



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2023

TIME: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING
- SOUTHWEST GAS, 1060 ALPER CENTER DRIVE, HENDERSON

ATTENDANCE:

Cesar Castillo, Chair, RP Weddell	+1 702-686-0385, Unknown Participant
Sal Caponigro, Director, Stake Center	Matthew Haines
Lynsay Demko, Director, Southwest Gas	+1 805-857-2202, Unknown Participant
Ryan White, Director, USA North	Charles Atkinson, TMWA
Steve Priscu, Director, City of Boulder City	Bobby Theis, City of Las Vegas
Boyd Duchene, Director, CCWRD	Brian Gordon, DigContrax
Bob Ward, Director, NV Energy	Christopher McNamara, Las Vegas Paving
LaWayne Scott, Director, AT&T	Cliff Goodrich - Capriati Construction
Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN	Joseph D'Ambrosio, NV Energy
Craig Rogers, Director, PUCN	Felicia Tarin, Hole Hogz
Terry Harpt, Southwest Gas	Greg McWilliams, Red Star Fence
Mark McCreery, City of Boulder City	James Wingate, USA North
Harold Lefler, Western States	Jennifer Fagan, Stake Center
Jethro Dijkman, DigContrax	Kole Smith, Wells Cargo
Michael Sakowski, Sunrise Engineering	Kurt Brna, Byrd Underground
JP Oberweis, Sunrise Engineering	Matt Jensen, Tilson
Beryl Cox, Cox Communications	Michael Ochs, Q&D
William Hogy, City of Las Vegas	Nancy Lopez, Southwest Gas
Nick Nishihama, City of Las Vegas	Oty Serralta, Vantage Concepts
Brendan Vargas, Tilson	Paul Gibson, Terra Contracting
Mario Guzman, Flippins Trenching	Randy Charland
Miriam Castaneda, USIC	Saundra Waggoner, C&S Co.
Greg Noel, USIC	Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving
Kyle Wright, Haaker	Shane Tobiasson, NDX LLC
Mike Marrero, USIC	Tammy Bentley, C & S Co.
Chance Walker, Sunrise Engineering	Tim Gates, City of Henderson
Claudia Negrete, Landcare	

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Introductions (Cesar Castillo)

Introductions took place.



2. Adoption of the Agenda (Cesar Castillo)

Sal Caponigro made a motion to adopt the agenda. Harold Lefler seconded the motion.

3. Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)

Dawn provided a financial report.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

In the last couple months – 2 civil penalties, one to a utility and one to an excavator. One letter went out to a utility. They have 30 days to reply. Don't know how that letter will resolve – penalty or not.

- Senate Bill 27 – Definition of excavation changed

It feels like it's maintaining about the same level of ticket requests. Mark Marrero hasn't seen much of a different. We have to monitor landscapers- they weren't calling for tickets before. They were afraid of the impact on the 811 system. Craig thinks most people were already calling in tickets for hand digs.

5. CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Lynsay Demko)

Language for a potential best practice for trouble locates is being circulated now. It'll be up for vote soon to determine if it'll be adopted as an official CGA best practice or not. The CGA's Summer Committee Summit will take place in Gulf Shores, AL, July 31-Aug. 3. Great opportunity for networking, etc.

6. USA North 811 Update (Ryan White)

A couple new Pelican fixes coming. In August, self-service planning and design platform should be ready. For the design platform, during the design phase, you can log into Pelican, draw out your design area, and you'll get a list of utility contacts for utilities that are in your design area. Pelican will transmit your request directly to the utilities' engineering department. These aren't dig tickets. They'll have a completely different number from a dig ticket.

USA North's next board meeting is Wednesday, July 26.

- **Assembly Bill 177** – Authorizes Nevada counties to share GIS data with USA North 811
- James Wingate spoke about the passage of AB177. It passed unanimously through both the Assembly and Senate and was signed by the Governor. Its effective date Oct. 1, 2023. The guy who held the position of NV State Demographer, who keeps track of stats for the state, left his position in March. His position is posted, but not filled yet. James will go to this position's supervisor to make sure this law doesn't fall through the cracks during the transition. AB177 allows counties to share data with USA North. Southwest Gas lobbyists were very helpful in getting this bill passed and testified in favor of it. NV Energy testified in support as well. Las Vegas Paving and NUCA provided support. Thank you to everyone in the damage prevention community for helping to get this bill passed. It'll help in getting more accurate tickets to locators and excavators. "It's a win all the way across the board." USAN used to have to buy data from data vendors. They will save 10s of thousands of dollars now that counties have to share their plot data.



NEW BUSINESS:

7. New Members (Cesar Castillo):

- Sunrise Engineering – JP Oberweis, inspection manager. Sunrise has 40 inspectors out in the field. They're happy to be a new member.
- Tilson Tech – Brendan Vargas, Director of Government and Community Affairs. Tilson is moving ahead with doing fiber install across Las Vegas. Glad to be a member.
- ELM Utility Services – No ELM members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. Best Practices (Craig Rogers)

Nothing new at this point.

9. 811 Day (Sal Caponigro)

Friday, Aug. 11, is our annual event for 811 Day. It'll be at Cowabunga Bay. We're trying to get the word out. NRCGA will earn money for every ticket sold with the 811Day2023 promo code. Sponsorships are available - \$500 or \$750. We've sold 20 tickets so far. Help us get the word out!

10. Golf Tournament (Bob Ward)

People will be able to register or get info about the golf tournament later today. Our pricing will be the same as last year. It'll be Friday, Oct. 13. 8 am shotgun start, 144 players. If you want to be on the golf committee, let Dawn know. The more, the merrier.

11. Locate Rodeo (Craig Rogers)

Last year the rodeo was at UNLV. The college made the event cumbersome to plan. We're looking for a new location. UNLV was perfect – had meeting rooms and grassy areas for the competition. If anyone knows of a location like that, please let Craig know. Springs Preserve or Cheyenne CSN campus may be good options.

12. Education/Training (Steve Wibalda, Cesar Castillo, Nancy Lopez)

Nancy – Doing training in the Reno area. Stake Center helps with training when needed.

Cesar – In Southern Nevada, two trainings per month are held in English, and two in Spanish. We need volunteers to be part of the education committee. If you want to be part of this committee, email Dawn.

Locating training program – Craig is working to offer locating training to municipalities in Las Vegas, Reno, and Elko. Fantastic that the NRCGA's Excavator Safety Training classes can fit 100 people and they're at capacity. That's good for damage prevention. Craig used to have to force people to take it – now they're signing up voluntarily.

13. NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)

We'll be having our quarterly meeting sometime in August at the PUCN. It's not a meeting to come and complain. It's a meeting to come with solutions.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2023