

One-Call of Wyoming
Minutes
April 24, 2009
Telephone Conference

A regular meeting of One-Call of Wyoming's Board of Directors was held via a telephone conference call April 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Mark Ransdell – Gas Gathering and Transmission Pipelines (Questar)
2. Lowell Ray Anderson – Joint Powers Board/User Owned Water-Sewer-Air (North End Water Users)
3. Arnie Davis – Call-In Dig-In Safety Council (Crook and Campbell Counties)
4. Wayne D. Johnson – Local Telephone Communications (Qwest)
5. Steve Loftin – Wyoming Contractors Association (71 Construction)
6. Collens Wakefield – Electrical Distribution and Transmission (Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power)
7. Evan Woolston – Gas Distribution (Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.)
8. Jim Bunch – Utility Locates of Weston County (Black Hills Power)
9. Mark Williams – Municipal (WYDOT)
10. Marcie Buchholz– Long-Distance Telephone Communication (Rocky Mountain Power)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Albany County Utility Coordinating Council – Vacant
2. Russell Waldner – Carbon County Pipeline Association (Carbon Power & Light)
3. Dennis Lawrence – Wind River-Big Horn Basin Utility Coordinating Council (City of Riverton)
4. Bret Crouch – Liquids Pipeline Transportation (Anadarko)
5. Doug Malsom – Cable Telecommunications (Bresnan Communications)

ALSO PRESENT:

1. Harry Williams – Executive Director
2. Judy Williams – Secretary

President Mark Ransdell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

President Ransdell welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and had all members introduce themselves.

President Ransdell asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. After moving Don Swindle Replacement to Item III, Wayne Johnson moved, seconded by Collens Wakefield and carried, to accept the agenda as amended.

Don Swindle has recommended Marcie Buchholz (Rocky Mountain Power) to replace him on the Board. Steve Loftin moved seconded by Arnie Davis and carried, to appoint Marcie Buchholz to the Board of Directors replacing Don Swindle.

The Operational Report for March was: 4,827 incoming calls and 29,523 outgoing messages. There were 4,382 routine tickets, 12 non-compliant tickets, 229 emergency tickets, 58 canceled tickets, 12 damage tickets, 67 no response tickets, 67 overwrite tickets, and 189 meetings scheduled. Average speed of answer was 16 seconds. The Board did not receive any complaints. It appears that the number of tickets for March was down compared to the last four years. It could be the sign of the times or weather. The damages are down this month, which is encouraging.

The January 21, 2009, minutes were reviewed. Wayne Johnson moved, seconded by Arnie Davis and carried, to approve the January 21, 2009, Board minutes as presented.

Arnie Davis gave the Treasurers Report. Steve Loftin moved, seconded by Lowell Ray Anderson and carried, to accept the financial report as presented and to pay the bills.

Mark Ransdell reported that Carbon County Pipeline Association had a workshop in conjunction with OCW's breakfast. The group is still intact, they have a little money left which they are using for advertising.

Steve Loftin stated that he was a speaker at the Utility Locates of Weston County dinner. There were approximately 40 in attendance. It appeared one-half were contractors and one-half were utility owners. There were many door prizes given out. One attendee felt that white lining should be mandatory in the law and another comment was the contract locators 'sucked'.

Arnie Davis reported that Call-In Dig-In Safety Council did not have their dinner which was scheduled for the 24th of March because of a snowstorm. They are talking about having a barbeque out at the fishing lake this summer or waiting until late fall. The contractor show was the middle of March.

Wind River-Big Horn Basin Utility Coordinating Council did not have a report.

Mark Ransdell reported that Uinta County Pipeline Association and Green River Basin Pipeline Association had the OCW breakfasts and Wyoming Pipeline Association (WyPA) meetings. Both groups will have follow-up meetings and support the efforts of WyPA.

There was nothing to report on the Secretary's report.

Mark reported on the WyPA workshops. A WyPA meeting was held April 15th to discuss the workshops. The general consensus was that the workshops WyPA held were good enough to continue. Many were well received and attended. Previously there had never been any meetings in the Pinedale and Kemmerer area and both communities were happy to have the workshops.

Harry reported that too many people were involved in setting up the workshops. When people would call One-Call they were confused on what session they should attend. Total attendance for the breakfasts was 599. There were 341 contractors/excavators. The cost for the workshops was \$14 per attendee. Confusion was the worst part and if coordination between the two groups gets better it would probably drop the cost. Not many complaints were heard at the breakfasts – lack of white lining and contract locators were the two main complaints. Some Board Members expressed concerns on their respective breakfasts which were better attended

than the dinners; confusion as to who should attend what; some liked the breakfasts others like the dinners. Maybe when the 'bugs' are worked out, these workshops may get better. It was suggested that we not make a decision right now on whether to have OCW workshops the same day and location as WyPA workshops. Definitely OCW should take care of their workshops and WyPA do theirs. Maybe more one-call utilities could be more involved so it doesn't look like it is all pipeline utilities.

(Jim Bunch entered the meeting at 10:38 a.m.)

The PSC Workshop on May 1st was discussed. Russell Waldner and Steve Loftin will be on the panels. Steve Loftin organized a committee within the Wyoming Contractors Association for excavation contractors only. Steve suggested that when an all-inclusive meeting is scheduled to talk about legislation that we make a long list of all interested parties to be invited. A meeting on April 30th is planned to discuss the position of OCW.

(Steve Loftin left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.)

The DIRT (Damage Information Reporting Tool) program was discussed. More information is necessary to make a decision.

Harry talked to Bill Mixer (Casper College Utility Locater Certification) and Bill stated that on the final day of class, the students are taken to the cafeteria and fed. They are told it is compliments of OCW. The cost is \$5 per student. Jim Bunch moved, seconded by Evan Woolston and carried, to send funds to Casper College for lunches. Dollar amount to be determined by the Executive Director.

Since the start of the locater training, eighty people have been certified. The classes are full through the summer. Friday, April 30th, there will be classroom and fieldwork and if any Board Member that would like to partake, let Bill know.

Arnie was asked to order a plaque for Don Swindle.

There was discussion on the executive director replacement. Jim Bunch suggested appointing a committee consisting of newer Board Members with Steve Loftin as Chairman. It was decided to not advertise for the position. Marcie Buchholz will be on the committee.

On March 19th, OCW had a booth in Pine Bluffs; on March 26th Steve Loftin gave a presentation at the Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems technical conference and April 1st OCW had a booth at the Wyoming Technology Transfer Center (WYT² or T²) workshop. Wyoming Association of Municipalities will have their convention June 10-13 in Gillette and OCW will have a booth there.

The next Board of Director's meeting will be **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009**, at the Casper Parkway Plaza.

With no more business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

NOTE: A meeting was subsequently scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the Casper Parkway Plaza.