



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

9/9/14

Dominion Power
200 Veeco St
Roanoke Rapids, NC

Called to Order & Welcomed to Guest

- Donna Zuniga called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:03AM. Donna advised she would be filling in for Tom West due to a prior commitment.
- Lola Ausby discussed housekeeping issues and the emergency evacuation procedure for the facility.
- Lola Ausby conducted the safety share and discussed a personal experience where a child darted across the street. Donna Zuniga encouraged child safety along with awareness of heavy rains and flooding that had taken place. Louis Panzer mentioned a fatal bicycle accident in Greensboro, North Carolina which was believed to be the 6th this year. David West spoke on the work zone areas especially in the Raleigh area.

Introductions

- Donna Zuniga began the introductions and continued around the room.

Old Business

- Donna Zuniga asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Louis Panzer made a motion and it was seconded by Steve Trexler and approved by all. Donna Zuniga asked for a motion to approve the July meeting minutes, Lola Ausby made a motion and it was seconded by Teresa VonCannon and approved by all.

Officer Reports

- Donna Zuniga noted Tom West was unable to reach Doug Morris and unable to obtain a copy of our By Laws.
- Sandra Johnson reported for the Treasurer's Report we currently have \$7,771.60 in our account. We received a check from PSNC for \$70 and reimbursed one company that could not attend the joint meeting for \$140.
- Tim Yarbrow reported for the Secretary Report to please review the roster for last month's meeting and confirm if you were there, due to we may have missed some attendees.

New Business

- Louis Panzer spoke on the New Law which will take place on October 1st, 2014. One of the key things going in effect is mandatory membership. Louis confirmed that all “large” utilities are now members to include The City of Greensboro and The City of Winston Salem. USIC will be locating for the City of Winston Salem. Within the next two years, smaller and medium utility companies will be required to be members. Louis noted the NCDOT is in the process of becoming members. Another thing that was discussed in the July meeting was Brian Groome asked would NC811 contact excavators that were not reporting damages, Louis added he wanted to send out letters clarifying what the responsibilities would be on October 1st. A two page document comparing the new law and the old law that was created by NC811 was reviewed by Louis.

Open Discussion

- Donna Zuniga asked everyone would they like to have a discussion on our By Laws. There was a motion made by Steve Trexler and 2nd by Teresa VonCannon to wait until next meeting once we have received the revised copy from Doug Morris.

Reports

- **NC811** – Louis Panzer reminded the group that the next NC811 Board Meeting will be October 17th, 2014 in Cherokee. He also added that the NC811 Blood Drive is doing well and taken in over 900 pints. Ticket volume is up and it is a busy time for the center.
- **NCDOT** – David West announced that DeWayne Sykes, NCDOT, has retired although his position has not been filled. He reported that NCDOT has 3 divisions that are currently members of NC811. David commented that they are not only excavators but also utility owners as well to include traffic signals. David also stated that they are working on an updated utility manual that contains four parts (policy, engineering, coordination, and encroachments). Encroachments are up 10-15% and they have seen a few developer driven projects which may be an indication that things are beginning to pick up. Greg Stevens noted that they are still striving to do electronic encroachments. Greg also mentioned that they are having a lot of confusion about active shoring. If you are excavating deep within 5’ edge of pavement, it will need to be shored.
- **Electric/Power Companies-** Donna Zuniga reported that Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas announced the selection of Dominion to build a 550 mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline to transport natural gas from West Virginia to eastern North Carolina. The estimated cost is \$4.5 billion to \$5 billion, an initial capacity of 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day with a target in-service date of late 2018. Gas will be carried through a 42” diameter pipe in West Virginia and Virginia and a 36” diameter pipe in North Carolina. There will be four regional owners. Dominion-45% ownership, Duke Energy-40% ownership, Piedmont Natural Gas-10% ownership, and AGL Resources-5% ownership. Lola Ausby mentioned that it will create thousands of construction jobs during development and significant new revenue for state and local governments. She also stated that the approval process could take up to 2 years. Teresa VonCannon added that Piedmont Natural Gas is adding another \$190 million on what they have already invested in the project to expand more.
- **Excavator/Contractors-** Tim Yarbrow reported that Ansco is very busy. We are expecting to see things pick up even more as AT&T is expanding faster internet speeds in the Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston Salem, and Charlotte areas.

- **Locator/Locate Companies-** Robert Yu reported that earlier this week they have begun receiving tickets on the AT&T GigaPower project and waiting on Google projects to start. Robert noted they are preparing although the biggest challenge is not knowing when the work will take place.
- **Gas Companies and Gas Pipelines** – Teresa VonCannon reported National Natural Gas Rodeo is this weekend in Colorado Springs and they have sent some teams to compete.
- **Local UCC's** – Sandra Johnson reported the Wake County UCC meets at 11:00AM, the last Tuesday of each month, lunch is provided. Their annual contractor breakfast will be November 6th at the Golden Corral on Capital Blvd. Tim Yarbrow reported the Mecklenburg County UCC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM. Teresa VonCannon reported Davie- Yadkin has their annual Damage Prevention Luncheon-Golf Tournament on September 24th at 11:00AM. Howard Corey reported Halifax/Northampton UCC will have their annual breakfast on October 15th at Dominion Power, 200 Veeco St, Roanoke Rapids. Also Jones/Onslow UCC Damage Prevention Breakfast will be October 16th at 113 Rea Street, Jacksonville, NC at 6:30AM. Mark Worth reported Pipes Plus meetings are coming up on September 16th at 7:00AM in Charlotte and September 17th in Gastonia at 7:00AM. Bonnie Collier reported Vance County UCC meets 1st Tuesdays of the month.

Next Meeting – November 12th, 2014, 10:00AM, at Piedmont Natural Gas, 1069 Wilkes Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306

Special thanks to our host- Dominion Power!

Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM

Minutes submitted by:
Tim Yarbrow