

NCUCC Meeting
July 11, 2007
Duke Energy Operations Center
Hickory, NC

" Call to order

Chairperson Teresa VonCannon opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. as her last duty as the outgoing chairperson, she introduced Theresia Creswell, the incoming president.

" Motion was made and accepted to accept the March 13 & May 4 minutes.

One correction was noted, David West did not attend the May 4 meeting.

" New Business

" Mark Hannah made a motion that the officer's committee and joint meeting committees meet the night before the scheduled meetings, the motion was approved.

" Lola Ausby reported the vendor's committee has picked up four new members.

" Steve Nichols presented the treasurer's report. Report is as follows:

Balance as of 05-31-07 was \$12,061.57

" Presentation: Bob Kipp - Common Ground Alliance

Bob presented an outline of the organization and several initiatives.

Points covered:

Members

Best Practices

Regional Partners

R&D Committee & Technology - new pilot program in Halifax Virginia.

Dirt program- second annual damage report

811 program, National Kick Off.

" Reports:

NCDOT- David West- The utility unit is relocating and phone numbers will be changing. TIP books will not be printed this year, consult the web page NCDOT.org for the updated information. Encroachment applications are up so far this year. NCDOT is having problems with all of the telecommunication name changes. They are still receiving encroachments with both names.

NCDOT - Bobby Mur- Chapel Hill will be installing a new signal system with 110 signals and 50 to 60 miles of fiber optic cables. Pre construction meeting in Nov.- Dec.

NC One Call- Ron Fairbanks- Positive response is up 71%. Tickets are down 2.3% due to positive response. The next NCUCC board meeting is July 20 in Jefferson Landing. The web page has been updated with the latest commercials.

George Glenn- Local UCC's need to report damages. Damage report is located on the web page. UCC's need to concentrate on the root causes of damages.

Railroads- None were present

Power Companies- Lola Ausby- Dominion Power- Dominion has downsized and is now hiring. Dominion is going to sell its gas and oil holding and focus on power distribution.

Cable and Telecom Co.- AT&T- Brain Groome - Gary Bailey will be taking over damage prevention.

AT&T is working on improving the marking standards for local cable and long distance.

Locate companies- Tim Yarbro- UtiliQuest- Locates need to be more specific.

Local UCC reports-

Forsyth/ Stokes County- David Jackson- Meeting held last month, good attendance.

Davie/ Yadkinville- Rick Mahaley-Committee is planning upcoming picnic.

Foothills UCC- Theresia Creswell - They are working on a contractor's breakfast.

Mayland UCC- Tom Ellis- They have a small committee that is meeting regularly.

Vendors- Bill Norris-Utilities and contractors need to work together to reduce damages.

" Next meeting will be held in September 11 in Wilmington, Piedmont
Natural Gas will host.

Respectful submitted
David Jackson
Secretary NCUCC