

LUCC Meeting Minutes

April 4th, 2024

Welcome – President Rocky Stewart called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

Self-Introductions – 31 people were present.

Meeting Minutes – March minutes to be corrected: from “*Ana w/ Wildish*” to “*Mary Lou w/ Wildish*”
Meeting minutes were approved with correction at the opening of the meeting.

Treasurers Report – Naomi Shirtcliff: Provided dues and membership list, and budget summary.
Depositing dues collected today. We have no events scheduled in the budget.

Publicity & Education- Byron Williams: Proposed holding another Contractors lunch at Roaring Rapids. We need to pick a date or two and check for cost / availability. We’d like to arrange speakers, “thank you’s”, gifts/ raffles – traditionally donated by utility operators and/or their contractors. We could focus on inviting contractors that have been using the 811 system; ask 811 for a list of top 200 (?) companies that submit tickets in Lane County.

Damage Report- Jason Williams: Reynolds drove a ground rod into a steel service. There was a damage in Pleasant Hill by a hand shovel, they had a valid ticket. Riverbend damaged the coating on a HP line on 8th St and they found a pipe but scraped a fitting w/ the excavator bucket due to not exposing the entire area.
Haven’t had many non-locate issues this month. Heath took over the NWN locating contract in January; they’re doing a great job.

Web Page - Amy Abramson: We have learned that Jessica is no longer with Williams pipeline and therefore will not be continuing as the Web page chair.

OUCS Standards Review – Jason Robinson: Attended the OUNC quarterly meeting (virtually) and was passed compliments of the Lane UCC from the board members. Kudos to us!

Old Business: COS – Ziplly damaged some city facilities; a stop order was issued by the city. Ziplly had representatives come out from Utah to help the local crews get back on track. Permits are being re-issued as they improve their processes. They have been calling in large dig tickets to do bid walk-throughs; these should be pre-survey tickets and/or work with locators for “reasonable” timelines. We have seen 5-blocks or 2000ft on a ticket, which hasn’t improved since the Utah folks arrived.

New Business: SUB water asked for suggestions from the room for Locate ticket management programs. Williams and Heath both are using KorTerra, which has been helpful when managing territories outside of Oregon. EWEB is using the iTIC ticket management system.

Amy: I was asked to bring up a recent situation with EWEB Water crews and the City of Eugene locators. The sewer laterals were only marked as a tee off the main, and not brought to the curb /sidewalk or property line which is the known point of ownership for the city's facilities. Q: is it the city's new practice to not mark up to the property line or was this a one-time situation? A: COS does mark up to the curb and acknowledges there was a miscommunication in this instance. There are no changes to the marking standards. Also, a reminder that the accuracy of the marks are limited to the documented maps & measurements but in general we try to mark up to the curb.

NWN- Q: if a sewer line is mismarked more than 2ft, we've been asked to repair it ourselves, shouldn't this be the sewer owners responsibility? A: Yes, the city / owner is ultimately responsible but might not be able to respond promptly and therefore to keep the work moving along we allow / suggest the crew onsite take care of the repairs.

Program: None

Meeting Adjourned- 1 pm