



**STATEWIDE ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION CENTER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE: April 15, 2021**

**NOT APPROVED**

**LOCATION:**

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park – Peter Kiewit Lodge, Nebraska Room  
28500 West Park Hwy  
Ashland, NE  
(Board members will sign in a park entrance and get a daily parking permit)

Anyone, including board members and the public, may attend the Zoom meeting via the following link:

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<https://occinc.zoom.us/j/96556060942>  
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Committee Meetings: 9:00am

Board meeting: 9:30am

- Call Meeting to Order
  - Housekeeping
  - Meeting Notice
  - Announcements
- Roll Call
  - • Voting members present: Jerry Augustyn, Scott Barry, Linda Costello, Rob Everett, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Lance Loschen, Dave Stroebele, BJ Woehler\*, Chad Roberts\*, Dan Maschka\*, Nathan Stewart\*, John Buckley\*, Andy Hartmann, Todd Knutson\* Stan Waterman\*
  - \*attended virtually
  - • Voting member absent: Bruce Hoehne, Rick Melcher
  - • OCC staff: Tyler Nesheim, Jill Geyer, Matt Ruddo
  - • State Fire Marshal’s Agency: Regina Shields, David Levering, Kevin Bumgardner
  - • Attorney General’s office staff: none
- Introductions
  - Scott Barry – New member from Tall Grass Energy
- Approval of Meeting Agenda
  - Motion by Rob Everett, Second by Dave Stroebele
- Approval of previous meeting minutes
  - Motion by Linda Costello, Second by Chad Roberts

- Public Comment – (15 minutes)
  - No public comments
  - NDOT issue. OPPD had an issue w/locating NDOR facilities. Have to hire a 3<sup>rd</sup> party locator and sign waiver to be responsible for any damages. Andy outlined a conversation with Melisa on this issue. Need to go to Senators w/concerns. Regina – go to Senators / NDOR explain why they believe they are exempt. John – project in Omaha for NDOT. NDOT project managers didn't understand or didn't know what 811 was about.
  - Jerry Augustyn – co-workers/electricians – Milligan wind farm – private owned electrical lines on private easements. Milligan is working on this with OCC.
  - **Break to work on microphones resume at 10:10**
  
- Committee Reports
  - Policy Committee (Dave Stroebele) met on March 22nd
    - Update on Report to Legislature: Clarified the dates. Will bring to next board meeting in August to send in December. Talked about enforcement reporting. Need more defined explanation of the data being reported. Need more than open and closed violations. David Levering can assist with the violation data. Closed cases are public information.
    - Ticket extension pilot program – Working with OCC on this. Need to start testing with a company.
  
  - Legislature Committee (Andy Hartmann)
    - Discussion of Legislative bills LB344 B.J. update. It is out of committee, discussion on what to do.
  
  - Advertising Committee (Jerry Augustyn)
    - One Call grants – Talk later in the meeting.
    - SFM public education- no discussion
    - Start of busy season. First quarter spending is low by design; second quarter budgetary spending will increase. Advertising with Husker sports has not changed the contract despite their change of hands. Radio – reaching out to Spanish channels. Doing digital advertising through media agencies. Geofencing – Menards/Lowes. Print ads coming out.
    - Stakeholder/locator workshop meetings. Virtual or in person meetings discussion. Matt w/OCC – have done some training in person meetings. Follow the Governors health measures. How many meetings are anticipated. Grant dollars to be spent this year for stakeholder meetings. Need to find a facility large enough. Meetings west of Lincoln about 6 meetings. Need to check with the locate trainer to see if they are comfortable to do the work shops.
  
  - By-Laws Committee (Stan Waterman) – No updates.
    - Follow up on previously proposed document, mandatory meetings.
    - Follow up on paying for BOD hotel costs
  
- Damage Prevention Resource Center
  - DPRC status report (Tyler Nesheim) Reviewed the OCC report. January / March busiest months in history. April is up 20% thus far. Dig season started early w/volumes. 80% are using the web portal over calling in. Web training going well. 7 in 10 excavators give more than the 2 work day notice. Date for old ticketing system to discontinue. Faxing was discontinued. 3 high volume users to work with before discontinued.
    - Discussion on Polygon's. Excavators are inquiring about using the Polygon to work with.
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> party locators are not seeing the map of the polygon. The link for map is sent to everyone.

- Discussion on locate tickets – Draw a polygon and then put in remarks more detailed instructions. What is enforceable?
  - Advertising and Education (Jill Geyer)
    - Test Geo-fencing on Memorial Day
    - Open to suggestions for topics for monthly email newsletter
    - Social media – influencers are highlighted
    - Virtual meetings have been conducted for outreach and some in person going forward
    - Public outreach – Union Soccer in Omaha.
      - Poster contest - 15 schools submitted posters. Will do presentations with winners either in person or virtual.
    - 811 day coming in August
    - New promotional items.
    - Online locate training coming under ONECALL grant
    - MUD – advertising 811 on bus benches
    - State Fire Marshal will be participating at the State Fair – would like promotional items to give away.
- Treasurer Report (John Buckley)
  - Approval of the Treasurer Report
    - Budget looks good. No issues with funding projects.
    - Motion by: Linda Costello, Second by: Rob Everett
- State Fire Marshal's Report
  - Chief Deputy report (David Levering) - Nothing to report
  - Damage Prevention Deputy report (Kevin Bumgardner)
    - Have been visiting excavation site.
    - Reach out to excavator companies. Contacting company owners/bosses. Explaining the issues. Companies want the training. Haven't asked about what has changed. Outreach has been extended and being done by other deputies.
    - Damage prevention classes were on hold in 2020. Restart in June 2021
    - Fire Marshal keeping a list of excavators/company who they visit with. Only talking the regulations/law for 811.
  - Legal Counsel report (Regina Shields)
    - SFM has a new address – added “suite 1” to current address. Consolidated into 1 part of the building.
    - Open board member position – now filled w/Scott Barry
    - ½ the board will go off in August. July 8<sup>th</sup> will be time for reapplying for appointments.
- Attorney General's Report (Milissa Johnson-Wiles)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> qtr 2021 will be done next week. Had to go to SFM first.
- Old Business
  - OCC contract renewal (Policy Committee)
    - Dave reported the review. Want to execute by next board meeting. Regina discussed the statute changed. Contact Policy committee what “association: means in the contract.
  - DOT concerns (Andy Hartmann)
    - **Motion #1 before the board.** ONECALL board of directors to request the SFM to get a written summary from the NDOT detailing the statutory section and the AG's opinion which exempts the NDOT from participating in the ONECALL system.
      - Motion by Andy Hartman - Second by BJ Woehler
  - Letters to legislature for current bills - completed
  - Outreach on discontinuance of ITIC 2.0 and fax-a-locate - completed

- New Business
  - Ticket status codes – Dave S discussed no locate status code / remove from the system. Causing confusion in the field. Remove no locate status. Replace it with Clear. Utility would have to clear it or mark it. OCC – can be removed easily. 3<sup>rd</sup> party submitting those codes and would need to give them time to remove it from their systems. Policy will evaluate.
  - Conference travel –
    - Common Ground Oct 12 -14 in Orlando
    - Users group OCC Sept 21 - 23 Palm Springs
 OCC to do a survey from past attendees. Do attendees have to be vaccinated.

**Break for Lunch 11:45 - return at 12:30**

- Notice of non-response to utilities immediately vs. monthly (David Levering)
  - Seeing a lot of 3<sup>rd</sup> party locators are sending no-response (electronic response) versus No locate. Should go to the utility possibly. OCC an option available, concern on how these are split out for those that already do inhouse locates. OCC can send out communication to utilities can opt in to the notification.
- Documentation of communication regarding extended start time (David Levering)
  - Utility needs more time to locate. Excavator can accept or reject. Nothing documented in the ticket of who approved it. Would like to have those documented conversations in the ticket system. Possibly look at a pilot program. Tyler is going to provide a report on how many utility owners are getting a notification on non-response.

**John – load management tickets topic in the New business for the next board meeting.**

- CGA/CGN Report (Dan Maschka, Nathan Stewart)
  - Activities/updates
    - Status of State Damage Prevention grants. Applied for grant for online training
  - Next CGN Meeting – TBD
  - CGN summit in February 2021 was postponed. Next Safety Summit will be 2/23/2022
  - Closing Comment from the Board President
    - Nominating committee. Lance, Dave, Rob
  - Next meeting location/date August 5th, 2021 - location TBD
- Adjournment – 1:15 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn Rob second Ed

The public may request that items be added to the Agenda if such requests are received at least 24 hours prior to any schedule meeting. Requests must be in writing and directed to:

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