



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2016 at 10:00AM

Piedmont Natural Gas

1069 Wilkes Rd.

Fayetteville, NC

Called to Order & Welcomed Guest

- Tim Yarbrow called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.
- Wanda Ellis of Piedmont Natural Gas went over housekeeping, and emergency evacuations.
- Approval of agenda for September meeting: a motion was made to accept by Kevin Johnson, and was seconded by Sandra Johnson, and all approved.
- The safety share was presented by Mark Worth, (PSNC.) He shared on the Fall/Winter season driving safety. With the cool weather comes the heightened migration of deer. Be aware of your surroundings while driving near dusk/dawn.

Introductions

- Tim Yarbrow started self-introductions, and invited attendees to do the same.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Kevin Johnson, and was seconded by Donna Zuniga to accept the September minutes, all approved.
- 2017 State UCC meeting locations review – we discussed the new locations of the 2017 State UCC meetings, and they are as followed:
 - **January** – Greensboro
 - **March** – Raleigh - (*lunch will be provided.*)
 - **May** – NC/SC UCC joint conference. South Carolina will be hosting the 2017 conference. *Actual date for NC/SC UCC Joint Conference is April 5th – April 7th 2017 and will be located at The Hilton at Kingston Plantation, 10000 Beach Club Dr. Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.*
 - **July** – Hickory/**Asheville**
 - **September** – Charlotte/**Concord** – (*lunch will be provided.*)
 - **November** – **Wilmington**/Roanoke Rapids

- **NCUCC Website Update** – No new information.
- **CGA Best Practices Discussion** –Louis Panzer (NC 811) has volunteered to cover new information at upcoming State UCC meetings.

Officer's Reports

- **Chair** — Tim Yarbrow reminded everyone that it was Election Day, please go vote if you haven't.
- **Co-Chair** — Billy Rice talked about damages in Gaston County and how they have increased due to companies performing blind bores.
- **Treasurer** — Sandra Johnson provided us with the available balance in our account which is \$9216.39. We have no outstanding invoices at this time.
- **Secretary** — Chase Gibson asked for everyone to re-check the sign in sheet to be sure that there is correct information down for the contact list. When he sent out the reminder for the meeting, there were an enormous amount of e-mails that were returned due to the e-mail address not being correct.

New Business

- **Hurricane Matthew Utility Impact**
 - Kenny Hart (Fayetteville Public Works) Flooding caused a tremendous amount of issues on sewer/ water in the Fayetteville area. They are very thankful for all of NC DOT's help in the area, along with anyone who offered support during the recovery aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.
 - Tami Stout (NC 811) – NC 811 recorded one facility owner to claim extraordinary circumstances due to the hurricane.
 - Ron Wilkins (NC DOT) – Wanted to show his appreciation for the engineers at section 3 & section 6. He also was very ecstatic due to the amount of support from sections 1, 11, &14. He announced the NC DOT is now in recovery mode, and he wanted to compliment the awesome relationship, and coordination between NC DOT, and Utility owners in the Fayetteville area.

Open Discussion

- **2018 NC/SC UCC Joint Conference** – We are looking into having the 5 suggested locations narrowed down to 2 by our January Meeting.

Reports

- **NCDOT** – Ron Wilkins wanted to thank all utilities and said we have a very valid relationship. He announced upon January 1st, 2017 there will be a new encroachment system and it will be completely electronic.
- **NC811/One Call** – Tami Stout provided us with a presentation. She reminded us that Damage Prevention Review Board will be meeting on November 15, 2016 in Raleigh. She also pitched Pipes Plus Training and wanted to announce that the Spanish version of Pipes Plus has been completed and is currently being reviewed by the Hispanic Construction Committee.
- **NCCGARP** - None.
- **CGA** – Louis Panzer will provide an update in January at the Greensboro meeting.
- **State Regulators** - None.
- **Electric/Power Companies** – Donna Zuniga (Duke Energy) damages in Wake County are on the rise due to the Google project.
- **Engineering/Design** - None.
- **Equipment Manufactures** - None.
- **Excavators/Contractors** – Mike Palusa (State Utility Contractors) are having problems with abandoned facilities, and complained that they constantly slow down work. He also wanted to talk about the issue his company is having dealing with collection agencies due to lines that they hit during construction. The collections agency is charging a 31% fee just for damage investigation. He said they have been on site and witnessed a “damage investigator” show up on a damage site for 15 minutes, and when they receive the bill it is for hours, and hours of investigation and repairs. He encouraged everyone to take pictures before, and after construction to cover yourself.
- **Insurance** – None.
- **Locator/Locate Companies** –
 - Robert Yu (USIC) advised that they are busy especially in Wake, Raleigh, Durham, and Apex Counties keeping up with the 68 crews installing Light Gig.
 - Billy Rice (PSNC) complimented Josh Stigler of USIC in Gaston County and the surrounding area on how good of a job he was doing.
- **Gas Companies and Gas Pipelines** –
 - Billy Rice (PSNC) talked about damages in Gaston County are on the rise especially due to companies performing blind bores. He also announced Kevin Johnson, and Marc Worth are working on an awareness campaign dealing with high pressure gas lines. Currently it is a requirement while digging around high pressure gas lines to have a representative from PSNC on site for the duration of work being done. PSNC will also be

using a 3rd party locator, (Southern Cross) to help with the amount of locates.

- Teresa VonCannon (Piedmont Natural Gas) added that their merger with Duke Energy should be completed by the end of this year.

- **Oil & Oil Pipelines** – Colonial Pipeline is now back in service.
- **Private Water** – None.
- **Public Works** – None
- **Railroads** – None.
- **Road Builders** – None.
- **Telecommunications & CABLE TV Companies** – None.
- **At Large (Emergency Services)** – None.
- **Local UCC Reports** –
 - Foothills UCC will be having their contractor awareness breakfast, “Christmas with the Contractors” on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at the Gastonia Golden Corral, 7:30am.
 - Cumberland County has had a lot of discussion dealing with design ticket process. They are currently planning on sitting in with engineering firms to discuss plans, prints, and calling in tickets for stake driving.

Next Meeting – January 10th, 2017, at Piedmont Natural Gas 2611 Greengate Dr. Greensboro, NC 28306.

Special thanks to Piedmont Natural Gas for hosting.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Piedmont Natural Gas in January. Please drive and work safely and bring someone with you to our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Minutes submitted by: **Chase Gibson**

*Piedmont Email Changes to
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