

Minutes –Burke / Caldwell Counties - NC 811 Meeting

July 13, 2021

Members Present:

Brian Morehouse – NC 811	David Wortman – Town of Rhodhiss
Ralph Johnson – Brentwood Water	Jim Buckner – REMC
Robert Turner – Brentwood Water	Rodney Roland – REMC
Glenn McCurry – Brentwood Water	Duane Spencer – Heath Consultants
Roger Lowery – Brentwood Water	Derek Goble – City of Lenoir
David Perkins – Brentwood Water	Tracy Huffman – City of Lenoir
Bruce Byrd – Brentwood Water	Beth McMahan – City of Lenoir
Doug Suttles – Suttles Surveying	Chris Banietti – Badger Daylighting

The July 2021 Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 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.

A total of **16** members attending today’s meeting.

We had a real good turnout to our meeting today. Thank you to everyone who came out. We hope that each of you will mark your calendars for next month’s meeting.

Brian Morehouse’s Presentation:

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

June 2020 vs June 2021

TICKETS 2021:

2021: 210,816
2020: 195,058
Difference: 8.1%

TRANSMISSIONS- 2021

2021: 1,172,567
2020: 1,103,410
Difference: 6.3%

Year-to-date 2021

TICKETS 2021 YTD

2021: 1,169,472
2020: 1,061,222
Difference: 10.2%

TRANSMISSION 2021 YTD

2021: 6,555,870
2020: 6,080,819
Difference: 7.8%

2. The Underground Review Board website is available at www.udprb.nc.gov Go to this website to get further information.

3. **Upcoming Meeting Dates (Refer to the attached presentation for further details):**

- The NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board: Will meet on Tuesday, July 20th at 10:00 AM. This is a virtual meeting.
- The NC Locate Resolution Partnership Committee: Will meet on August 18th beginning at 11:00 through 1:00 PM. Go to the UCC events calendar for a link to join. ncucc.org.

4. Brian wants to continue to go out into the field and visit with companies who need to be involved with NC811. He wants to offer teaching on how to use the mobile app and to properly complete the locate requests. This means: **Communicate! Communicate! Communicate!**

5. When field employee misplaces their locate request number? Resident with mystery markings in the 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/>

6. 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".

7. **NC 811 will continue to have Virtual UCC Meetings:**

Below are the instructions to attend these virtual meetings:

- Follow these video instructions to find your virtual meeting link and how to make the most of the meeting in the new MICROSOFT TEAMS platform.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC5zGkdxqb0> •
- In the chat section please type your name, company name & email.
- Participant feature – raise hand. The meeting facilitator will acknowledge you.
- Enter the meeting with your microphone on mute and unmute your mic when you need to speak.
- Every meeting will be recorded, and the video will be posted on the ncucc.org website. You can watch the meeting by using the video link provided on ncucc.org.

8. **811 Days: nc811org/811daychallenge** On Tik Tok, NC811 Video Contest. Looking for the best video. Lots of prizes. Go to the website shown above for further details.

9. 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 & Rodney Roland – REMC: Just real busy, nothing new to report.

David Perkins – Brentwood Water: Still have a lot of leaks to repair, and taps to put in. Also, we have begun a new extension of water line on Denton Chapel Road. This consist of about one mile of new 8” pipe which will tie two extending lines together.

Duane Spencer – Heath Consultants: Still busy. All is going well.

David Wortman – City of Rhodhiss: Nothing to report.

Kevin Pritchard – City of Lenoir: Nothing new to report.

Doug Suttles – Suttles Surveying: Extremely busy. More work than they can get done. Extremely hard to find qualified workers.

Chris Banietti – Badger Daylighting: Very busy, nothing new to report.

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, August 10, 2021, at 12:00 noon at the Timberwood Restaurant in Morganton.**

Minutes submitted by: Robert Turner – Secretary