



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

3/8/16

PSNC Energy

4211 Global Street

Raleigh, NC

Called to Order & Welcomed Guest

- Donna Zuniga called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:06AM.
- Sandra Johnson discussed housekeeping along with emergency evacuation procedure for the facility.
- Betty Pearce commented on a safety share to include lithium batteries exploding while charging. Robert Yu shared that a vehicle lost control entering a worksite and struck a damage prevention specialist who was marking underground utilities.

Introductions

- Donna Zuniga began with self-introductions and continued around the room.

Old Business

- Donna Zuniga asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Kevin Johnson made a motion while it was seconded by Teresa VonCannon and approved by all.
- Donna Zuniga asked for a motion to approve the January 2016 meeting minutes. David West indicated of a minor correction on the NCDOT report to reflect the three main fiber companies that increased encroachments were Google, Fiber Tech, and Crown Castle not AT&T. Tim Yarbrow made a motion to accept the change while it was seconded by Teresa VonCannon and approved by all.

Officer Reports

- NCUCC Chairs report had nothing to add.
- NCUCC Co-Chairs report had nothing to add.

- NCUCC Treasurer's report- Sandra Johnson reported as of February 29th, 2016 there is a balance of \$17,234.49. There were \$8,345.14 of deposits, credits, and interest. Also she was in the process of resolving some PayPal issues.
- NCUCC Secretary's report had nothing to add.

New Business

- NC/SC Joint conference was discussed. Donna Zuniga asked for door prizes and donations. She noted locator training is confirmed for the conference.
- Betty Pearce gave a vendor update. As of 03-08-16 there are 12 vendors signed up. Reminder emails were sent out 3-07-16 to the potential vendors.
- Teresa VonCannon commented on we are still in need of two speakers for the conference which may include one for a damage investigation and the other for a large project. The committee would meet later to finalize the agenda.
- Sandra Johnson introduced Keith Henderson as possible entertainment after Thursday night dinner. The cost would be \$1400 plus two rooms. An anonymous donation was offered to cover the cost. The group agreed and would accept donations to help cover the cost due to the budget on the conference.
- Donna Zuniga spoke on the upcoming NCUCC new officer elections for secretary that will be voted on in the July meeting.

Open Discussion

- John Lecco with TWC spoke to Louis Panzer and the North Carolina Damage Prevention Review Board will have their first meeting on March 22, 2016 in Raleigh.
- The group had discussion on locate tickets not being performed within the 72 hour notice and receiving Positive Response code 10 (No conflict, utility is outside of stated work area) when there is obvious sign of buried facilities in the area. This is causing loss of time and money for contractors along with safety concerns.

Reports

- **NCDOT** – David West reported encroachments were up. From end of February 2016 compared to 2015, NCDOT has received twice as many encroachments which may take longer for approval. Also NCDOT is looking at some changes in the way utilities are handled in reference to relocation of a utility. Ron Wilkins has scheduled meetings across the state for discussion.
- **NC811** – Howard Corey reported NC811 staff was at the CGA conference and will bring back a report at the next meeting. Year to date 2016 total tickets are 261,654 which is a 35.9% increase vs 2015. Transmissions are 1,393,252 which is 46.8% increase vs 2015. Single Address Tickets are on the rise and they are receiving about 80% more than last year. New UCC issue user form has been added to the NC811 website to address concerns that may not want to be addressed to the entire group. These concerns will be shared with the local UCC chair and anonymous. Fire Station Marquee Challenge is underway. Asking Fire Stations across the state to show their support during the month of April by reminding their community members to call NC811 "before any digging". April is Safe Digging Month. Banners are still available. 4'x8' - \$34.55 and 2'x4' - \$15.00. Upcoming events from NC811 are April 5th – Proclamation from the Governor, April 8th – Durham Bulls – co-sponsor with

PSNC, will be vending, April 15th – Asheville Tourism – co-sponsoring with PSNC, will be vending, April 22nd – Charlotte Knights – co-sponsoring with PNG, will be vending.

- **Electric/Power Companies-** Donna Zuniga, Duke Energy damages are on the rise due to more construction.
- **Excavator/Contractors-** Doc Asbury, S&N Communications would ask to please use code 55 in Positive Response if you have critical facilities in the area on locate tickets.
- **Gas Companies and Gas Pipelines** –Teresa VonCannon, Piedmont Natural Gas, shared gas damages are on the rise.
- **Local UCC's** – Bruce Sheldon reported Carteret County UCC has their next meeting on March 9th at 11:30am. The meeting will be held at Golden Corral, 4060 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC. Mazetta Wynn reported the Wake County UCC Damage Prevention breakfast will be at NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC on March 29th at 7:00am.

**Next Meeting – NC/SC UCC Joint Conference May 4th – May 6th at Holiday Inn Resort located at 1706 North Lumina Ave, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina.
July “regular scheduled” meeting will be held on the 12th @ 10:00am- Piedmont Natural Gas, 1921 8th Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28603**

Special thanks to our host and for providing lunch- PSNC Energy!

Meeting adjourned at 11:32AM

Minutes submitted by:
Tim Yarbrow