

WASCO COUNTY UTILITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2013

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

Attendance:

Arthur Smith	Wasco County Public Works
Marty Matherly	Wasco County Public Works
Dale McCabe	City of The Dalles
Brenda Huskey	City of The Dalles
Nathan Pope	Chenowith Water PUD
Yogi Rattay	NW Natural
John Walker	NW Natural
Jim Bailey	Wasco Electric Coop
Greg Jensen	Crestline Construction

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by President Elect, Ed Ortega.

Minutes:

Minutes of the August 20th meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

According to a letter and check that Arthur received from Kenny Hamlin, President of the OUCC, all Oregon councils will receive a check for \$1,000 to use as they see fit. The original idea was for individual councils to submit requests for funds for projects, trainings, equipment or events but that has changed.

Damage Report:

There were 3 damages for August. The Q Life contractor was installing a pole at Sorosis and hit one leg of PUD's direct bury line that runs to the bathrooms. PUD hit a phone line on Maple Street that was not located. Herb was not present to tell us about the damage to a North State Telephone line.

Old Business:

Arthur suggested we have a contractor or utility owner training. After a discussion, it was decided the middle of November or the first of December would be a good time for a utility owner training. Dale suggested we take a head count from each utility and bring that count to the next meeting so we can gauge what location to use. Greg suggested we use the basement of the Discovery Center. Their restaurant provides lunch and we can bring our own pastries/snacks for the morning break. Arthur will check with the Discovery Center and Dale will see if this training qualifies for CEUs. Yogi and John suggested using several NW Natural personnel who give excellent presentations. They will check with their presenters when we firm up a date.

Jim Bailey asked if anyone has had trouble getting ahold of Dish Network for locates? No one had except John with NW Natural. Jim told us he had a locate in Grass Valley, called them 17 times and no one responded. John Walker said he had trouble in Odell with Dish not responding to his call and he had high pressure lines at that location. He called the one call center to make sure he had the right number and it was the same as theirs. Brenda will give Jim Kenny Hamlin's e-mail so he can pass on his concerns and possibly receive some feedback. John said he would personally invite the employees from Charter and Dish to our next UCC meeting.

New Business:

None.

Round Table:

Dale McCabe – City of The Dalles Public Works

- ❖ Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 18th & 19th, the City and the County will be chip sealing Dry Hollow from 9th Street to 19th Street and Mt. Hood Street from 10th to 23rd. This was scheduled for August but was postponed because of the fire. No cuts on these roads please.
- ❖ NW Kodiak is on Webber Street starting the City's water line project. They were shut down earlier this week because locates were not called in or marked.
- ❖ The contract for the new surge tank at the Sorosis Pump Station is out. The tank will be located inside the Sorosis yard.
- ❖ Crews are working on the sewer lines on Bridge Street and the water crew is performing maintenance there also.
- ❖ Flushing hydrants and catch basin cleaning before winter.
- ❖ The 4th street grade sewer project has been pushed back until next spring or summer. More investigation needs to be done and property owner easements obtained.
- ❖ Granada block decision will be made by the end of December.

Nathan Pope – Chenoweth Water PUD

- ❖ Wrapping up Murray Street.
- ❖ Flushing hydrants and fall maintenance.

John Walker – NW Natural Gas

- ❖ Making their way up Laughlin Street to 10th and tying back into the poly on Jefferson Street.
- ❖ 360 feet of bare main replacement at Union 13th.
- ❖ Doing the locates this week on 8th/Liberty in the parking strip. From Liberty to Pentland on 8th there will be 250 to 300 feet of new poly.
- ❖ Removing long couplings on Scenic near Jefferson Street.
- ❖ NW Natural submitted a bid for the Chenoweth Industrial Park at the Port. Last week Tonya and Greg met with other utilities to discuss using joint trenches for the work in the Port.

Jim Bailey – Wasco Electric Co-op

- ❖ Miscellaneous services throughout their territory.
- ❖ The contractor at the Pine Hollow Substation on the Dufur Bypass Road should be finished mid-December.

Greg Jensen – Crestline Construction

- ❖ The Goodwill project is starting to wind down a little.
- ❖ Renovations in downtown Hood River.
- ❖ Finishing up Country Club Road in Hood River.
- ❖ Working on the new Insitsu campus in Bingen. No more drone flights while work is in progress. A 200-lb drone was launched and buried itself 3 feet in the dirt from a Crestline employee working on site.

Arthur Smith – Wasco County Public Works

- ❖ Chip sealing with the City.

- ❖ Paint crews are out.
- ❖ The Cherry Heights guard rail project will happen the latter part of October from Hermits Way to the top of the hill and there's another upcoming guardrail project on Chenowith Creek Road by McDonald Way.

Ed Ortega – Northern Wasco County PUD

- ❖ Customer services/maintenance.
- ❖ Have contractors doing direct bury replacements on Hwy 30.
- ❖ Paul is working on the Chenowith Business Park.
- ❖ Joy is working on joint use with Charter.
- ❖ Goodwill electrical is in the ground and on the corner of W. 6th and Cherry Heights.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Next month's meeting: October 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Huskey, Secretary