

NCUCC Meeting
Sept. 11, 2007
Piedmont Natural Gas Operations Center
Wilmington, NC

Attendees:

Mark Hannah	PSNC Energy
David West	NCDOT
Theresa Creswell	Duke Energy
Ron Fairbanks	NC One Call
Teresa VonCannon	Piedmont NG
Greg Bailey	AT&T
Danny Harris	PSNC Energy
Yvonne Ellis	Piedmont NG
David Jackson	Piedmont NG
Wayne Grindstaff	UTS
George Glenn	NC One Call
Gary Guthrie	UTS
Lola Ausby	Dominion
Robert Memory	NCOT
Rick Mahaley	Piedmont NG
Bill Deal	CMU
Joe Lamm	Embarq
Jim Atkins	Piedmont NG
Ricky Narron	KCI Associates
Brandy Creech	KCI Associates
Lance Loliberte	Telics
Bruce Sheldon	TW Cable
Chris Russ	CLS
Sandra Johnson	PSNC Energy
Glen Flowers	PSNC Energy
Sheila Talton	Progress Energy

" Call to order

Theresa Creswell, chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the July were reviewed. A motion was made and accepted to accept the July minutes.

" New Business

Ron Fairbanks gave a committee report; several projects for funding were submitted to the group. They are: printing homeowner brochures, excavation manuals, information for first responder and Digger and Trigger coloring books for distribution, as well as sponsoring damage prevention breakfasts and providing lodging for UCC chairs. The 2008 site committee met on 09/10/07. The following committees are working on the 2008 joint conference:

" Site Committee: Mark Hannah, Teresa VonCannon and Theresa Creswell

" Speaker Committee: Danny Harris, Yvonne Ellis, Joyce Midget and David

West. This group will work on speakers and agenda items. Some suggestions for speakers are: NCDOT (Meredith Derma?), FEMA and OSHA

" Vendor Committee: Lola Ausby, Yvonne Ellis and Sandy McBride.

Vendors

are to be reminded that the hotel will not hold convention material before the conference

" Door Prize Committee: Tom Brookshire, David West, Greg Stevens and

Teresa VonCannon. Members like the use of registration tickets to give away door prizes. This method uses names instead of numbers.

" Registration Committee: Cheryl Parham, Sheila Talton and Sandy McBride.

" Golf Committee: Rick Mahaley, David Jackson and Jim Atkins. Members

are going to meet with the golf pro to start working on the details for the meeting. Some of the listed items are boxed lunch, shotgun start and groupings. Members are to set a date to visit the site and meet with golf pro.

There was a discussion about preparing the programs for the conference; Teresa VonCannon said they would be handled by PNG. A conference theme was discussed.

The committee agreed to have conference calls on the off months during the year. Calls are going to be on Wednesdays at 9 AM. The group agreed to try and have the dinner meeting at the Biltmore House.

Reports:

NCDOT - Robert Memory - Robert reported that The NCDOT is looking at external outsourcing programs. NCDOT divisions will be outsourcing utility coronation and consultant design. Consultants are going one step further to design plans to have utility avoidance. Turn pike authority is also outsourcing their utility coronations. Upcoming projects include NC 540, I-540 in Raleigh and Hwy 17 in Wilmington. Design build program has slowed down somewhat. NCDOT is still working on a certified flagger program. The NCDOT has formed a committee to look at pole safety in the clear zones.

This new concept will require utility poles to be further back on the right of way. NCDOT is looking at purchasing permanent utility easements at the rear of the ROW for utility relocations.

NC One Call- Ron Fairbanks- The one call center has taken 9,330,720 requests through the month of August. This a .9% decrease compared to last year. Ticket transmissions were around 5 million. Mecklenburg County had 20,000 requests in August. The One Call web site has been updated. The new 811 number is being promoted. Remote ticket training is ongoing for the new Newtin system. Remote users are starting to use the new system. Polygon training is also on going. The next holiday is at Thanksgiving. The next NCUCC board meeting is Oct. 19 at Lake Lure in SC. See the web page for details Railroads - None were present Power Companies - No report.

Gas Companies - Glenn Flowers- PSNC Energy- PSNC will be retiring 39 miles of their cast iron low pressure system in downtown Raleigh on Sept, 19.

PSNC is still growing.

Mark Hannah - PSNC, Asheville- they have also completed their cast iron project. They retired 26 miles of main.

Teresa VonCannon - Piedmont Natural Gas- Piedmont continues to work on a management restructuring. Piedmont continues to grow.

Cable and Telecom Co. - Bruce Shelton - Time Warner Cable - TWC is finishing up Adelphi work. The hottest areas are in Wilmington and the eastern part of the state. They are approaching more power companies to do joint trenching projects.

Contractors - Wayne Grindstaff - UTS - They are working with contractors.

AT&T will be hiring many new contractors doing repairs and replacing cables.

Local UCC reports:

Lower Cape Fear UCC - They meet monthly and have a breakfast in the spring and are planning A BBQ picnic on Oct. 16 with vendors.

Carteret UCC - Bruce Shelton - They had a presentation from NOWA that did a lightening and hurricane program. They may be available for the joint conference.

They are also working on getting contractors to attend. They had a presentation from Jason Peterson with NCDOT.

North Hampton, Halifax UCC - Lola Ausby-They are having their damage prevention breakfast on Oct. 11. They have invited the top 30 callers in the county to the breakfast.

Forsyth/Stokes County UCC - David Jackson- Last meeting held on Aug. 11, good attendance. They are continuing to work on contractors. The next meeting is Oct. 11 at Piedmont Natural Gas in Winston Salem.

Davie/ Yadkinville UCC - Rick Mahaly- They are having a cookout on Sept.

26. in Mocksville at 11:00.

Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanley UCC - Rick Mahaley- They are planning a breakfast in January.

Wake County UCC - Sandra Johnson - They meeting the last Tuesday in the month. They are planning their Oct breakfast on Oct. 25 at 7:30. They are using tailgate safety teams to meet with contractors. They are having good success with their Spanish speaker Buncombe County UCC - Planning the NCUCC meeting in Asheville on Nov. 13.

The meeting may be held at PSNC. Details will be posted on the web page.

" Next meeting will be held at the PNSC Energy Operations Center at 15

Overland Industrial Blvd, Asheville, NC 28806 on Nov. 13. Lunch will be provided by the Buncombe County UCC. There are several hotels within 1 mile of the Operations center

Comfort Suites 828-665-4000

Hampton Inn 828-667-2022

Fairfield Inn 828-665-4242

Holiday Inn Express 828-665-6519

Ron Fairbanks asked that the local UCC's check the information on their web site to keep information current.

NCUCC MISSION STATEMENT

The North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee will provide a forum for utilities, governmental agencies, and contractors within the state of North Carolina to discuss situations which impact planning, engineering, construction, and new technologies among the member

organizations. This committee will also serve as a resource for local UCC's on issues that could be better addressed and resolved on a statewide basis. This committee will promote underground damage prevention and the use of the North Carolina One Call Center for notification of all excavation activity.