

Jones/Onslow UCC Meeting Minutes July 15, 2021 11:30 AM

Lunch was sponsored by Collier's Engineering.

Announcement: The annual Jones/Onslow breakfast meeting has been canceled due to Covid.

A special meeting was held with MetroNet recently to discuss the work they will be doing; 10 bores in Onslow County. Work will begin around September – October.

We are still having issues with the NC DOT sign contractor not requesting locates correctly.

Logan with Diversified was present to discuss the fiber installation being done for Duke Energy. There is a cell tower project that will be done soon as well that runs to Leland, but it is currently in the design phase and about 2-3 months away.

LOCAL UTILITY UPDATES

Tidewater Associates (Formerly Parker & Associates) – (Ed Foley) Currently located in Jacksonville and Cedar Point. Doing subdivision work.

Colliers Engineering – (Robert Memory) Oil & gas work; large dark fiberoptics installation down the interstates; working on adding fiber to rural areas.

Onslow County Fire & Emergency Service – (Brian Kelly) Do your hurricane prep!! Hydrate during the summer months, and remember that what you drink today, you sweat out tomorrow. Arrive alive, and be safe on the roadways. Options were discussed for holding some UCC meetings at the Regional Skills Center at Burton Park.

Piedmont Natural Gas – (Bobby Gurganous and Joe Keilly) Working on Ramsey and Drummer Kellum; 3 sections on Gum Branch Rd; Burton Park to Meadowview Elem School.

Vermeer All Roads – (Matt Sharpe) Still experiencing inventory challenges, though availability is improving somewhat. Please orders for machines ASAP as there is nothing currently in stock.

USIC — (Ed Batson) Crazy busy. Still hiring.

Spectrum — (Craig Weaver) Doing general maintenance; staying busy on base.

CenturyLink — (Philip , Mike & Johnny) They ask excavators to be patient due to lack of staff. They cannot respond in an hour.

NC DOT — Doing several road improvements.

Meeting ended at 12:48 pm. There were 22 attendees at this meeting.