

# KUCC

**Meeting Date:** 9-12-18

Chicken Shack, Klamath Falls

**Attendance:** Tony Holcomb, John Claybaugh, Ian Treadway, Dale Bonser,

Dalton Haviland, Randy Travis, Morgan McCarty, Rod Carlile.

**Introductions:** Morgan McCarthy Avista Temp.

**Officers:**

Rod Carlile – President.

Vice President – Vern Dozier

Secretary-Treasurer – Michelle Tree (Morgan sitting in for Michelle Tyree).

**Minutes:** read / approved

**Treasurer's report:** \$5516.28

**Old Business:** Everyone had seen some of the 811 banner/signs in place around Klamath, Bonanza and Malin. Note they will be coming down at end of the month and saved for next year. Ian Treadway with PP&L was going to try to contact “solar farm” in Merrill to see if next year we could install an 811 sign on fence entering Merrill.

Reminded about 811 call tags placed on augers at rental yards. Talked about 40 day ticket life and midnight start date for 48 hour notice.

Updated members about RAA filed against Gage-It by Avista. PUC recommended that next time this kind of RAA would have been better served by filing 2 RAA's. One for the call before you dig issue and second the use of mechanical digging within the tolerance zone.

**New business:** Advise of locator seminar on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Pendleton, only 20 positions open but now would be a good time to sign up for the next one. Joint States Meeting (5 states) will be held on October 2 to the 4<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver WA.

City of Klamath to permanently fill locator position, they are still having issues with locates being called in as "entire property" knowing the dig will only be in one or two specific areas. Suggestion was made to call the caller to be more specific "then they will mark".

\*\*\*\*\* Can the One Call system clarify to callers what an actual "EMERGENCY LOCATE" is? One, we have had several emergency locates that are either not true emergency locates, i.e.: poor planning by the contractor or home owner part. Two, the contractor is not even starting work that day but just doesn't want to wait 48 hours.

\*\*\*\* An excellent point was brought forward: Why is there no "data base" for problem end users of the 811 Call system? Contractors who frequently cause damage to others facilities or call in non-emergency "EMERGENCY locates".

\*\*\*\*\* Question, will there ever be anything that can be done to the "NO call before you dig" person/contractor?

It was brought up that a homeowner said, "I don't have to wait the 48 hours before I start digging and the call is not free to me if I have to wait 48 hours before I start, if you're not going to give me a ticket or fine me, get off my property I have work to do!" We all have good intentions but no teeth to back anything up with unless they actually damage a facility.

**Date for next meeting:** 11-14-18, 11:30, Chicken Shack.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:45 PM