



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

August 10, 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	Terry Russell – Heath Consultants
Ken Suttles – Suttles Surveying	Chris Banietti – Badger Daylighting

The August 2021 Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11, 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 11 members attending today’s meeting.

**Brian Morehouse’s Presentation & Comments:**

1. A complete listing of all stats for the previous month of July 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:

**July 2020 vs 2021**

**TICKETS 2021:**

2021: 198,875  
2020: 195,445  
Difference: 1.8%

**TRANSMISSIONS**

2021: 1,102,752  
2020: 1,113,119  
Difference: -0.9%

**Year-to-date**

**TICKETS 2021 YTD**

2021: 1,368,347  
2020: 1,256,667  
Difference: 8.9%

**TRANSMISSION**

2021: 7,658,622  
2020: 7,193,938  
Difference: 6.5%

2. The Underground Review Board website is available at [www.udprb.nc.gov](http://www.udprb.nc.gov) Go to this website to get further information.
3. **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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".
6. **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.
7. **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>
- **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:
  - **Call 911 to report the accident!**
  - **Call the Gas Company and let them know the specifics concerning the damage!**
  - **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>.

### **Round-table Discussions:**

**Duane Spencer – Heath Consultants:** Still busy. Nothing new to report.

**David Wortman – City of Rhodhiss:** Nothing to report.

**Ralph Johnson – Brentwood Water:** Still have a lot of leaks to repair. Still working a new extension of 8” water lines on the Denton Chapel Road. This project is about 2/3 complete at this time. On Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, Brentwood Water Corp will hold it annual Membership Meeting at the Seventh Advent School, on the Jamestown Road, Morganton, NC.

**Jim Buckner & Rodney Roland – REMC:** Just real busy, working on underground line and transformer inspections /repairs. Also, in the process of removal of old obsolete transmission poles. Transmission Line installation is almost completed.

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

**Ken Suttles – Suttles Surveying:** Extremely busy. More work than they can get done. Currently working in Greensboro, Morganton at the New Math & Science School, located at the NC School for the Deaf.

“Currently seeing a big shortage is Surveying companies statewide to keep up with the demand. Not enough folks to do the jobs”. Currently the education requirements to become a licensed surveyor one almost needs to have a four-year engineering degree. Or at least 5-8 years of

experience. The test is very difficult, and there are no community college programs available at this time to train folk.

**Be aware that we will be monitoring the COVID 19 Virus situation in Burke County, and the Morganton area. If conditions get worst, we will probably go back to not meeting. Until such a decision is made, we will meet. Check your emails from me or Brian Morehouse, we will let you know in plenty of time before our next scheduled meeting of Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 12:00 noon at the Timberwood Restaurant in Morganton.**

Minutes submitted by: Robert Turner – Secretary, Brentwood Water Corp