



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018 @ 10:00 AM
PSNC 4211 Global St. Raleigh, NC. 27610

Called to Order & Welcomed Guests

- Chase Gibson called the meeting to order @ 10:00AM
- Housekeeping by Sandra Johnson

Introductions

- Chase Gibson asked for self-introductions

Old Business

- Chase Gibson presented the Joint conference power point. Photos of the venue by Chase Gibson, including the golf course.
- Only 25 slots were open for locate class. 16 have registered
- Tim asked for additional vendor sponsorship
- Ann and Chase mentioned an update on the link to the hotel is on the website, NCUCC.org

NC811 Report

Ann Rushing provided NC811 presentation. She covered Home Depot collaboration, Enhanced positive response, share 811 logo on your company website. April is National Safe Digging Month. 811 2nd quarter Board Meeting is 4-20 in Lake Lure. NC/SC UCC Joint Conference is May 2-4th. Damage Prevention Review Board Schedule and Report are available online.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes approval from January meeting motioned by Chase Gibson
Motion accepted and seconded by Donna Pleasant Zuniga

Officers' Reports

- **Chair** — Billy Rice
- **Co-Chair** — Chase Gibson

- **Treasurer** — Sandra Johnson
- **Secretary** — Robert Yu

Open Discussion

- Joint Conference update given by Chase Gibson. Shuttle service will be provided by a vendor. Mark Hannah will be in charge of Golf logistics. Vendor sponsorship is needed.
- Robert Yu reviewed Speakers is also in charge of door prizes
- New NCUCC log was discussed. During conference, everyone will have an opportunity to submit for approval
- Joint UCC Agenda will be finalized this week. Ann Rushing has posted the draft in Constant Contact
- July 2018 Secretary suggestion will be taken at the conference
- Secretary responsibilities were reviewed by Chase Gibson. Also reviewed Co-Chair and Chair positions.

Reports

- NCDOT. Division leaders are in respective regions and taking a hard stand to work with everyone. They are still dealing with delays with facility owners. NCDOT spent an additional \$10 million due to delays. NCDOT is requesting teamwork and communication. How can we get facilities moved to mitigate cost? Projects are escalating, they are working toward better coordination. Larry Sanders is the new encroachment engineer and point person out of Raleigh. He is committed to work with everyone to get the work done timely.
- NC811 – None
- NC DOL – None
- Electric and Power
Donna Pleasant Zuniga mentioned Duke Energy is moving to a partnership with PRG for damage claims investigations, billing, and collections. Justice Everett was not pleased with this announcement. Lineman rodeo update by Betty Pearce
- NCCGARP – None
- CGA – Ann Rushing updated the group. Next meeting is in Tampa. Great opportunities to gather ideas and to get feedback from other regions. In the CGA Video Challenge, NC811 was awarded first place.
- Engineering and Design – None
- Equipment MFG – None
- Excavators and Contractors – AnSCO is very busy locally and also in SC.
- Lamberts Cable is starting a 3.5 million footage project. Winston Salem and Greensboro starting soon.
- JBL communication is moving to Durham Chapel Hill for Spirit Comm.
- Insurance – None. Ann Rushing mentioned that the Mecklenburg UCC had Travelers Insurance as a speaker.

- Kevin with Integrity Fiber noted any road work will impact Google fiber.
- Gas – Teresa noted PNG damages are down. Heathe Consultants are locating for PNG.
- Oil Pipeline – Tony with Dixie Pipeline reported signage repair due lot of mowing
- PSNC – Danny mentioned that if you cut a tracer wire or damage the coating, please contact PSNC for repair. Teresa said PNG will not charge for reporting these damages. Brian McCoy reported, Reidsville to Clayton pipe inspection in progress.
- Weekend damages will not be reported out until Monday. Damage notification on weekends will not go out immediately.
- Chase Gibson, asked that if you smell gas odor, please report. Example where the homeowner smelled gas but never reported it. Due to abnormally high bill, they reported and turned out to be dangerous level of gas in the house.
- Teresa and Kevin with Integrity Locating introduced themselves
- Private water – None
- Public Works – Michelle with City of Raleigh, critical main notification procedure. 16" or larger are considered critical. 249 critical main notification and only 2 contractors responded. Elite UG and Piedmont Utility Group. Charlie with City of Raleigh asked for suggestions on how to improve cooperation on notification.
- Justice Everett praised City of Raleigh. Also stated that excavator already waited 3 days and the critical notification may delay another 3 days. That may be the root cause on the side of the excavator.
- Railroad – None
- CATV & Telecom – Jodi Kiker stated BAU damages have decreased 26%. Attributes this some to education with the help of NC811/Ann Rushing. Also support from local UCC's. Jodi will get with DOT to try and mitigate some of the delays.
- Andy Leviner – Spirit Communication moving to Guilford and Forsythe, Durham and Chapel Hill. Mentioned recent damage in Robeson County where the City repaired of a hydrant without a locate ticket.
- Emergency Services - None
- Local UCC - Jones Onslow, Ralph Murphy reported that many excavators are digging before tickets is cleared. He also reported issues with emergency locate stating that the crew will be on site in 48 hours. How is this an emergency? Ann will have Howard with NC811 follow up.
- The questioned was raised as to where to look up complaint number and the outcome from the Review Board. It is difficult to see what was addressed by the review board. Ann Rushing will address and circle back. Docket number and complaint # could differ, making it hard to cross reference.
- Jodi Kiker said service drop cuts are not being reported
- Ann Rushing said NC811 is starting up Fort Bragg UCC and looking forward to the partnership.

Special Thanks to PSNC for Hosting & Providing Lunch

Next Meeting –

Tue, July 10, 10am – 12pm

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