



ELUCC Meeting

April 18th, 2019

PO Box 582, Lebanon, Oregon 97355

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Hamilton. Minutes from the March meeting were accepted by the Council.

Treasurer's Report:

\$6,201.24 is the current account balance.

Damage Report:

Northwest Natural reported damage in Scio. An above ground riser was struck by a mower. No excavation was involved, so no interaction with Oregon dig law.

Northwest Natural reported that Pacific Excavation is performing a project in the City of Albany in which they recently struck NWN gas lines twice. Pacific Excavation will participate in a damage prevention training.

Northwest Natural investigated an incident outside the East Linn UCC jurisdiction (in Vancouver) in which an electrical grounding rod for another utility had been driven through a two inch poly gas main. The incident is under investigation.

Standards Report:

No discussion this meeting.

State Council Report:

No report this month.

P & E Report:

The Contractor's Dinner hosted annually by the ELUCC and the Linn Benton UCC has been cancelled for this spring. We will discuss further whether to host the dinner in the coming fall. Members present discussed whether the Contractor's Dinner represented a worthwhile investment for the Councils. The dinner represents the single largest cost to ELUCC for its efforts. Costs include the purchase of flower baskets, gifts, reserving the venue, and the cost of the catering. While the recognition of those participating is agreed to be worthwhile, it was discussed whether the money could be better spent in public/contractor outreach and education efforts.

P&E expenditure ideas included providing 2 or 3 Hi-Vis tee shirts per employee to new UCC members. Shirts would have the company name and/or logo on the front, and the 811 logo on the back or sleeve. Another option would be to provide a single, better quality Hi-Vis tee shirt (Class II or III reflective) with the 811 logo on it. Members discussed the idea of paying for lunches for participation in the monthly meeting to try to encourage more participation.

Kevin suggested contacting the equipment rental companies and asking them to promote awareness; provide Standards Manuals, etc. Larry had done this before and reported getting a good reception from them.

Lebanon Safety Days is going to be on Saturday, May 18th. Volunteers are needed to represent the ELUCC.

Dozer Days may be coming to Eugene. More information coming next month.

Old Business:

We had discussed getting a float for the Strawberry Festival. Tom Aldrich was going to be heading that effort from past meeting minutes. Tom was not available for this meeting. No news at this time.

New Business:

None.

Projects:

None discussed.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 16th.
JC's BBQ in Lebanon.

ATTENDANCE

**Larry Nelsen
Joyce Nelsen
Jason Williams
Stan Smith
Kevin Schiedler
Ryan Hansen
Kevin Hamilton**

**Van Lee Contracting
Roome Telephone, Inc.
NW Natural
City of Sodaville
Pacific Power
Comcast
Linn County**