

IDAHO UTILITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

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Tom Donohue called meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Counties represented were: Ada, Bonner-Boundary, Bonneville, Blaine, Kootenai, Jefferson, Payette, Canyon, Lewis & Clark, Paulouse, Shoshone-Benewah, Twin Falls, Nez Perce.

Jed Turnbull motioned to accept the minutes from April 12-13, 2007 State IUCC with Franco Massari seconded, all approved.

The treasury report gave a balance of \$5,785.65.

There was an introduction of all members present.

Local Chapter Reports

Franco Massari reported that ADA county and the local UCC worked on an agreement for development in the right of way improvements guideline. ADA County had an existing Ordinance that did not include information from contractors or developers, so changes were made.

Franco Massari reported that Payette UCC is still strong.

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Ken Killingbeck reported that Canyon UCC is good but the highway districts do not attend. Some cities are starting to show interest in the UCC. Working on a better meeting place.

Marc Phelps reported that ADA UCC is good and had their first engineering company project presented to them. City of Meridian joined the UCC. Also, visited rental companies, gave them flyers on the dig law, and asked that they speak to homeowners on this.

Tom Donohue reported that Lewis/Clark UCC meets every other month and rotates location. The area has seen more development this year. The UCC is working with developers and contractors and using the development in the right of way improvements guideline.

Bruce Matteson Lewis/Clark UCC said he is looking forward to discussions with utilities and contractors at meetings.

Donna Claypool reported that Paulouse UCC is not working. She is new to the area. All the utilities work together and she is trying to restart the meetings.

Marie Mayben reported that Shoshone-Benewah meets every other month. There officers are contractors. There is new development in Kellogg and Osborn.

Chad Parr Hailey, Idaho reported that they have a no contractors at their meeting. The members suggested having agenda items that involve projects and resolving issues.

Bruce Hathaway reported that Kootenai UCC meets once a month and has a door prize for those in attendance only. The 811 is working well in the area.

Herb Heisel reported that he personally in Kootenai County hands out 811 cards, stickers to contractors, cities, utilities, etc. for them to place on equipment, trucks. He also has visited landscapers and panhandle health.

Jed Turnbull reported that Boundary UCC is going good. Boundary County has gone through three address changes. The GPS program is good and helps in the rural area especially with the address changes. Contractor breakfast is very successful and Trans Canada gave a presentation and paid a portion of the breakfast.

Bonner UCC is not good. Attendance by contractors is poor. Will work on new strategies for better attendance.

Linda Phillips Dig Line said that they receive calls from contractors who ask what the charge is for the locate. Marie Mayben Password said the contractors think there is a charge.

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Rod Bacon Password said that one reason the homeowner calls are up is that the contractor thinks there is a charge.

Herb Heisel said that he has noticed that contractors are piggy back off another locate on big projects and he informs them of the law.

Marc Phelps said that some contracts with homeowners on projects states the contractor is no responsible for locates.

Linda Phillips said that Dig Line receives GPS information that is wrong. Marie Mayben said that the GPS has setup changes that are required before using for locates.

Committee Reports

**One Call**

Linda Phillips Dig Line reported that contractor excavation is up more than homeowners are. They have a procedure in place for engineering pre-design that is 7 days. Locates are down 9% from last year.

Marie Mayben Password reported that homeowners are up more than contractors are. Locates are down from last year.

**Damage Report**

There were do damage reports. Tom Donohue said that in order to make changes to the Dig Law, information is needed on damages, etc. In addition, grant money availability depends on the information.

**Damage Open Discussion**

Franco Massari said he has damage statistics and could give at the spring meeting.

Margie Gray said that Qwest Communications damage information is on their web site by state.

The members agreed that damage reports are given in the spring before Ron Law applies for grants in January of each year. Each UCC should provide information on how many hits and if locates where called.

Linda Phillips said that Ron Law would need his information for January 2008-grant application.

Chad Parr said by keeping track of missed or non-locates might help Ron Law.

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Jed Turnbull said at the September 13, 2007 meeting his group is in charge of handling the legislative law changes.

**Legislative Report**

Jed Turnbull said no one person was assigned to contact George Eskridge, but he personally spoke to Mr. Eskridge and he confirmed that documentation is needed and he would support the IUCC.

**Web Site**

Linda Phillips did not have a report prepared. Ms. Phillips said that the IUCC web site would need to be improved. Darlene Edwards and myself will work on and add all input received.

**Common Ground Alliance (CGA)**

Linda Phillips presented a magazine from CGA on Best Practice Management. In the magazine, there is an article on utility owners taking over service laterals.

Franco Massari presented a power point on CGA guidelines and Sewer Laterals.

Strategic Action Results from 9/13/07

**Locates (Jed Turnbull speaker) November 1, 2007 deadline**

- Sample warning letters from Dig Line and Utilities will be reviewed. A master letter than will be compiled for all to use.
- Password and Dig Line will provide information on emergency tickets to verify if really an emergency and then notices will be sent out.
- Send copy of letters of violations to the Contractor Registration Board.
- Send letter to Utilities, Cities, Irrigation, Canal Co. that are not complying with the Call Before You Dig Law and possibly send to Contractor Registration Board.
- Collect copies of prosecuting attorney letter of "not interested" in prosecuting violators of the One Call law.
- Revise ADA County Brochure and make available for everyone.
- Prepare sample outline "process of coordination on projects" for everyone.

**Public Awareness (Linda Phillips speaker) November 15, 2007 deadline**

- UCC Flyer updated (Marc Phelps and Franco Massari) (UCC Purchase Publisher)
- Prepare power point on UCC for everyone. (Franco Massari/Kelly Gorringer)
- IUCC Web Site updated – all submit information (Linda Phillips/Darlene Edwards)

**Coordination of Projects (Tom Donohue speaker) October 15, 2007 deadline**

- each UCC/Utility to provide information
- Tom Donohue will provide sample of project coordination list

**Participation/Involvement (Marc Phelps speaker) November 15, 2007**

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-UCC Flyer updated and posted on web site

Next Meeting

Location is Pocatello, Idaho in April 2008. Dates are April 17-18 or April 24-25. Notice will go out when confirmed. Each UCC (voted and passed) will pay registration of \$50.00 to cover costs for UCC's that are just starting up who attend.

Elections

Election for a new President for 2008

The meeting adjourned at 12:00p.m.