-inch main line replacement in Murray's Addition.

Herb Watts – North State Telephone/Sunset Peak

- ❖ Locates and maintenance of lines.
- ❖ Some new underground installs.

Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction

- ❖ Working in the Hood River area on the Country Club Road Bypass.
- ❖ River Road water line project for City of The Dalles.

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ Customer underground work on 19th/Nevada.
- ❖ Moving a secondary line that was under a garage in Rowena.
- ❖ Replacing a direct bury line in Hendricks' orchard.
- ❖ Will be replacing a direct bury primary for Dr. Staver near Rowena.

Scott Peters – ODOT

- ❖ The piles at the Jct. of Hwy 197/30 will be moved within the next 2 weeks.
- ❖ Shoulder rebuilding and ditching.
- ❖ Tree trimming and chip sealing in the Pine Grove area.
- ❖ Guardrail work near Dufur.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9.04 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Next month's meeting: April 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Huskey, Secretary