



# North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

## Meeting Minutes

1/13/15

Piedmont Natural Gas  
2611 Greengate Drive  
Greensboro, NC

### Called to Order & Welcomed Guest

- Tom West called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:01AM.
- Teresa VonCannon discussed housekeeping along with emergency evacuation procedure for the facility.

### Introductions

- Tom West began the introductions and continued around the room.

### Old Business

- Tom West asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Donna Zuniga made a motion while it was seconded by Teresa VonCannon and approved by all.
- Tom West asked for a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, Teresa VonCannon made a motion while it was seconded by Donna Zuniga and approved by all.

### Officer Reports

- NCUCC Chairs report had nothing to add by Tom West.
- NCUCC Co-Chairs report had nothing to add by Donna Zuniga.
- NCUCC Treasurer's report- Tom West reported in Sandra Johnson's absence. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 there is a balance of \$7771.60. There were no deposits or withdrawals.
- NCUCC Secretary's report had nothing to add by Tim Yarbro.

### New Business

- Tom West spoke on the changes/approval of the NCUCC By-Laws. He asked if everyone had a chance to review them as they were covered extensively in our November 2014 meeting. Doug Morris commented to the group on making sure we had a quorum to support the changes. It was agreed by the group that over five member organizations were present. Tom West asked for a motion to accept the changes of By-Laws as written. Kevin Johnson made a motion that we accept the By-Laws while it was seconded by Doug Morris and approved by all.

## Open Discussion

- Tom West spoke on the CGA Conference that will be in Orlando, Florida, March 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.
- There was discussion with the group on the 2015 meeting locations for the NCUCC. It was confirmed that July meeting will be in Asheville along with the September meeting in Tarboro and November meeting in Wilmington.
- Louis Panzer commented on the new dig law in North Carolina. It appears that excavators are complying with damage reporting on a general basis. Preliminary reports are reflective to what the DIRT report showed for last year. The center has modified the damage reporting form where it is DIRT compliant. Therefore the information will be uploaded to a national database. On another note, Louis reported white lining has increased to 15-20%. As far as the enforcement, the governor has appointed 15 members although the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting has not been held to establish procedures and By-Laws on how that board operates. The center has received a complaint and will be addressed to the 15 member enforcement board.
- Teresa VonCannon reported that the majority suggestions were for Wrightsville for the NC/SC Joint Conference for 2016 although it has not been secured. Tom West stated 2015 NC/SC Joint Conference will be held in Greenville, South Carolina on April 29- May 1st at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

## Reports

- **NCDOT-** David West commented that their utility department has a new boss. Ron Wilkens will be replacing Dewayne Sykes. Ron has over 20 years' experience with the utility section and will most likely be NCDOT representation on the board of directors of North Carolina 811 although it is not official at this time. NCDOT is in the process of getting all 14 divisions as members with NC811. Currently 3 divisions are members. The center has been very helpful in the process. As far as encroachments, records report a 10% increase in 2014 versus 2013.
- **NC811** – Louis Panzer announced Doc Asbury has retired and Ann Rushing will be taking his place as manager of education. Doc will be missed although Ann is very passionate and excited about the opportunity. Louis also added that Pipes Plus Training is now online and trackable. Once you complete the training, a certificate will be printed. Another thing that will be introduced this year is a call back system that will enable callers to leave their number in the case there may be a longer wait time than normal. The volume from NC811 was up 5.7% from 2013. Louis indicated that NC811 Board Meeting along with their annual meeting will be held Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30am at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina if anyone would like to attend. Tom West added that if anyone would like a NC811 Dig Safe Banner for their company to display, the center was making orders.
- **Electric/Power Companies-** Donna Zuniga noted that Atlantic Coast Pipeline appears to be on schedule. Duke Energy claims in her region have decreased in underground and increased in overhead.

- **Excavator/Contractors-** Tim Yarbrow reported that AnSCO and Associates is still busy with AT&T GigaPower projects.
- **Locators-** Robert Yu announced AT&T GigaPower projects have projected 60,000-70,000 living units this year. USIC has established a project crew to focus on the demand. Another item that was addressed was CenturyLink's locates. Currently there is a problem with ticket codes or ticket gridding which is causing issues of getting CenturyLink's facilities located in some areas. Robert is working with CenturyLink on a local level to address the issue.
- **Gas Companies and Gas Pipelines** –Teresa VonCannon reported record delivery for Piedmont Natural Gas. Marc Worth noted that ticket count was up 10% for PSNC Energy. He also stated they have started locating for their contractors which includes 20% of their ticket volume. Kevin Johnson commented that white lining was great but please don't get carried away. White paint stays on the pavement for quite some time. Billy Rice stated that they had a 2" gas main that was damaged due to there being multiple white lining on site which caused confusion.
- **Oil and Oil Pipelines-** Tom West reported Colonial Pipeline having their largest volume move of product. They transported over 2.5 million barrels product per day. Also Colonial Pipeline is in the process of moving and relocating over one mile of pipe near Battleground and I840. There is a lot of activity in the Apex area near subdivision work where roads are crossing their pipeline. They have side trimming work going on from Lillington- Fayetteville. One of the concerns he is having is with excavators understanding the need to have a company representative for transmission pipelines on site during excavation around those pipelines. This is a requirement by PHMSA, CFR §195.442(6)(i).
- **Telecommunications & Cable TV Companies** – Brock Holmes from ATMC reported 14% increase in the Shiloh area. Brock spoke of issues where NCDOT contractors would place signs listing footage measurements although they would place signs outside of where the ticket requested. Dominic Phillimeano from PRG reported 257 damages for his area. This was an increase since 2013. The majority is not waiting the required time.
- **Local UCC's** – Kevin Johnson stated that Foothills UCC has changed their meeting time to 11:00am. The next meeting will be at Gregory's Restaurant in Rutherfordton. They meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Donna Zuniga reported the Wake County UCC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 11:00am and they usually have a sponsor that provides lunch.

**Next Meeting – March 10th, 2015, 10:00AM, at PSNC Energy, 4221 Global Street, Raleigh, NC 27610**

Special thanks to our host- Piedmont Natural Gas!

Meeting adjourned at 11:34AM

Minutes submitted by:  
Tim Yarbrow