



**Cooperative Public Agencies of Washington County
Minutes for October 14, 2010**

Members Present: **Chair, Michael Bakkum, City of Hillsboro**
 Ted Claussen – Clean Water Services
 Craig Crawford - THPRD
 Dale Fishback – Tualatin Valley Water District
 John Harris – City of Lake Oswego
 Ken Huisman – Beaverton School District
 Melissa Koons – City of Tualatin
 Mel Schultz – City of Beaverton
 Craig Sheldon – City of Sherwood
 Dave Willer – City of Forest Grove

Chair Michael Bakkum called the meeting to order at 9:07a.m. The meeting took place at the Beaverton School District Facilities building, located at 2180 SW 170th Avenue.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made and guest Bert Olheiser, from the City of Tualatin, was welcomed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fleet

No report at this time, however, Michael Bakkum expects a report in December.

Training

Michael stated that the workshop planning is almost wrapped up. He and Mary Davis need to schedule the breakout sessions, and Mary is finalizing the lunch arrangements. The facility can accommodate 115 participants and registration is underway. If volunteers are available to help with set-up, contact Michael or Mary.

Storm/Sanitary

Ted Claussen reported that in lieu of a meeting, Collection System Spill Response training is currently taking place. Sessions offered yesterday and today to field and supervisory staff were conveniently located at either the Rock Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility or the Sherwood Police Department. Although overflows are unusual occurrences, with wet weather approaching, the possibility of overflows from the collection system increases and staff needs to know what to do in the event of a spill.

OLD BUSINESS

The group discussed the upcoming workshop and the merits of attending, including experiencing the dynamic featured speaker presentation, Trauma Nurses Talk Tough. The CPAWC workshop will be held November 10, 8:30 – 4:00 at the Hillsboro Civic Center. Cost of workshop will be \$20 per person and includes lunch.

NEW BUSINESS

Leaf season was the topic for group discussion. Each organization shared if their organization has a leaf removal or disposal program and if so, how they administer their programs.

It was a very interesting discussion on the comparison of how each agency handles leaf removal. For example, Michael Bakkum stated that the City of Hillsboro has a free curbside leaf pick-up which begins November 2nd and concludes January 14th, loose leaves are preferred, but leaves bagged in biodegradable bags will also be picked up. Additionally, Hillsboro staffs three, leaf drop off dates, one each in November, December, and January. Disposal of leaves from both programs is at West Union Gardens, where they are used for mulch.

The City of Forest Grove offers a Street Leaf Pickup program, beginning in October and ending in January. They do not pick up any type of bagged leaves and ask that citizens use the yard debris carts for leaves that fall in their yards. Dave Willer reported that his crew cycles through the City three times during the season. He further mentioned that although leaf disposal is always a problem, he gets calls from organic farmers and others interested in the leaves and that is his current method of disposal.

Clean Water Services offers a combination of curbside leaf collection and the annual leaf disposal program, with two drop days, one each in November and December. CWS combines these two days with a very successful food drive for the community. Ted Claussen mentioned they also use West Union Gardens for leaf disposal.

The City of Beaverton offers a similar leaf disposal program that includes a food drive, with two dates in October and November. Mel Schultz said that they also send out

extra equipment to handle the added leaves in the streets, even though they don't have a curbside program. They also dispose of leaves with local farmers.

CPAWC AT WORK

John Harris generated a conversation about paint striping issues, and how many other organizations were using buttons or pavement markers in lieu of paint.

EQUIPMENT SHARING

Michael Bakkum asked everyone to report on equipment sharing. We went around the room, provided updates, and passed out blank forms to report equipment sharing. Reader boards continue to be needed, and in September, a crack sealer, air compressor, trailer, and jackhammer were shared in addition to the regular ongoing sharing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

FUTURE CPAWC EVENT/MEETING

November 10, 2010
December 9, 2010

CPAWC Fall Workshop
Clean Water Services

150 E. Main Street, Hillsboro
2025 SW Merlo Court, Beaverton