

Cherokee - Clay - Graham

UCC Meeting

No.

Date

10/26/2021

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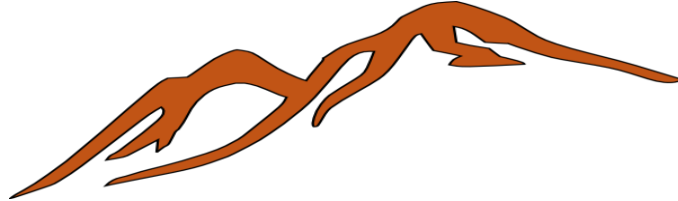
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# North Carolina Cherokee-Clay- Graham Utilities Coordination Committee



## Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/26/2021

Place: Chevelle's 66 Restaurant

Town: Murphy, NC

### Called to Order & Welcomed to Guest

- Brian Morehouse called the meeting to order @ 12: 11PM
- 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 – Halloween 2021 Safety Tips

### Old Business

- Any Changes to last month's minutes? (NONE)

### Officer Reports

**Chair-** Nothing new to report. Barbara Lacy stated that she has been on the phone calling others to come out and help support our local UCC. PLEASE reach out to those that need to attend. Everyone has been asked to have their contractors join these meeting.

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

### New Business

Barbara Lacy 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. Would like to grow this UCC and help solve the issues that are taken place within these counties. COMMUNICATION is very important. It was discussed on how we would like to meet in 2022 and everyone agreed that meeting quarterly was good with the group.

## **New Business**

A total of 10 members attended today's meeting.

Below are highlights of the NC 811 Presentation for October 2021:

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

SEPTEMBER 2020 vs 2021

TICKETS 2021: September

2021: 203,579

2020: 193,200

Difference: 5.4%

TICKETS 2021 YTD

2021: 1,782,117

2020: 1,639,229

Difference: 8.7%

TRANSMISSIONS September

2021: 1,131,192

2020: 1,084,790

Difference: 4.3%

TRANSMISSIONS YTD

2021: 9,952,251

2020: 9,347,853

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 was held on Friday October 22 in a Virtual Meeting by TEAMS..

- The NC Underground Damage Prevention Review Board: Met on Tuesday, October 19th at 10:00 AM. TEAMS meeting.

NCLRP meeting was held on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 @ 1pm to discuss issues with update tickets and problems within the NC area with tickets.

4. 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

- PLEASE HAVE ALL YOUR INFORMATION READY WHEN CALLING IN
- Please take advantage of the SAT -Single Address Ticket or RTE- Remote Ticket Entry- This could save you so much time. Look into this and see which one would be good for you or your organization- Or reach out to Brian Morehouse [bmorehouse@nc811.org](mailto:bmorehouse@nc811.org) or call at (336) 482-6890

5. NC 811 will continue to have Virtual UCC Meetings: within some areas

.6. SPECIAL REMINDERS:

- Damage Reporting: Remember that if you damage an underground utility, it is your responsibility to report this damage to NC 811 Offices in Greensboro.

- 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 811 offices in Greensboro.
- Shown 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.**

**UCC had a discussion on how things are going within the area. We had a major talk on how to communicate with others in the area that are doing work. We went over how things are handled and are others really listening to us about the 811 message. Everyone gave their opinion on how things are handled within their organization. We took over one hour and 20 minutes going over ideas to be able to improve the process. Spoke to group about having tailgate meeting- pre planning meeting and making sure to have the needed contractors attend.**

**Please always feel free to address any issues that you may be experiencing.**

**Spectrum gave a presentation on the new work that they will have upcoming in the first quarter of 2022 within the western region of North Carolina. Mr. David Eddins- Special Projects Spectrum went over the projects and the areas that they will be building in. Spectrum plans to be installing cable which will span 2,900 miles in the western region. Fiber all the way to the home. Answered question from all those that attended. Went over their plan, time length and etc...**

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**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 October 2021 presentation giving the totals for YTD and Monthly number for Tickets called in, average locates per day and (3) hour tickets. NC811 is still doing site visits in the field to get to know those out there working. Brian stated that he will be putting

together an email with all those in attendance for this meeting and has asked that we keep good communication among each other. If we have an issues, please notify the group and hopefully we can all help each other out moving forward. Brian asked the group what they would like to see more of in these meetings. People like the numbers but would like to talk more about what is taking place in laws and procedures and how it is being handled. Brian brought everyone up to date on Update tickets and emergencies. Spoke to everyone about the difference in (3) Hr ticket and Destroyed marks. Went over that info from the Excavation Guidebook. Made sure all had one that was at this meeting.

- B. N.C.D.O.T – Work continues around the area lot of work with Hwy NC 69 in Clay County, Hwy NC 175 also in Clay County. Hwy 129 project is in the planning stage and going out to bid. Bridge work continues around the area. Hamburger Alley Project is still being worked at this time.
- C. **USIC – Very busy, things are going well and staying on top of things as needed. No major issues to report.**
- D. **Duke Energy – Did not attend**
- E. Blue Ridge Mountain EMC- Relocation work for highway extension, Pole changeouts and Overhead work continues around the area. Having major issues getting Frontier to mark cable as called in. Reports that Frontier is coding work as No Conflict and there is facilities out on site. Went over issues they have been having for awhile. Need a solution to this because they will call it in, (3) Hr. Issues have come up that they have been billed for repair after waiting weeks to get located. Would like to talk with someone at Frontier and have them attend these meetings.
- F. **Frontier–NA**
- G. **Spectrum- See note from presentation above.**
- H. AT&T – N/A.

**Next Meeting – January 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, Chevelle’s 66 Restaurant, Murphy, NC**

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM

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