

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2016

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

Attendance:

Danny Saldivar	The Dalles Irrigation District
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction
Travis Davis	NW Natural
Mike Smith	NW Natural
Troy Klein	NW Natural
Sheri Clark	NW Natural
Ed Ortega	Northern Wasco County PUD
Shelly Gray	City of The Dalles Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Vice President, Danny Saldivar.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer was absent, but last month's balance was reported as \$6049.71 and Ed stated that he received a reimbursement check for \$5.50; estimated balance is \$6044.21.

Damage Report:

Greg reported a damaged gas line. It had not been marked. They followed 911 protocol and the gas company fixed ASAP.

Old Business:

Ed reminded us of the April 20th simulation of a train derailment at the Readiness Center as well as the Coordinated Response for Gas Lines liaison meeting (date unknown).

Ed mentioned the upcoming Contractor's Breakfast, tentatively scheduled for April 27th from 6 am – 9 am at Cousins. Sheri requested that we are able to pick up flyers for the event at our next meeting so that we have time to distribute them.

New Business:

ED went to OUCC Quarterly Meeting in Sherwood on March 9th. He says that the Excavator training is available and may be tailored to your audience. There was also a discussion on how funds will be allocated from OUNC to OUCC, how councils are allocated money and the tracking method for how money is used to educate the public. More details to follow.

Ed said that One Call Center has a creative group that does advertising and that they can tailor it to your event/area (lead time approximately two weeks). OUCC is looking to buy a trailer to loan out for events, which would eliminate having to pack up materials daily. The idea is to have OCC wrap the trailer with 811 information in addition sponsor advertising.

Ed mentioned upcoming events: Locator training in Ontario in fall, President's meeting at Eagle's Crest on June 8th & 9th and a Joint States meeting in Idaho September 28th-30th. OUCC President, Ron Coffell has requested pictures of damages as well as examples of good excavations to share on the www.oucc.net website.

Round Table:

Greg Jensen -- Crestline Construction

- ❖ Working on Thompson St. from 12th up to the track. They did hit an unmarked gas line, but otherwise the locates are going well. They are working for a port client and have raised everything about 12 feet. There have a few jobs in Washington and are doing some supplemental work on the freeway.

Sheri Clark- NW Natural

- ❖ System reinforcement on 10th and 11th and the alley under Kelly.
- ❖ East 11th from I to J is in dispatch.
- ❖ Working on 2nd and Webber for a sewer/storm project and there's high pressure as well as 2" steel to relocate
- ❖ Hood River project.
- ❖ Hwy 197 south of 84, west of 97.
- ❖ Sent bill to Contractor's Cargo and have received some pushback over the price, even though it's within contract guidelines.

Ed Ortega- Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ City dock at 1st/Union back in service
- ❖ Working on customer services, anchors and pole replacements

Travis Davis- NW Natural

- ❖ Mentioned that due to sand, some areas on Thompson St. have needed extra work.

Danny Saldivar – The Dalles Irrigation

- ❖ Prime lines
- ❖ Getting telemetry meters up and running
- ❖ Power pole was installed

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Put next month's meeting on your calendar: April 19th.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Gray Secretary