



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

07/9/2013

15 Overland Industrial Blvd.

Asheville NC

Called to Order & Welcomed to Guest

- Billy Rice called the meeting to order at 10:05AM
- Tom West and Billy Rice discussed the absence of Doug Morris and the progression of Billy to Chair and Tom to Vice Chair of the NCUCC. They also discussed that at the Joint conference in May, Donna Zuniga was nominated for Secretary and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for secretary. Donna Zuniga was approved as Secretary.

Introductions

- Billy Rice began the introductions and continued around the room.

Old Business

• Review / Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Mark Hannah made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from May 3rd, 2013, Brian Groome seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by the group.
- Sandra Johnson reported that we currently have \$8,283.78 in the NCUCC account.
- Tom West and Billy Rice discussed revisions to the by-laws. Tom will email a draft to the core group. Lola Ausby made a motion to publish the revised by-laws for 30 days for group review and vote on them at the September meeting. Sandra Johnson seconded the motion, all in favor.

New Business

• Open Discussion

- Billy Rice reported to the group that the 2014 Joint Conference will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge (GWL) in Concord NC.
- Tom West reported on the meeting that he and Teresa VonCannon had with the GWL. They were able to negotiate and resolve some key issues and finalize the contract. Tom also discussed the need to raise the golf rate and the conference rate, due to the increase in costs for each yearly conference. Tom will be glad to email a copy of the final contract to any member who would like to review it.

- Tom West discussed House Bill 476. A copy of this bill can be printed from the NC811 website.
- Lola Ausby will go ahead and email a reminder to all vendors of the upcoming 2014 Conference in hopes that the heads up will increase participation.

Reports

- **NCDOT** – No Report
- **NC811** – Mark Schuman discussed Senate Bill 9 (copy attached). He also discussed 4 new positive response codes (codes attached). All of this information can be found on the NC811 website.
- **Railroads** – No Report
- **Power Companies** – Lola Ausby reported the Dominion Power had released 150 employees in NC and VA on the electric side of the company in May. Also, the company is continuing their company-wide project to upgrade facilities throughout their service territory.
- **Gas Companies and Gas Pipelines** – Billy Rice reported that PSNC is conducting “smart pig” inspections on some of their transmission lines. Tom West reported that Colonial Pipeline also does “smart pig” inspections and have been doing so for around 10 years. Colonial is also doing re-coat and side-trimming projects, and they have 6 active NCDOT relocation projects in progress.
- **Cable TV & Telecommunications Companies** – Brian Groome reported that AT&T has had 412 preventable damages through May, 70% of the damages were located and were cut anyway.
- **Contractors** – No report
- **Locate Companies** – No Report. Brian Groome noted that USIC was just awarded the locate contract for Time Warner.
- **Local UCC's** – No Report

Next Meeting – September 10, 2013, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, 110 Commerce Center Drive, Tarboro NC (map attached).

Billy Rice motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:05PM. Tom West seconded, all in favor. Lunch was provided by PSNC.