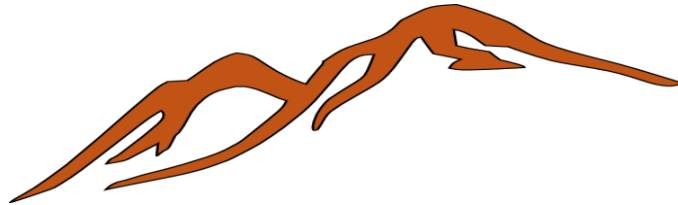


North Carolina Jackson-Macon-Swain Utilities Coordination Committee



Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/26/2021

Place: Tusksegee Water & Sewage Authority

Town: Sylva, NC

Called to Order & Welcomed to Guest

- Brian Morehouse called the meeting to order @ 12:06:PM
- Brian Morehouse went over housekeeping and emergency evacuation.

Introductions

- Brian Morehouse started introductions, and then went around the room.
- Safety Share presented by: Brian Morehouse
- Topic – WELCOME BACK- IN PERSON

Old Business

- Any Changes to last month's minutes? (NONE)
- First meeting back since January 2020.

Officer Reports

Chair- Nothing new to report. Barbara welcomed everyone one out and appreciated them for coming and supporting our local UCC. Please get the word out to the community about attending this UCC (4) times a year. January, April, July and October.

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

LUNCH WAS PROVIDED BY

Barbara Lacy- RKK

Safety Ambassador Award was given to Barbara Lacy for all her hard work to build the local UCC and spread the message to Call 811 Before You Dig. She goes beyond the call of duty to make sure everything is taken care and help educate those in the industry to follow the laws and procedures set forth by the NC811 organization.

New Business

The July 2021 Meeting was held Monday, July 26th, 2021, at 12:00 noon at the TSWA, Sylva, NC. The meeting was called to order by Barbara Lacy Chairperson.

A total of (9) members attending today's meeting.

NC811 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 Year-to-date 2021

TICKETS 2021:

2021: 210,816

2020: 195,058

Difference: 8.1%

TICKETS 2021 YTD

2021: 1,169,472

2020: 1,061,222

Difference: 10.2%

TRANSMISSIONS- 2021 TRANSMISSION 2021 YTD

2021: 1,172,567

2020: 1,103,410

Difference: 6.3%

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.
- Will the area to be located marked with "White Lines".

Below are the instructions to attend these virtual meetings:

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

- Brian would like for us to remember to continue documenting any locating issues that might develop during 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>

Open Discussion Looking at ways to increase the attendance. Spoke to every in attendance about having 811 come to their facility and do a 811 Safety Presentation for their employees and contractors.

Discussed issues with getting locates marked on time and having to call in multiply (3) hour notices.

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Reports

- A. **NC 811 / One Call** – Brian provided us with the monthly 811 updates. Also Brian talked to us about having 811 come to your office and do an 811 Safety Presentation. Brian Morehouse went over the July 2021 presentation giving the totals for YTD and Monthly number for Tickets called in, average locates per day and (3) hour tickets
- B. **N.C.D.O.T** – Not in attendance
- C. **Bryson City-**
- D. **Dominion Energy** – Richard Walsh is the new Damage Prevention Specialist for Dominion Energy in the Western Region of NC. Please reach out to him with any questions you may have that pretains to the gas organization.
- E. **USIC** – NA
- F. **Duke Energy** – NA
- G. **Frontier -NA**
- H. **RKK-NCDOT-** **Bridge work and guardrail work continues within the area.**
- I. **BalsamWest-** **Lots of work with fiber throughout the area, locates are at a all time high for them. They have had issues with guardrail companies hitting major lines that they own. Would like to see white lining and better locate directions.**
- J. **TWSA-** **NO new work to report, General Maint work continues. Area is growing. Locates are up.**
- K. **Next Meeting – October 25th, 2021, at Tuskaseegee Water & Sewage Authority**

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM

Minutes submitted by: Brian Morehouse- NC 811 Education Liaison