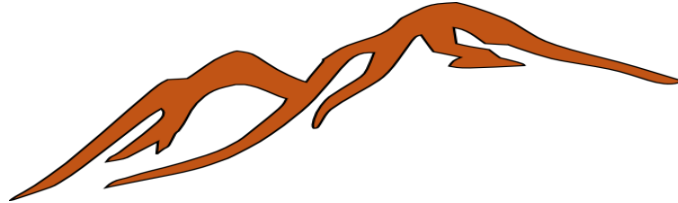


North Carolina Buncombe Utilities Coordination Committee



Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/19/2021

Place: Happy Hill Restaurant

Address: 1400 Patton Ave

Town: Asheville, NC

Called to Order & Welcomed to Guest

- Brian Morehouse called the meeting to order @ 11:39 AM
- Brian Morehouse went over housekeeping and emergency evacuation.
- Everyone was advised to wear a mask and follow CDC COVID – 19 guidelines.

Introductions

- Brian Morehouse started introductions, and then went around the room.
- Safety Share presented by: Brian Morehouse
- Topic – Kids are back in school, be on the lookout.

Old Business

- Any Changes to last month's minutes? (NONE) Held by TEAMS platform.
- First meeting back in person since February 2020

Officer Reports

Chair-Talked about pole replacements in the area and people not calling in locates when doing emergency work.

Co-Chair/Secretary- Please see attendance sheet attached.

New Business

- NC 811 / One Call presentation was given by Brian Morehouse
:
the PDF . A complete listing of all stats for the previous month of July 2021 are included in
presentation file attached to the email used to send these minutes out. Listed
below is a
highlight of tickets / transmissions:

July 2020 vs 2021 Year-to-date

TICKETS 2021:
2021: 198,875
2020: 195,445
Difference: 1.8%
TICKETS 2021 YTD
2021: 1,368,347
2020: 1,256,667
Difference: 8.9%

TRANSMISSIONS July Totals
2021: 1,102,752
2020: 1,113,119

Difference: -0.9% YTD Totals
2021: 7,658,622
2020: 7,193,938
Difference: 6.5%

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

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

- Third Quarter Board Meeting will be held on Friday October 22 in Wilmington NC.
- The NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board: Will meet on Tuesday, October 19th at 10:00 AM. This is a Hybrid meeting.
- The State UCC Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the NC811 Event Center. This will be a Hybrid 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.

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!

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 doing 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. Offices in Greensboro.

- Below is the website where you can go to communicate “Damage Violations”.
<https://www.nc811.org/report-a-violation.html>
- 811 Day: Tomorrow August 11, 2021, is NC 811 Day. Help spread the word to “Call Before You Dig”.
- Remember! If you hit an underground objective, and you think it is a Gas Line, do the following in this order:
 - o Call 911 to report the accident!
 - o Call the Gas Company and let them know the specifics concerning the damage!
 - o Call 811 to report the accident to our office!
- Damage Reporting: It is YOUR responsibility to report ALL damages to underground utilities. The reports must be reported to the NC 811UCC offices in Greensboro.
- Shown below is the website where you can go to communicate Damage Violations:
<https://www..nc811.org/report-a-violation.html>.

Reports

- A. **NC 811 / One Call** –*If anyone needs any training please reach out to Brian Morehouse at bmorehouse@nc811.org*
- B. **N.C.D.O.T** – Bridge work continues throughout the area. Projects are coming in, Having issues with locates being done on time in the area. Having to call it in multiply times to get all locates done.
- C. **Dominion Energy** – NO major damages to report in the area. General work continues as stated in last TEAMS meeting. Gas Transmission project that was 16 plus miles has been completed. Normal daily work continues in the area.
- D. **USIC** – Busier than ever. A lot of locates coming in and keeping up well
- E. **AnSCO- NA**
- F. **City of Asheville Water- NA**
- G. **Southern Cross-** **Talked about the number of locates coming in and how hard it is to stay ahead. Many contractors in the Lit- Gig Project are calling in miles of locates at one time and telling the locator that they will be in one area and then skipping over to another. This has been going on for some time now. Asked for ways to help manage those issues,**

Everyone in attendance discussed how things were in their area. From job planning to locate issues.

Many of the locators would like to see pre planning meeting and then stay with the plan. Many feel they are jumping around and then the contractors is updating these locates due to this issue.

Vote was taken by the UCC to keep meeting in person following the CDC COVID-19 guidelines.

Next Meeting – September 16th 2021, Happy Hills Restaurant, 1400 Patton Ave, Asheville, NC

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm

Minutes submitted by: **Brian Morehouse- NC 811 Education Liaison**