

NCUCC Meeting
July 14, 2009
Duke Energy Operations Center
Hickory, NC

Attendees:

Mark Hannah	PSNC Energy	David West	NCDOT
Theresia Creswell	Duke Energy	George Bloodworth	NC 1-Call
Fred Storie	Verizon	Bruce Sheldon	Time Warner Cable
David Jackson	Piedmont NG	Ken Griffin	PSNC East
Ronnie King	NCDOT	Paul Solomon	City of Hickory
Steve Nichols	TELICS	Sue Homewood	NC DWQ
Caroline Dedmon	NC DOT	Niki Maher	NC DWQ
Lola Ausby	Dominion	Polly Lespinasse	NC DWQ Morrisville
Tom Ellis	Piedmont NG	Amy Euliss	NC DWQ
Rick Mahaley	Piedmont NG	Todd Crutchfield	City of Newton
Greg Epting	Piedmont NG	Mark Worth	PSNC Energy
Trish Simon	NC DOT	Joe Lamm	Embarq
Tom West	Colonial Pipeline	Danny Harris	PSNC Energy
Sammy Rogers	City of Shelby	Jeannine Bowers	Duke Energy
Ronnie Davis	City of Shelby	Mike Coggins	Dule Energy
Tim Southard	NC DOT (Bridge)	Tim Yarbrow	Utiliquest
Steve Linnens	NCDOT	Neil Trivette	NCDOT
Karen Higgins	NCDWQ	Billy Rice	KCI Technologies`
Cort Bennett	PSNC	Richard Lawrence	Piedmont NG
Sandra Johnson	PSNC Energy	David McBride	Utiliquest
David Chastain	Williams Pipeline	Brian Wrenn	NC DWQ
Gary Cauble	Telics	William Deal	City of Charlotte
Terry Johnson	Duke Energy		

- **Call to order**

Chairperson David Jackson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Motion was made and accepted to accept the NC/SC UCC minutes from the May meeting in Litchfield Beach. Change of officers was Tom West, Secretary, Bruce Sheldon, Co-Chair, and David Jackson, new Chairman. David complimented and thanked Mark Hannah, outgoing Chaiman, for the fine job he did in 2008-2009.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Sandra Johnson gave the report, stating the balance in May was \$7,065.99. \$500.00 was paid to the Joint Conference Meeting in South Carolina, and \$1,362.67 to the NC OCC for the new signs. That left a current balance of \$6,603.32, with no outstanding issues.

- **New Business**

The officer change was reported. The NC OCC web page needs to be updated to reflect the change. A motion was made to change the September 8th meeting to September 15th, due to the Labor Day holiday. The September meeting will be at Dominion Power in Roanoke Rapids.

David Jackson also showed the group the new signs, and he had brought 100 to the meeting to be distributed to anyone wanting to place them in an area of activity.

- **Committee Reports**

Volunteers are needed for committees. See any officer if interested. Also, we need speakers for upcoming meetings.

- **Reports:**

NCDOT- David West- Encroachments are up 25% from last year. Please note any encroachment that has stimulus money involved.

The NC DOT will now allow cabinets on the back side of the R/W. They must be set on the outside of the clear recovery zone. There has been some administrative changes at the DOT in Raleigh. The new Director of Field Services is Ellis Powell.

David will be sending out surveys to local UCCs to get a feel for DOT presence at these meetings.

NC One Call- George Bloodworth- Tickets are down 17.9%. Transmissions also reflect that decrease in activity. George also told the group that the new rate structure will be prorated.

Railroads- None were present

Power Companies- No Report

Gas Companies- David Jackson reported on his "JEDI" program at PNG, designed to save the company money. Also, the "SOAR" program is actively going on, which involves some reorganizational changes.

Tom West with Colonial Pipeline reported that Tim Phelps is now president of the Common Ground Alliance.

Cable and Telecom Co.- Bruce Sheldon from Time Warner Cable reported the digital conversion is complete, and they had picked up a lot of activity from this program.

Fred Storie from Verizon reported that their landslide side of the business was to become Frontier in 2010.

Locate companies- David McBride from Utilquest stated his company had a good year so far, with activity up and damages down. David asked that more contractors attend the State UCC meetings.

- **Committee Reports**

A presentation was given from the NC Department of Water Quality by Karen Higgins. There is a lot of focus from both the state and federal level on development practices. Developers must monitor erosion control measures, and keep accurate records of inspections. If you are required to have a federal permit, the state will also require one. Karen gave an excellent presentation,

and forwarded on to the secretary hew power point presentation (which will go out with the minutes).

Local UCC reports-

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

Davie/ Yadkinville- Rick Mahaley-Awareness cookut at Masonic Center in Mocksville 4th Wednesday.

Foothills UCC- Theresia Creswell – (includes Gston, Cleveland and Rutherford Counties) 1st Tuesday at 9:30 AM.

Wake CO UCC 4th Tuesday

Halifax-North Hampton Yvonne Ellis' father has passed away. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Buncombe County UCC October 15th Awareness Lunch

Onslow UCC has moved away from lunch meetings and is meeting the third Thursday at 10 AM at Embarq

Charlotte-Mecklinberg UCC is focusing on damage prevention by polling contractors in the area.

- Next meetings will be held on September 15th at 10 AM at Dominion Power in Roanoke Rapids.
- Thanks to Theresia Creswell and Duke Energy for hosting this meeting.