



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 10AM  
1801 Trinity Church Rd, Concord, NC 28027  
PSNC Operations Center

### Called to Order & Welcomed Guests

- Chase Gibson called the meeting to order @ 10:00 am
- Housekeeping & Safety by Jason Stover – PSNC  
Jason Stover will lead group outside  
Chase Gibson will call 911  
Josh Yelton will operate AED and perform CPR

### Introductions

- Chase Gibson asked for self-introductions.
- Steve Trexler made the motion to accept the March July 2018 Minutes. It was seconded by Tim Yarbro. Motion was approved.
- Sandra Johnson - August, 2018 Checking Balance - \$10,614.60  
A refund check from Cherokee Casino in the amount of \$589.57 has increased the current total balance.  
Checking balance - \$11,204.17  
Sandra mentioned the importance of maintaining a balance less than \$10,000 in order to preserve non-profit status.  
Sandra asked that a motion be made to approve an earlier than usual donation to SCUCC in the amount of \$500 for the 2019 NC/SC Joint UCC Conference.  
Jason Stover made the motion. It was seconded by Steve Texler. The motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

N/A

### New Business

- Chase Gibson announced that voting would take place for the new NCUCC logo contest and that we had five logo submissions to choose between.

It was agreed upon by all that the selected logo would be approved for immediate use. Ballots were passed out to the group.

Logo #3, submitted by Andrew Ashe, was selected as the contest winner (New logo in the header of these minutes).

Chase is to notify Andrew and give his contact information to Sandra.

Sandra will issue Andrew a check in the amount of \$100 as the agreed upon award for winning the logo contest.

## **Officers' Reports**

- **Chair** — Chase Gibson
- **Co-Chair** — Robert Yu (unable to attend)
- **Treasurer** — Sandra Johnson
- **Secretary** — Jason Stover

## **Open Discussion**

- Chase mentioned that it is never too early to begin preparing for the 2020 NC/SC Joint UCC Conference and asked for open discussion to take place concerning possible locations. Chase mentioned the Great Wolf Lodge in Concord has reached out to him and he would at least entertain pricing.
- Shayne McGlocklin suggested the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, NC
- Sandra suggested that both Cherokee and Wrightsville Beach be considered as options.
- Larry Sanders suggested Carolina Beach be considered.

## **Reports**

NCDOT – Larry Sanders stated that he had nothing to report on, business as usual.

Ann Rushing asked if there were any DOT updates on the storm. Larry stated that there have been a lot of efforts to attempt to prepare and that NCDOT has released items for the media to publish such as call center numbers for re-routing drivers who find themselves on flooded roads. Amy Dupree stated that the governor had sent out a smart phone app called *Ready NC* for download to phones. The app can share real-time flood information and could be useful.

NC811 – Ann Rushing began with a safety presentation about the prevention of road rage.

Due to Hurricane Florence, please watch for updates concerning the NC811 Board meeting scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> in Wrightsville Beach.

Pipes Plus training is to be offered to utilities, excavators, and community colleges. Please visit [ncpipesplus.org](http://ncpipesplus.org) for more information.

NC811 to release a new smart phone app in the coming months that has a link for users to provide 811 with information regarding any issues or concerns they are experiencing. The app includes information regarding educational opportunities as well.

Louis Panzer mentioned it is nearly time for the appointing of board members to the North Carolina Underground Damage Prevention Review Board.

Currently waiting on the governor for the appointments of board members.

Ann mentioned this is a 4 year commitment and a person may only serve two consecutive terms.

Marc Worth asked for guidance on how locates will be handled during the “Hurricane Florence” event.

Louis stated that 80% of the CSRs work from home and that NC811 is prepared to switch to a secondary server if the need arises. He does not foresee any shut-downs during the weather event.

NC811 does expect some utilities to declare “Extraordinary Circumstances” and they are entitled to do so.

This must be declared through NC811 member services and the utility must provide a time frame of when they expect to return to work at the time of the declaration.

Chase asked who is at fault if an excavator damages a utility during this time.

Louis answered that this would be left to the legal system to sort out.  
Next NCUCC meeting is November 13, 2018, at 10:00AM – Piedmont Natural Gas – 4740 Corporation Dr. Fayetteville, NC.

NCLRPC – Ann Rushing spoke on behalf of Sam Gonzalez. Ann mentioned that Mecklenburg & Wake LRDPCC have merged, creating one NCLRPC. The new location will be NC811 office, 5009 High Point Rd., Greensboro, NC. Meeting will be every other month and reviewing actual data as opposed to “word of mouth” issues. The NCLRPC is seeking participation from additional stakeholders and desires NCUCC involvement. Ann said that the committee will be releasing a video outlining the new and revamped partnership. Roger Richards with Sanders Utilities stated that he would reach out to his OSHA contacts seeking their participation.

NCCGARP – Louis Panzer said they are changing their interface to make the web site more user friendly. Louis says that a survey was conducted to test the awareness of 811. Awareness in North Carolina is higher than the national average.

Locate Companies – Kevin Bowers with Southern Cross had nothing to report. Due to storm prep, there were no other locate companies represented.

Power – Josh Yelton with City of Concord said they are conducting storm prep and gearing up. Macon Respress with City of Washington said they are expecting detrimental storm damage and they are ramping up.

Gas – Teresa VonCannon says that PNG is preparing for the storm, especially in the east. Billy Rice with PSNC said they are buttoning up all projects with open excavations and moving equipment to safe locations.

Public Works – Bob Blizzard with Town of Mooresville raised ongoing concerns with locates not being met within three business days. Tracy Taylor with City of Charlotte said they are utilizing A&B shifts as part of their storm prep efforts. Chase Gibson with City of Kings Mountain ask that each of us reach out to friends and family who may be in the path of Hurricane Florence to let them know we are thinking of them.

Railroads – Louis Panzer said that he is hoping to get someone to speak at the next NCUCC meeting.

Cable & Telecommunications – Jody Kiker with Spectrum stated “business as usual”. Louis Panzer mentioned attempting to identify tickets created by “bots” as part of an effort to combat unnecessary high ticket volume. Robert Memory said they are installing fiber between numbers of cell towers.

Beaufort County UCC – Meeting November 2, 2018 at Fish Hooks 231 E. Main St., Bellhaven, NC

Cabarrus, Rowan, Stanly UCC – Meeting on September 13, cancelled due to storm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Trexler, seconded by Roger Richards and meeting was adjourned @ 11:27AM.

## **Special Thanks to PSNC Energy for Hosting**

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4740 Corporation Dr. Fayetteville, NC.**

