

**Minutes –Burke / Caldwell Counties - NC 811 Meeting**

April 13, 2021

**Present:**

Brian Morehouse – NC 811  
Ralph Johnson – Brentwood Water  
Robert Turner – Brentwood Water  
Glenn McCurry – Brentwood Water  
Roger Lowery – Brentwood Water  
David Perkins – Brentwood Water  
Bruce Byrd – Brentwood Water  
David Poore – West Consultants  
Jim Buckner – REMC  
Rodney Rolont - REMC

Doug Suttles – Suttles Surveying  
David Wortman – Town of Rhodhiss  
Will Dennis – Town of Rhodhiss  
Derek Goble – City of Lenoir  
Tracy Huffman – City of Lenoir  
Beth McMahan – City of Lenoir  
Duane Spencer – Heath Consultants  
Terry Russell – Heath Consultants

The April 2021 Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 12:00 noon at the Timberwood Restaurant in Morganton, NC. The meeting was called to order by Ralph Johnson, Chairperson. Robert Turner offered a prayer of blessings on the meeting and meal.

We had a total of **18** members attending today’s meeting. A Special thank you for making time in your schedule to attend this highly informative meeting. Please come back next month!

The first order of business was to elect officers for the remainder of 2021. Those members elected are as follows:

Chairperson:	Ralph Johnson – Brentwood Water
Vice Chairperson:	Doug Suttles – Suttles Surveying
Secretary:	Robert Turner – Brentwood Water

**Brian Morehouse’s Presentation:**

The month of April is National Safe Dig Month. It is important that NC811 is contacted for a locate prior to ANY digging!

We will continue to meet on each month on the second Tuesday at 12:00 PM at the Timberwood Restaurant in Morganton. Please mark your calendar so as not to miss this valuable get-together.

A complete listing of all stats for the previous month of March 2021 are included in the PowerPoint presentation attached to the email used to send these minutes out. Listed below is a highlight of tickets / transmissions:

### March 2020 vs March 2021

#### TICKETS 2021:

2021: 224,120  
2020: 186,642  
Difference: 20.1%

#### TRANSMISSIONS 2021:

2021: 1,253,015  
2020: 1,074,435  
Difference: 16.6%

### Year-to-date 2021

#### TICKETS 2021

2021: 556,097  
2020: 514,693  
Difference: 8%

#### TRANSMISSIONS 2021:

2021: 3,150,229  
2020: 2,985,864  
Difference: 5.5%

When field employee misplaces their locate request number? Resident with mystery markings in your yard? No need to panic, NC811 has just what you are looking for. **NEAR TICKET** allows you to see a listing of active excavation notifications in your immediate vicinity. Go to the NC811 website: <https://nc811.org/near-ticket/>

NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board Virtual Meeting Tuesday, April 20 Starts at 10:00 AM. [nc811.org/report-an-alleged-violation/](https://nc811.org/report-an-alleged-violation/)

Finally, it is still time to apply for the "Tailgate wraps" for your company vehicle. Go to the websites shown here: <https://nc811.org/nc811-tailgate-wraps>

When calling in for a locate to be done make sure that you include the following information:

- Correct Address of locate request.
- Correct Contact Telephone Number
- Contact person's Name.
- Area to be located marked with "White Lines".

### SPECIAL REMINDERS:

- **Brian would like for us to remember to continue documenting any locating issues that might develop during the course of work during the coming months. Be sure to report these to NC 811 office.**
- **Damage Reporting: Remember that if you damage an underground utility, it is your responsibility to report this damage to NC 811 UCC. Offices in Greensboro.**
- **Below is the website where you can go to communicate "Damage Violations".**  
<https://www.nc811.org/report-a-violation.html>

## **Round-table Discussions:**

**Jim Buckner – REMC:** Working on the Conley Road Project, also exchanging out utility poles throughout the entire REMC system – Spruce Pine to Mecklenburg County.

**Will Dennis – Town of Rhodhiss:** Have finished the second half of the water and sewage grant projects.

**David Perkins – Brentwood Water:** Business as usual. Had a cut in one of our water lines where a culvert was being installed.

**Doug Suttles – Suttles Surveying:** Very busy at the present time. Have complete the Linville Dam Project on Lake James.

**David Poore – West Consulting:** Currently working on a water line and tank project for the City of Morganton. Also working on a water line project of Icard Township.

**Tracy Huffman – City of Lenoir:** A new restaurant is coming into Lenoir. Normal routine business activities at the present time.

**Today's Presentation is attached to the email which these minutes were sent. Please go to that presentation for any information that you may want to see again.**

We hope that you will tell others about the value of getting together to network and also invite others to attend our next meeting which **will be held again on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 12:00 noon at the Timberwood Restaurant in Morganton.**

Submitted by Robert Turner – Secretary

