



North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2010 10:00am

PNG Offices, 110 Commerce Center Dr., Tarboro, NC

Call to Order & Welcome to Guests

- Bruce Sheldon called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed all of the attendees.

Old Business

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – **Motion made to approve minutes as-written, seconded, and approved.**
- Treasurer's Report – We have \$10,315.65 in the bank account, with all invoices paid from the Joint Conference and no other outstanding invoices.
- Committee Reports
 - **Vendors** – No report
 - **Finance** – No report, will meet prior to the next (November) meeting.
 - **Speaker** – No report
- PayPal Account / Donations – not re-established on the NCUCC website, yet. David Jackson will get the URL link from PayPal to give to the webmaster.

New Business

- No Agenda Items, discussion was opened to the floor.
- Suggestion was made that, since we have some money on the bank, we consider paying mileage to those who attend meetings from the other side of the state as an incentive to attend ALL of the meetings.
- George Glenn challenged the NCUCC to uphold the Committee's Mission Statement or change the statement. Also, "Do More" to prevent damages proactively.
- The discussion turned to "What do the local UCCs need from us?" The Committee is asking the local UCC members that attend the NCUCC meetings to submit items for discussion. (Secretary's note: Please submit items to DWMorris@CharlotteNC.Gov at least a week in advance of the meeting for inclusion to the Agenda.)
- David Jackson related that Tennessee UCC has a "Safety Team" that takes T-shirts & caps to field folks that are doing a good job.
- NCUCC should investigate costs and logistics for: 1. Public Service Announcements on radio stations, 2. Purchase of videos & DVDs for use at "Safety Meetings", 3. Magnetic or adhesive stickers
- NCUCC should be contacting certain contractors / operators that are "Frequent Damagers". To aid in this effort, NCUCC should adopt a formal letterhead. Doug Morris to generate samples.
- **Motion made by Yvonne Ellis to create an NCUCC subcommittee to address "Problem Contractors". Seconded, approved.** Volunteer members: Yvonne Ellis, Marc Worth, Tom West.

Presentations

The scheduled presenter was unable to attend. Yvonne Ellis gave a touching presentation entitled "Hard & Easy" based on the death of her daughter's fiancé. HARD is: Getting a call from her daughter saying that her fiancé has been seriously injured in a car wreck and probably won't survive. EASY is: putting on your seatbelt. HARD is: watching your child picking out a coffin. EASY is: stowing loose items in your vehicle that can become

deadly projectiles in an accident. HARD is: watching her daughter give that last kiss and closing the coffin.
EASY is: following all of the safety rules so your loved ones don't have to do the HARD things.

A second presentation was given by Barbara Taylor & Martha Lamm from the Visitor Center and the DoubleTree Hotel about all of the good things going on in the Rocky Mount area

Reports

- A. **North Carolina DOT** – David West.
 - a. Encroachments are down from last year.
 - b. Work Zone Traffic Control Supervisors are now required
 - c. NCDOT participation at local UCC meetings should be increasing
 - d. DeWayne Sykes is the new overall boss for the Utility Section
 - e. David West will be stepping down from the NC811 Board of Directors and DeWayne will be taking his place.
 - f. There are new regionalized responsibilities for NCDOT Utility work.
 - g. If you're working on a project that is funded with Stimulus money, BE SURE to note it on the plans and tell the NCDOT contact. The project will be expedited whenever possible.
- B. **NC811** – 3.9% increase in tickets over 2009 numbers, 1.7% increase in Transmissions. Six Safety Sessions remain – register on their website. NC811 is now polling the local UCCs for data & info – results will be made available later. Their trendline is expected to dip in the summer months.
- C. **Railroads** – No report
- D. **Power Companies** – One of Lola Ausby's folks is working on a committee that is preparing suggested revisions to the NC One-Call laws.
- E. **Gas Companies & Gas Pipeline Companies** – reporting that NCDOT is very responsive these days.
- F. **Cable TV & Telecommunications Companies** – No report
- G. **Contractors** – No report
- H. **Locate Companies** – No report
- I. **Local UCCs**
 - a. New UCC has been created in Beaufort County with 15 folks at the 1st meeting.
 - b. Carteret & Onslow UCC doing well.
 - c. Rick Mahaley reports that their UCC (?) has a cookout coming up.
 - d. Stokes/Forsyth UCC has a Contractor's cookout lunch coming up.
 - e. Lola Ausby reports that their UCC (?) has a breakfast coming up in October.
 - f. Nash/ Edgecombe UCC trying to get Utility Companies back to their meetings.
 - g. High Point UCC needs NCDOT representative to attend, also Duke Power rep. They reported a recent close-call where a homeowner was building a deck (on a Rush 811 call) next to a Williams gas transmission line. Fortunately, the deck was on the side of the house away from the gas line.
 - h. Wake UCC has lunch provided by various utility companies, and they usually have a video for safety and / or damage prevention. They also have a tailgate safety committee to educate contractors are doing damages, and they bring along their Spanish-speaking translator to ensure that they reach the entire audience.
 - i. Chris Isley is hosting the PHMSA meeting in Greensboro

Next NCUCC Meeting – November 16, 2010 @10:00 am – Wilmington offices of Time Warner Cable
Address: **6714 Netherlands Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405**. Bruce cautions to set your GPS or Google for the street address and NOT Time Warner Cable, as they have five locations in Wilmington.

Adjourn at 12:15pm

