



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 12th, 2016 at 10:00AM

Piedmont Natural Gas

1921 8th Avenue NW

Hickory, NC

Called to Order & Welcomed Guest

- Donna Zuniga called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.
- Richard Lawrence of Piedmont Natural Gas went over housekeeping, and emergency evacuations.
- Approval of agenda for July meeting: a motion was made to accept by Tim Yarbro, and was seconded by Tom West, and all approved. (It was noted that the previous minutes should have stated March, instead of January, and also that 811 needed to be moved to the top of the agenda.)
- The safety share was presented by Donna Zuniga. She shared an OSHA fact sheet concerning heat stress, ticks, mosquitos, poison oak, poison ivy, as well as other warm weather related issues that could cause bodily harm.

Introductions

- Donna Zuniga started self-introductions, and invited attendees to do the same.

Old Business

- A Motion was made by Tim Yarbro, and was seconded by Chase Gibson to accept the March minutes, all approved.
- A motion was made by Tom West, and was seconded by Donna Zuniga to accept the Treasurer report.

Officer Reports

Chair—Donna Zuniga complimented the NCSCUCC Conference Committee, as she talked on how much of a success it was. She expressed her thanks to everyone who played a part, or had a role in helping out to make the conference the great event that it was.

Co-Chair— None

Secretary—None

Treasurer's—Available balance in our account is \$9216.39. We decided to leave \$100.00, in the Pay Pal account to be able to have the account remain open.

New Business

- An election for the Secretary position was held as Tim Yarbro assumes the role as Chairman, and Billy Rice moves from secretary, into the Co-Chair position.
- Betty Pearce – Town of Wake Forrest, Chase Gibson – City of Kings Mountain, and Tara Meyer – City of Raleigh, were the names available to vote on the ballot.
- Chase Gibson – City of Kings Mountain was selected overall to assume the role as secretary.

Open Discussion

Reports

- **NCDOT** - None.
- **NC811/One Call** - Marc Schuman provided 811 updates, as well as a link to, “How do you 811?” contest, and encouraged all to take part. Marc also announced the 811 board meeting would be October 21st, 2016, at Harrahs’ Cherokee Casino at 8:30 am.
- **NCCGARP** - None.
- **CGA** - None.
- **State Regulators** - None.
- **Electric/Power Companies** - Donna Zuniga of Duke Energy announced that they held a meeting with management about the merger, with Piedmont Natural Gas, (with a possibility of the merger being completed by the end of 2016.) Also she commented on the status of damages in Wake County, as Google, and AT&T have made things difficult.
- **Engineering/Design** - None.
- **Equipment Manufactures** - None.
- **Excavators/Contractors** - Tim Yarbro of AnSCO said that North Carolina is very busy for us, (AnSCO), as they are actively working in Raleigh, as well as Wake, and Mecklenburg Counties. They are also actively working on locates with USIC.
- **Insurance** – None.
- **Locator/Locate Companies** - Chris Russ of USIC commented on the amount of ticket increase, (up 27% higher this year.) He encouraged everyone to be attentive looking out for traffic, as well as the safety of all locators. Also he encouraged everyone while calling in locate tickets to give as much information as possible as it will help out those doing the locates.
- **Gas Companies and Gas Pipelines** - Teresa VonCannon of Piedmont Natural Gas made known that the merger with Duke Energy is going well. She also added that damages are on the rise, and anything that anyone could possibly do to help with damage prevention would be a huge asset to all Utilities.
- **Oil & Oil Pipelines** – Tom West of Colonial Pipeline said they would have a lot of digs going on across the state in areas such as Rockingham, Greensboro, and Wake County. Anyone is more than welcome to contact Tom with any issues, or to receive help concerning Colonial Pipeline.
- **Private Water** – None.
- **Public Works** – Representative of the City of Hickory complained of contractors continually calling in locates, and they are constantly never being done. Tim Yarbro of AnSCO responded to the complaint that it should be addressed at the local UCC. Tom West of Colonial Pipeline added that the topic has been discussed at local UCCs, and that the underlying factor is issues with planning. Billy Rice of PSNC added that anyone is welcome to file complaints with the review board, as written complaints are

being accepted as of now, and also that unfortunately a lot of the problems currently with planning for work to be done has a lot to do with the frequent changes in weather.

- **Railroads** – None.
- **Road Builders** – None.
- **Telecommunications & CABLE TV Companies** – Paul Carrico of AT&T wanted to compliment all the contractors that AT&T are currently using on their continuous hard work, and added if anyone has any concerns to feel free to contact him.
- **At Large (Emergency Services)** – None.
- **Local UCC Reports** – Wake County met July 26th at 11:00 AM at PSNC on Global St. Mecklenburg County met on July 27th, and they were excited to announce that they have grown in attendance from 8-10 people to 40-45 on a regular basis. They have formed a sub-committee that met on July 12th, to discuss, and look into the issue of locates being called in, and no work being done. Rowan County met on July 14th at Piedmont Natural Gas in Salisbury. Buncombe County met on July 21st. Burke County met on July 12th. Hickory UCC meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month except for July, and December. Mayland UCC meets the 4th Friday of each month. Anyone interested in attending a local UCC can refer to the NCUCC website to find a UCC, and the corresponding dates of those UCC's near them.

Next Meeting – September 13th 2016, at Dominion Power 200 Veeco Street Roanoke Rapids NC 27870.

Special Thanks to Piedmont Natural Gas for hosting.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Roanoke Rapids in September. Please drive, and work safely, and bring someone with you to our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:17 AM

Minutes submitted by: **Chase Gibson**