



HARNETT/JOHNSTON COUNTY UTILITY COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 20, 2021

**Meeting held at Sherry's Bakery
122 N Wilson Avenue
Dunn, NC 28334**

Members present:

Parrish Reddick	NC811
Kacey Johnson	SREMC
Matt Sharpe	Vermeer All Roads
Butch Zdelar	NCDOT
Milan Moore	Duke Energy
Willie Canady	Duke Energy
Joe Parda	Temple Grading
Michelle Flowers	NC Utility Commission
Joel Calabrese	PNG

Projects:

SREMC – Subdivisions

Temple Grading – 3 pump station in Harnett County, Cape Fear Christian Academy, South Harnett Elementary and Harnett Primary; Storm drain job in Lillington on 2nd Street; box culvert on West Duncan Street; 2 pump stations and force main in Angier this fall on Rawls Church Rd.

NCDOT – Construction on Hwy 70 toward Smithfield, round-a-bout project in Benson at Hwy 301 and Hwy 50 in the fall.

Discussion:

Parrish presented the NC811 report, overall locate tickets were up 10.2% from last year. Harnett County had an 8.7% increase in locates and Johnston County had a 5.7% increase. The highest number of tickets in Harnett County were from Dunn and Angier; the highest in Johnston County were in Clayton and Smithfield. There were 13,391 damages reported in 97 counties in 2020, most were in telecommunications. Parrish reminded everyone that there is a lot of construction work going on, please be careful around construction and thank you to all construction workers for all you do. The meeting this month was a hybrid meeting with some joining virtually. Parrish presented the Louis Panzer update video, there has been an increase in the use of online tools with 73% of tickets being done online. We all need to help educate the public on the importance of the flags that are set out so that they won't move them. Full Throttle Performance Sim Racing League has partnered with NC811 for Iracing, there will be 12 virtual races.

Matt Sharpe with Vermeer stated that they are still seeing extended lead times from the factory, if you need anything from Vermeer let him know sooner than later. They do have some vacs on-hand.

Per Joe with Temple Grading, NC811 doesn't want tickets to be continually updated so he asked if there was a way to park a ticket and then reactivate it. Parrish said that you can leave a ticket not updated for 90 days and then update it, you will have to wait the 3 days before working. Joe also asked for a solution to the issue of more lines in the ground than marks on the ground; for example, there are 3 marks on the ground and they find 3 lines so then they begin excavation and cut a 4th line. The issue is that some of the lines that are found may be abandoned lines but they aren't aware of that and then they are billed for cutting a line. Parrish recommended that he express his concerns to Louis Panzer. Frank with NCDOT also reminded that the locators should be initialing and marking at certain intervals so that you'll know what line they are marking. Utilities should be making sure that their locators are doing this per the law. Joe asked about the automatic emails that CenturyLink is sending out when you call in a locate, NC811 is aware of it. In closing, Joe mentioned that the Sheriff's office has an anonymous tip line, 910-893-0300, for clues about the woman that was shot in Erwin.

NEXT MEETING: August 17, 2021, 12 PM at Holt Lake BBQ in Smithfield