

Minutes of the WG&E Construction Meeting with the Heath MLB and ITG
January 11, 2022 at 2 pm
virtual meeting

Present: WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, and Dave Loiko

ITG: Dave Libbey

MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, David Gordon, Bill Fontes, and Ned Wolf
with Jan Carr visiting and Heath MLP Manager Sheila Litchfield

Joe reported that Jordan has left ITG. It was an amicable departure for another job opportunity. There were expressions of appreciation for him and his work.

Art asked for more clarity on the hours of the cutover planned for the week of January 24th. Joe said that the crews will arrive at midnight on Tuesday January 25th and work from 12 am to 6 am on January 26th. They will return at midnight on January 26th and work from 12 am to 6 am on January 27th.

As part of the preparation Dave Loiko will go over the number of splices at each location and where people need to be

Joe said he will send out a notice that includes Tim, the fire chief, the head of the highway department, etc. Sheila asked about plowing places for the trucks to park. Dave said that a red dot on a pole means they would like space cleared 10' ahead of the pole and 10' behind it.

Sheila recommended sending an email to Jeff Johnston, Highway Department Superintendent, and copy Dave Libbey saying that we just need plowing on the edge of the road, and no police detail is needed.

Sheila said that she understands that all customers will be notified. Joe said that that runs through Betsy Loiko's office. He said he could tell Betsy. Sheila requested that he please do so.

Dave Libbey said that he should have all the needed data from FSA 4 by next Monday. Mark Winnick and Mark Hogan of Comscope will be at Westfield this week and can go out into the field to check on problems such as faulty taps. Joe said it's good that they have more time to see where Comscope is heading.

Tom Kolek said that they still need to contact Sertex regarding the confirmation of the Colrain – Heath connection. He spoke of having driven by and seen a cable on the ground. Joe expressed concern about any cable on the ground and asked Tom to look into it.

Joe said that Dave Poplawski had reported seeing mud inside the vault above which the FSA 4 cabinet sits. He thought the ground around the outside of the vault could use an additional grade. Dave Loiko commented that the photo Joe displayed shows the vault at grade level. Maybe in the spring fill could be brought in so it's an inch or two above the lip of the vault. Also, in spring someone could check whether the bollard in front of the cabinet is wobbly.

David asked about a secondary electric cable chafing a fiber cable near the intersection of Chickesaw and Wigwam. Joe said that while there was some concern for the safety of the technician, the build got done. He said there's a weak guy wire that needs attention. Dave Loiko will check again this week.

ITG left the meeting at 2:35.

Joe announced that Cebula would be installing at the hut a multi-card access reader only. Upon someone's walking into the hut there will be an alarm that the person needs to deactivate. Bill asked whether following the installation of the card reader there would still be mechanical access. Joe replied Yes.

Joe said that Cebula is doing the Blanford install and will go next to Rowe. It's a 3 day installation. The system requires a static IP address. They will make sure the connectivity is there. Bill noted that Cebula, WG&E, and Northeast IT are all involved. Who gets the call when something fails? Joe said it's an important question.

There will be a video collaboration call. Joe said he would be happy to join. Shawn of Northeast IT will be invited to determine if the system can be located behind the muni-network firewall in order to use the town's static IP address. Joe said that if there's a need to access Cebula, the static IP can be used. David and Bill both said that they would like to be on the call.

Art asked about the cost. Joe said he would like to save us some money by avoiding an additional firewall.

Sheila told Joe that we were not informed yesterday that Kinsley was coming to do semiannual maintenance on the generator. Our contract agreement has the punch list of what they'll do. Sheila said she has not received a list of what's been done. Joe encouraged checking what's

been done. He asked whether we grant access to Kinsley. Sheila said that apparently we didn't need to.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf