# Meeting Minutes

# Metropolitan Utility Coordinating Council

MUCC, C/O Jarrod Morrison, 3700 SE 17th Ave, Portland, OR 97202

## July 27th, 2011

**Our next meeting will be Aug 24th, 2011**

At the Busters Texas Style BBQ, 11419 SW Pacific Hwy. Tigard, OR 97223<http://www.yellowpages.com/portland-or/mip/busters-texas-style-barbecue-6019587/map?lid=6019587>

**(Control +Click mouse on link for map directions)**

**ATTENDEES:** See attached listing.

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**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer’s Report for July 2011:** $7,911.25 in checks written for golf tournament prizes and fees & YUCC fishihing Derby sponsorship.

$4,329 Deposit of sponsorships, fees for golf tournament & raffle ticket purchases.

M Bank Golf Fund Golf Fund Rodeo Visa

(Checking) (Savings)

Beginning Balance $ 8,215.70 $ 1,121.81 $ 5.00 $ 0.00 $ -

Ending Balance $ 4,133.45 $ 1,121.81 $ 5.00 $ 0.00 $ -

**Payments / Purchases / Income:**

As a non-profit organization, all monies collected go for supplies/events to educate the public!

Our ending balance (all accounts) must be under $5,000 at the end of the year or we will have to pay taxes.

### *Damage Report: See the end of the minutes.*

### *We must now have five (5) entities reporting monthly – be sure to report your damages in a timely manner!*

The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) encourages the use of their Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT). You can check this out at [www.cga-dirt.com](http://www.cga-dirt.com)

**P&E Report (Publicity and Education):**

P&E General: Send your ideas to Don Patterson ([dwp@nwnatural.com](mailto:dwp@nwnatural.com)) and Anita Floyd ([anita.floyd@qwest.com](mailto:anita.floyd@qwest.com))

New:

Anita Floyd suggested that if there are any concerns with the wording or have questions or suggestions on the OAR’s, to please contact Jennifer Carter w/ Emery & Son’s @ [Jennifer@emeryandsons.com](mailto:Jennifer@emeryandsons.com)., as they are being worked on at this time.

Old:

Don Patterson talked about setting up an 811 information booth at the Crawfish Festival in Tualatin on August 12th-14th. He will get sign up sheets sent out for 2 hour time slots. PGE will already have a booth set up, so we may be able to just pair up with them.

Don Patterson is working hard to find local media venues to get the word out. If you have any contacts at your local newspapers or radio stations, please pass on that contact info to him.

Radio update – There is an issue with the wording in the radio ads – the phrase “48 business hours” should be “2 business days”. “48 business hours” sounds like it could take 4-6 days for the locate. We are getting good coverage in the local area.

Summer Events – we are hoping to have a booth at some of the smaller local (one-day) events in the Tri-County area. Please let Don know what local Fairs and Festivals are in your area so he can check into setting up our booth at these events.

We are looking for local community sponsors! Please talk to any of our local vendors who sell/rent items where it would benefit us and the public to have our handout in the store. If the store will agree to have our handouts available for the public, pass their contact info on to Don to get it set up. If the store wants to make a donation for a giveaway at one of the events that we attend, that would be great as well, but it is not required. We mostly want to get our handouts into their stores so the public has access to it!

A couple events that are coming up that we can discuss attending are the Crawfest Festival in August, and the Mississippi Street Fair. More details to follow.

Newspaper Ad Update – Don has checked into some of the local newspapers to put our ad in several. One price he found was a one-time ad for 2 newspapers for $174. This was for the Tualatin and Tigard newspapers. We are hoping to hit newspapers in the Tri-County area at the best price we can find. We would like to do it for the months of April through July when spring planting and fencing is going strong. We will discuss this more at the April meeting, as NW Natural will be doing their own ad for the month of April. A motion to spend $500 toward newspaper ads was brought to the floor, and tabled until further discussion

See Upcoming Events / Meetings for the Locator Training Sessions this year.

There is a lot happening these next few months. They are planning to spend about $40,000 next year toward radio advertising.

Home Depot has embraced its partnership with the CGA in this region. The CGA may talk with Lowes and other large stores to promote 811.

Columbia Gorge/Hood River areas are planning radio ads to promote 811 as well as using small newspaper ads. Don Patterson has checked into our local area and found that there is one radio company that owns about a dozen smaller newspapers in the local region. We can run a single ad (3.5” x 4” in color) in these local papers for just $145/month. Don Patterson will put together a proposal for our information and vote for the next MUCC meeting. We are thinking of doing several months of advertising this summer/fall and perhaps 6 months of advertising next year.

OUNC is looking for new promotional items.

Requests for cards/pens/hats/other items are being downsized because OUNC doesn’t want to run out of inventory. Please only order what you really need.

811 CAMPAIGN: (No new information this month)

Home Depot is breaking out in the western region. Go into your local Home Depot and if you do not see the 811 info, ask at the Contractors desk.

In Oregon, the stores will carry Key Chains for all equipment and color code cards. The “Associates” who will be trained to answer questions will have patches on their aprons.

The OUNC meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the One Call Center in Portland.

You may go to [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com/) website for more information.

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**Upcoming Events / Meetings:**

[TUALATIN CRAWFISH FESTIVAL: Friday – Sunday, Aug 12-14, 2011](http://www.tualatincrawfishfestival.com/) MUCC will have share a booth with Portland General Electric on Saturday the 13th.

[CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER ROADWAY & SAFETY FAIR: Saturday Aug, 27th, 2011](http://www.tualatincrawfishfestival.com/) 10am to 3pm

MUCC will particapate in the education of safey around utilities. (If able to volunteer, please contact Gary Hyatt @ [Gary.Hyatt@nwnatural.com](mailto:Gary.Hyatt@nwnatural.com)

UTILITY LOCATOR TRAINING SESSION: September 13 – 14, 2011 **Medford, OR**

For registration information please contact Laura Venida: [OUNCLaura@aol.com](mailto:OUNCLaura@aol.com)

REGIONAL LAW UPDATE: The Coos Bay event has been postponed (indefinitely). There was a roadblock trying to get the lists of people for attendees. Updates to follow as they come in.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RAA** - The next hearing date is unknown.

Hearings are at the PUC Building at 550 Capitol St NE, Salem. Be sure to bring change for the parking meters if you attend. The OUNC has asked Michael Thompson to put together a summary of the RAA hearings. This would benefit the local councils to help promote education to the local contractors in the areas where infractions are the highest.

If you know of any websites that could benefit by having a link to our website, please pass the website on to Don Patterson to check it out. Getting our link onto other websites is a good way to be visible online and can reach many people.

Adam Frank with OUNC told us that the disclaimer has been added now regarding the use of contact information that Jarrod Morrison talked about in May. Adam also informed us that they had a good turn out at the booth at Intel last month, he said quite a bit of people stopped by.

Gary Hyatt reminded everyone to pass along the reminder to their companies, that when calling in locates to please call in specific marking instructions rather that requesting to locate the entire lots.

Don Patterson announced that the beginning of the planning for the Joint States Meeting next year that will be hosted in Oregon by the OUNC/P&E Committee. Don is looking for ideas for a theme. If you have any ideas please send them to Don Patterson @ [dwp@nwnatural.com](mailto:dwp@nwnatural.com). They are shooting for the meeting to be held in September 2012 in Seaside, OR.

One Call #’s are still down 6.2% from last year!

*811 Locate Requesting is available 24/7/365! Don’t wait until first thing Monday morning to call in your locates – you’ll find the lines are packed with everyone else calling at the same time! Call Saturday or Sunday if you want to get your request in early. Still expect two (2) business days for the locates to show up!*

*Should you encounter an un-located utility while excavating – stop digging, call 811 to report it immediately, determine that there is no immediate danger, and you can continue working (if your project allows) using extreme care in the affected area. See Page 23 (5) in the Standards Manual.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Anita Floyd announced the Qwest to CenturyLink to be in effect August 8th. She will put out a notice as to the exact logo to be used out in the field. She’s pretty sure it will be “CTL”

Jarrod Morrison gave a run down & passed around the breakdown of the Golf Tournament expences.

It was mentioned that the Fishing Derby had a good turn out.

Some ideas were mentioned of how to get the “811” advertised by the utility companies to the home owners, by either a flyer in the bills or a stamp on the envelope, some utility representatives said they would ask around to see if there was something that could be done.

REMINDER…Send your current and/or upcoming projects to Marta Padilla @ marta.padilla@locatinginc.com and they will be attached to the Minutes e-mail so everyone will know where projects are or will be happening and your company can schedule accordingly.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As you have read, there are a variety of opportunities for all to volunteer and help spread the word of our Call before You Dig message. These are great opportunities to network and get to know each other better. Take advantage of these opportunities and make new friends. If you are able, make yourself available to be on a committee or to volunteer on any of the upcoming projects and events these next couple of years. This is what this Council is all about and how we strive to be excellent!

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Check out the websites for info on the Oregon Dig Law, upcoming events and on your local Council(s).

*There are new changes to the website – check them out.*

Also available: see information on Best Practices at [www.commongroundalliance.com](http://www.commongroundalliance.com/)

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*Respectfully submitted by Marta Padilla.*

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The next meeting: Date: Wednesday August 24th,,@ 11:30am

Location: Buster’s BBQ, 11419 SW Pacific Hwy Tigard, OR <http://www.yellowpages.com/portland-or/mip/busters-texas-style-barbecue-6019587/map?lid=6019587>

The ****2011**** schedule is the 4th Wednesday of each month except November

(the week before Thanksgiving this year) and December (no meeting).

January 26th  February 23rd March 23rd April 27th

May 25th June 22nd July 27th **August 24th**

September 28th October 26th November 16th Dec - No meeting

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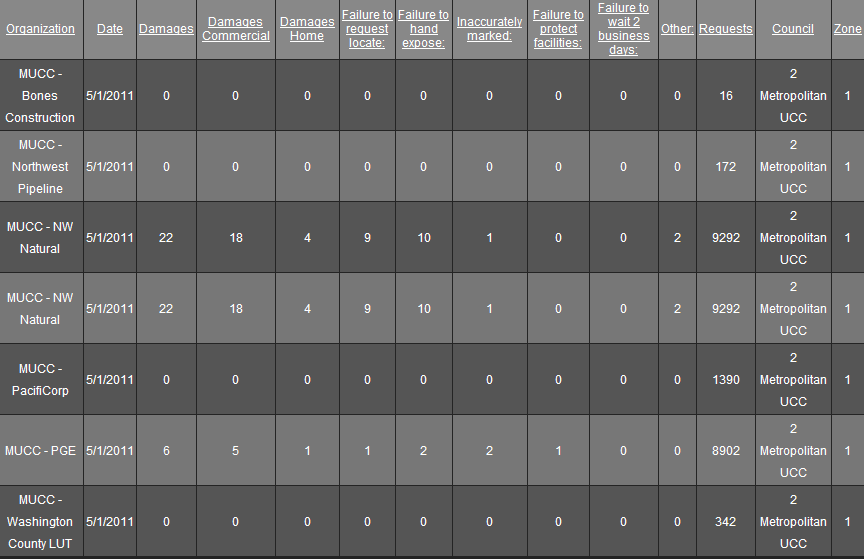
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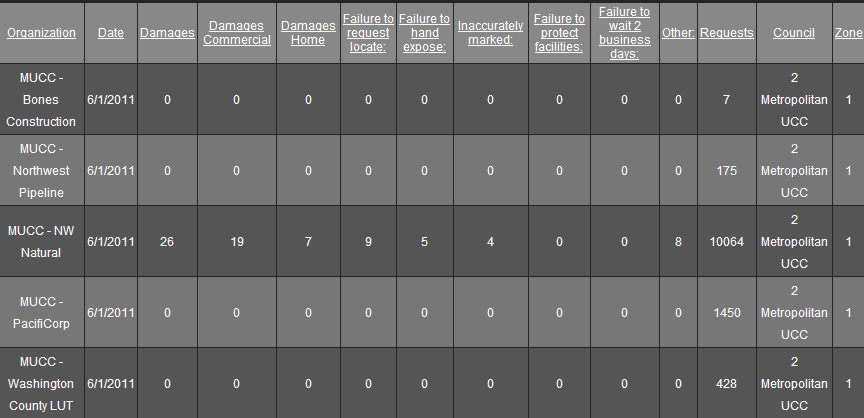
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Damage Report: In 2011 **we must have a minimum of five (5) damage reports per month**. Please submit your damages within 30 days. The following is from the Website <http://oucc.net/> taken **July 15, 2011**.

**May** 2011: ***Six submittals for damages…***

**June** 2011: ***Five submittals for damages…***

**July** 2011:  ***Three submittal so far……***

