



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 10 am – 12 pm
1921 8th Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601
Piedmont Natural Gas Office

Called to Order & Welcomed Guests

- Billy Rice called the meeting to order @ 10:00 am
- Housekeeping & Safety by Terry Marcum with Piedmont Natural Gas
 - Tami Stout will call 911
 - John Walter will be outside group leader
 - Richard Lawrence is the evacuation leader
 - Terry Marcum will account for all evacuees
 - Rony will operate AED
 - Parrish Redick will be the lead for CPR

Introductions

- Billy Rice asked for self-introductions.
- Billy made the motion to accept the March 2018 Minutes. It was seconded by Ann Rushing and Tim Yarbro. Motion was approved.
- Sandra Johnson - June 29, 2018 Checking Balance - \$10,614.00
\$59,935.00 spent for NC/SC Joint Conference

Old Business

N/A

New Business

- Candidates are Jason Stover and Donna Pleasant Zuniga. Bios were provided by Chase Gibson
Jason Stover was elected as the new NCUCC Secretary
- Billy Rice mentioned Sandra Johnson has done a remarkable job as a treasurer and will continue to hold this position.
- Billy thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as the Chair.

Officers' Reports

- **Chair** — Chase Gibson
- **Co-Chair** — Robert Yu
- **Treasurer** — Sandra Johnson
- **Secretary** — Jason Stover

Open Discussion

- Chase reviewed the NC/SC Joint Conference. There was a large participation and overall the event was a success.
- The new NCUCC logo contest was discussed. Chase provided the draft image for everyone's review. New logo will be finalized at the September 2018 meeting.
- Billy Rice reminded everyone about the logo contest prize for \$100.00 gift card.
- Ann Rushing asked to submit any conceptual design to NC811. A hand sketch is acceptable.
- Motion was made by Sam Gonzalez to vote on new logo at September meeting in Concord. Sandra Johnson seconded and motion was approved.
- Tim asked to review the NC811 affiliation on the logo to avoid any confusion.
- Chase wanted us to start thinking about the 2020 NC/SC Joint UCC. Asked the attendees to submit any recommendations.

Reports

NCDOT - Carl Barclay introduced the western region team involved in utility relocations. He asked for suggestions for everyone to become a better partnership. Build NC funding source has been approved. NCDOT 12 month let-list link is on the agenda. Also 10 to 20 year plan is also listed.

NC811 – Tami Stout shared information about personal safety related to heat exhaustion.

Encouraged white line to better communicate with utility locators to ensure the work area is covered.

Survey Design Locate Process - Ann Rushing asked we utilize a correct positive response on all design locates.

Billy Rice shared that PSNC designed their own internal positive response code. PSNC is contacting the caller and providing maps to avoid dedicating resources. NC811 has printed wallet size response codes.

All damages must be reported to NC811.

NC811 has sponsored Burt Myers.

The next NC811 Board Meeting is at Lake Lure. Refer to NC811.org calendar

NC Damage Review Board Meeting is July 17, 2018.

Next NCUCC meeting is September 11, 2018, at the PSNC office in Concord, NC.

Chris Hall, Public Works Director, with Town of Clarkton, expressed concern with excavators digging on their ROW without proper locates. Ann informed Chris we need to communicate with facility owners and locators.

NCDOT reaffirmed the process on encroachment policies and procedures.

Sam Gonzalez with Windstream is the chairperson for Meck LRPC. They meet every other month and elections will be held to appoint the committee members in the future. Ann mentioned that Mecklenburg & Wake LRDP will be consolidated to NCLRPC and the new meeting location will be at the new NC811 office located at 5009 High Point Rd., Greensboro, NC. The Meeting will be every other month. Ann reminded that NCLRPC is not a UCC and is stakeholder driven.

NC Utilities Commission – Ann said they have provided a powerpoint presentation that each Liaison has on their laptops. We the Pipeline Inspectors at local UCC's, they can provide this presentation to give an overview of the NC Utilities Commission and their responsibilities.

Power - Dan Bare with Duke Energy had no comments

Excavator & Contractors - Rob Sledge with South East Connections in Triad said drops are not being located. YTD 98 un-located drops have been damaged and they are having to report a Duke PIR (incident report) for each. Rob mentioned the issue is mainly involving USIC. Bob Wirth stated this is not a USIC issue and this needs to be addressed with Spectrum, not USIC. Bob recommended Rob keep track of downtime and not to pay the invoice to Spectrum. Rob also asked about sewer lateral locates and accountability when damaged. Ann mentioned the lateral from the cleanout to house is the homeowner's responsibility. Chris Hall, Town of Clarkton agreed. Several locators asked the excavating community to call in locate requests correctly with clearly defined work areas rather than both sides of the street. Southeast Connection also wanted to know who is responsible for locating traffic signal lines. Ann asked for the member code for her to follow up.

Dan Bare with Duke asked about positive response, particularly the 999's. Ann mentioned the benefits of Enhanced Positive Response to alleviate these issues. Ann also discussed the 3 hour notice.

Locate Companies – Kevin Bowers with Southern Cross asked when “White Lining” will become a law. Both sides of the street and entire intersection tickets are putting a strain on the excavating community and locators. Chase agreed that “White Lining” is very helpful and added that a valid phone number to reach the excavators is also crucial. Billy Rice would like to see the “White Lining” become a law. However, “White Lining” needs to be standardized. Ann stated “White Lining” should be labeled by the excavators.

Marc Worth with PSNC mentioned an upcoming meeting in late August to review the damage prevention law, including “White Lining”.

Sam Gonzalez said Division 10 encroachments have been suspended and are working on better partnering with NCDOT.

Micah Winn & Andy Leviner with Spirit Communications mentioned the activity in Raleigh

Wake County UCC – Sandra Johnson with PSNC in Raleigh announced they are having a hot dog lunch prior to their next meeting.

Union County UCC – Sam is working on Active Shooter training

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Trexler, seconded by Parrish Reddick and meeting was adjourned.

Special Thanks to Piedmont Natural Gas/Duke Energy for Hosting

**Next Meeting – September 11, 2018 10 am, PSNC Energy, 1801 Trinity Church Rd,
Concord, NC 28027**