

OUDPC Exemptions Subcommittee Meeting

Minutes

6/19/2023

Call to Order

Roll Call: Jason Broyles, Chuck Muller, Clayton Heitz, Jim Collins, Jonathan Culbreath, Dave Coniglio, Debbie Harris, Deanna DeWitt, Drew Williams, Greg Bennett, Johnny Henson, Jim Mander, Sott Mergler, Paul Briggs, Blake Ross, Steve Schafer, Les Schell, Brent St.Clair, Sean Stringer, Scott Tustin, Zach Thayer, Yancy Deering, Jan Bans

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Subcommittee Chair, Sean Stringer, started meeting with reviewing of the proposed language that was previously sent out for 45-day review. After reviewing the language, the 3 responses from the review period were discussed. Due to there being no opposition through the comment period to the language, it was decided to move the language forward to the full coalition for consideration.

Note: Jim Wooten made motion and Jim Mander Seconded. Brian Hickman abstained from vote due to not being able to join from the beginning of the call.

Under new business, it was decided that this subcommittee would have conversations around a possible exemption for hydro excavation if there is a valid locate request and marks for the job from another contractor that the hydro excavation company is working for. Conversation at this point was that it was worth discussing further. Les Schell asked to be put on record as being opposed to this topic of discussion. The short conversation around this topic included comments about ensuring that there is a valid locate request for the job site and the utilities are marked. It was also asked as to whether this line of conversation could/would lead to other industry excavation activities, such as saw cutting, that would fall under similar circumstances as the hydro excavations. It was also requested that there be conversations surrounding utilities who have unattonable lines not having to call in a locate request and wait the required period prior to excavating their own line to make it locatable.

Decided that this subcommittee would stay intact for the time being to have these discussions as well as to have further conversations, if requested, by the full coalition referencing the currently submitted language.

Meeting Adjourned