

OAR/ORS Committee Minutes -
Thursday, May 5, 2021
Conference Call In

Members called in: Micah Brown, Phil Boyle, Don Moore, Melanie Lewis, Jeff Fox, and Kitty O'Keefe.

Guests: Greg Snyder, Frank Planton and Scott Gallegos from OCC. Michelle Tyree/Avista and Garry Black/City of Philomath and John Allard/Clean Water Services.

1. Announcements and Introductions
 - a. Micah Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.
 - b. A motion from Phil was made to approve minutes from 4/8/21 as amended and 2nd by Don M. Kitty to post on website.
 - c. Chair – Statement: Micah welcomed members and guests.
2. OAR Committee Items
 - a. Discuss 'Ticket Length' language-
 - i) Michelle is working on language and asked the group for input. She asked if members were in favor of the 750 feet per ticket per day?
 - ii) Discussion of new technology may help future jobs and transition when job starts.
 - iii) Members shared their personal stories of what's happening in their areas. PUC rep was asked to visit in Klamath Falls to explain the OR811 dig law.
 - iv) Clarification of current language for ticket length; should have a written agreement. Clause is not being exercised as we'd like.
 - v) In rule the large project is going to take more than 2 business days. Language will reflect they need to work with operators.
 - b. Discuss Mandatory White Paint-
 - i) Michelle worked on 1st draft for new language (See Attachment 1)
 - ii) Beta testers for the new ITIC discussed.
 - iii) Do we put in rule this new technology? Not a scoring point on our current RFP.
 - iv) Virtual white line – put in rule? Yes, eventually.
 - v) Micah will work on verbiage.
 - c. Discuss Design Locate Parameters-
 - i) Micah asked OCC to share their presentation we saw at last board meeting. Send Kitty a pdf and she will email out a copy if you want to

view it.

ii) Does this need to be in rule? Did WA change their rule? WA has different requirements.

iii) Micah asked Scott G. to work on new language for this.

d. Discuss Mandatory Damage Reporting

i) Members were asked if they'd like mandatory reporting and comments included not too; we may just get a lot of junk. Activity vs. productivity.

ii) Melanie shared – some states have to call in when they damage and a 'damage ticket' is created. (contractors call in)

iii) Frank asked, do we try to get the root cause? OCC will look into this and report back.

e. Paint Remediation

i) Discussion of Bill 3181 at last meeting and Phil provided an overview.

ii) Most members favored having some language included that says what type of paint to use. ie: water based.

iii) Members discussed how some contractors or private locate companies who don't know better grab and spray a paint that doesn't go away easily or stays too long.

iv) Micah asked, should 'type of paint' be included in rule? He will work on verbiage and share at next committee meeting.

v) Micah and others discussed adding the excavator (Caller) as the responsible party for paint removal in rule" "Further stating that it could possibly eliminate over marking and have excavators more conscientious towards unnecessary marking.

3. Old Business-

a. 'Large Area' definition Revision to Include Survey Design Language to include 952-001-0080.

i) Keep this action item. Tabled.

4. New Business –

a. Micah asked if any open testimony?

i) None

b. Micah announced that Melanie is now VC for this committee/proxy vote.

5. For the Good of the Order –

6. Next Meeting – tbd

Motion to adjourn by Don M and 2nd by Melanie L. Meeting adjourned at 11:52am.

Minutes submitted by Kitty O'Keefe on May 8, 2021

Mandatory White Paint – Draft

Prior to phoning in the excavation area in which the customer/contractor is requesting underground utilities marked, it is the excavators (homeowner or contractor) responsibility to mark with white paint, the perimeter in which the ground movement and/or excavation shall take place.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, a wooden stake painted with white on the top 6” will be used. The work area shall be designated directly on the ground. Marking with string and any other means is not recognized.

Once the area has been marked or staked, it is then the Locate Ticket can be called in to 811. Note: In the event that white paint or stakes are not present, the ticket is null and void and the Locate Technician will contact the individual requesting the locate to cancel the ticket, mark or stake and then they will return to complete the utility identification.