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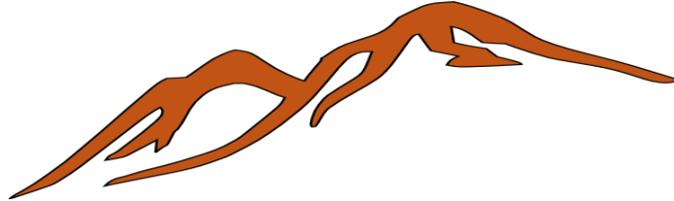
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Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/25/2021

Place: Tusksegee Water & Sewage Authority

Town: Sylva, NC

Called to Order & Welcomed to Guest

- Brian Morehouse called the meeting to order @ 12:04PM
- 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 welcomed everyone 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. (Gave the option on how everyone wanted to meet, and it was decided to keep it on a quarterly basis)

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

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[Balsam West- Thank you](#)

A total of 12 members attending 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 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 21st, 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 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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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. NC811 has improved the 3-hr notice as described in the presentation. Everyone has been asked to send issues to Brian Morehouse at bmorehouse@nc811.org, please don't wait to the next meeting since we meet every three months. NC811 needs the ticket # to review the issues being sent over.
- B. **N.C.D.O.T** – projects continue within the area, not having issues, bridge work and maintenance works continues around the area. Will be having a Utility Meeting to be held at Southwestern Community College in the first quarter of 2022. Will be given more details at the next meeting. Has asked NC811 to speak at this event to update everyone on new procedures.
- C. **Bryson City**-
- D. **Dominion Energy** – work seems to be steady in the area and had no issues to report at this time.
- E. **USIC** – NA
- F. **Spectrum**- New work coming to the western region of North Carolina (2022)- 2,900 miles of new cable. Went over all this information and timeline of project. Very good information given.
- G. **Town of Sylva**- busy is booming, staying on top of things, having issues with contractors not giving enough information on tickets or they will give info and then do something else not noted on the locate ticket.
- H. **Duke Energy** – Plenty of work with underground, pole replacements and 3 phase work in the surrounding areas.
- I. **Frontier** -NA
- J. **RKK-NC DOT**- Bridge work and guardrail work continue within the area.

K. BalsamWest- Lots of work with fiber throughout the area, locates are steady with their business growing each day. They have had issues with guardrail companies hitting major lines that they own. Would like to see white lining and better locate directions. (This was all stated last month) would like to see people follow the 811 guidelines. Have had several problems with their facilities getting hit.

L. TWSA- NO new work to report, General Maint work continues. Area is growing. Locates are up.

M. Next Meeting – January 24th, 2022, at Tuskasegee Water & Sewage Authority

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM

Minutes submitted by: Brian Morehouse- NC 811 Education Liaison