



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

3/10/15

PSNC Energy

4211 Global Street

Raleigh, NC

Called to Order & Welcomed Guest

- Donna Zuniga called the meeting to order in absence of Tom West and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:00AM.
- Sandra Johnson discussed housekeeping along with emergency evacuation procedure for the facility.
- Donna Zuniga commented on a safety share to include daylight savings time. Please be aware children will be out in the early morning hours when it is still dark, waiting for school buses to arrive.

Introductions

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

Old Business

- Donna Zuniga asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Bruce Sheldon made a motion while it was seconded by Sandra Johnson and approved by all.
- Donna Zuniga asked for a motion to approve the January 2015 meeting minutes, Teresa VonCannon made a motion while it was seconded by Bruce Sheldon and approved by all.

Officer Reports

- NCUCC Chairs report had nothing to add due to absence of Tom West.
- NCUCC Co-Chairs report had nothing to add by Donna Zuniga.
- NCUCC Treasurer's report- Sandra Johnson reported as of March 10th, 2015 there is a balance of \$7771.60. There were no deposits or withdrawals although we will be mailing a \$500.00 check to SCUCC as a donation for the Joint Conference that was approved in the November 2014 meeting.
- NCUCC Secretary's report- Tim Yarbrow reported the NCUCC meeting locations for the remainder of 2015. April 29th-May 1st will be our May meeting at the NC/SC

Joint Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located at 220 N Main Street, Greenville, SC. July meeting will be at PSNC Energy, 15 Overland Industrial Blvd, Asheville, NC. Our September meeting will at Piedmont Natural Gas, 110 Commerce Center Drive, Tarboro, NC. The November meeting will be held at Piedmont Natural Gas, 1321 South 10th Street, Wilmington, NC.

New Business

- Donna Zuniga spoke on the 2016 NC/SC Joint Conference that will be held in North Carolina. Donna asked if there was anyone that would like to serve on any of the committees. Jeremy Vargo and Betty Pearce from Town of Wake Forest volunteered to serve on the Vendor & Sponsor Committee. Mazetta Wynn from PSNC volunteered to serve on the Agenda & Speaker Committee.
- Teresa VonCannon reviewed the hotel location for the 2016 Joint Conference. Holiday Inn in Wrightsville Beach had a rate of \$144-\$164 per night with a rental of \$1000 and the Blockade Runner had a rate of \$182 per night with a rental of almost \$2000. The only issue is we would have to move the date back one week to May 4th -6th. The group voted unanimously on the Holiday Inn.
- Donna Zuniga stated that the Site & Food Committee will have a conference call next week for further discussion.
- Sandra Johnson indicated that the company that performed the locator training at the last conference expressed their willingness to come back in 2016.

Open Discussion

- Donna Zuniga noted that Tom West asked the question on how the NCUCC could better assist the local UCC meetings. The group did not mention anything in particular although indicated that providing lunch at their meetings has increased participation. Sandra Johnson also indicated reaching out by phone calls and emails for reminders of the upcoming meetings is helpful.
- Donna Zuniga asked everyone to talk with their local UCC groups and ask how the NCUCC could help the local meetings and bring it back for us to discuss.

Reports

- **NC811** – Howard Corey covered NC811 presentation. The presentation included the “Dig It NC” video narrated by Louis Panzer. It also contained information on Positive Response, tickets and transmissions received for January, February, and March. Howard indicated Pipes Plus Meetings will be starting and continue throughout the state. NC811 Blood drive will be held April 10th at 2300 W Meadowview Rd, Greensboro, NC. In conclusion Howard invited everyone to become a Safe Digging Partner, for more information please login to www.nc811.org or there is a link on the NC811 app.
- **Electric/Power Companies-** Lola Ausby from Dominion Power noted that Atlantic Coast Pipeline appears to be on schedule to start construction in 2016.
- **Excavator/Contractors-** Tim Yarbrow reported that Ansco and Associates is busy with AT&T GigaPower projects. The weather has slowed things down but things are back on schedule.
- **Locators-** Robert Yu announced AT&T GigaPower projects are keeping them extremely busy. He introduced TJ Marlatt as the project manager that would be

assisting in the GigaPower work. Robert spoke on design/survey request. He indicated that USIC performs these locates although they are not Level 2 certified.

- **Gas Companies and Gas Pipelines** –Teresa VonCannon shared a near miss with the group. Piedmont received a call from a plumbing contractor one night who advised of a cross bore with a drain line. The contractor was threatening to bore through the gas line if the line was not moved immediately. Crew arrived to find the line uncovered which appeared to be feeding gas lights. The crew decided to reroute the line. As the crew cut down on the line it was determined it was a power line. No one was hurt. This incident instigated a Safety Stand Down across the company to share the incident. A Root Cause Analysis is being conducted.
- **Telecommunications & Cable TV Companies** – Bruce Sheldon reported Time Warner Cable have projects starting from Warsaw to Steadman which will basically link their Jacksonville system to their Fayetteville system. This is approximately 44 miles of fiber to include 16-18 miles of underground. Also there are approximately 20-30 conversions going on per month across the state on the Duke Net fiber that was purchased last year by Time Warner Cable.
- **Local UCC's** – Sandra Johnson reported the Wake County UCC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 11:00am and they usually have a sponsor that provides lunch. Kenny Hart reported that Cumberland County meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Lola Ausby reported the Halifax/Northampton meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Next Meeting – NC/SC UCC Joint Conference April 29th – May 1st at Hyatt Regency Hotel located at 220 N Main St, Greenville.

Special thanks to our host and for providing lunch- PSNC Energy!

Meeting adjourned at 11:16AM

Minutes submitted by:
Tim Yarbro