



Minutes

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2021

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- ZOOM

Participants:

- Dennis Bott, SW Gas
- Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell
- Dawn Rivard, PUCN
- Boyd Duchene, CCWRD
- Harold Lefler, Western States
- Ryan White, USA North 811
- Ashley Thorp, Terra Contracting
- Tim Semays, Eagle Drilling Services
- Arturo Henriquez, Gothic Landscape
- Kole Smith
- Mario Fernandez, LVVWD
- Bobby Theis, City of Las Vegas
- Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment
- Rick Torrens, KCI Engineering
- Bob Ward, NV Energy
- Robbie Reed, City of Henderson
- Shane Ayers, Stake Center Locating
- J. Pashton, Clark County Public Works
- Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline
- Matt Brecke, NV Energy
- Nancy Lopez, SW Gas
- Chuck Atkinson, TMWA
- Jeff Kennedy, Cox Communications
- Charles Folashade, FMG Ltd.
- Greg Noel, USIC
- Salvatore Caponigro, Stake Center Locating
- Larry Bialek, Cox Communications

STANDING ITEMS:

1. **Introductions (Dennis Bott)**

2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Dennis Bott)**

Boyd Duchene made a motion to adopt the agenda and Ryan White seconded it.

3. **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**

Dawn provided a report on the NRCGA's financial status.

4. **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**

5 civil penalties in the last quarter – 3 of them were landscapers. Landscapers are the priority right now.

5. **CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Cesar Castillo, Bob Ward)**

Nothing to report.

6. **USA North 811 Positive Response Program (Ryan White)**

July 1 appears to be when PR will be incorporated into NAC. Dawn will email out the order to all members. If you want to sit in on the next USAN board meeting on June 2 to hear discussion of the revised PR codes, let Dennis know and he'll include you. Through April, 308,571 PR codes used in Nevada. That's more than double last year's April number.



NEW ITEMS:

7. Design Tickets (Dennis Bott, Jason Fackrell)

This used to be a NRCGA program. We got a design ticket request from Jason Fackrell. Ryan White will check to see how often people have submitted a design ticket request through USAN's system. It would be a good indicator of how much interest there is in such a program. There are a lot of 811 call centers across the U.S. that are already doing design requests successfully. Exploratory Committee – Rick Torrens, Ryan White and Shane Ayers will head the committee. If anyone else wants to be on this committee, let Rick, Shane or Ryan know. Design Ticket Exploratory Committee will now be a standing item under the Committee Reports moving forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. Education/Training (Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott, Steve Wibalda, Nancy Lopez)

Dennis Bott & Cesar Castillo - They just had new flyers printed. If you want some to give out, contact Dennis or Cesar. Scheduled classes are listed on the NRCGA website with a 50-person class limit. They're reaching out to excavators who have damaged gas lines to get them registered. If excavators/people are damaging your facilities, let Dennis/Cesar know and they will reach out to get them into a class. In the month of April, they've had over 200 people and 15 organizations trained. NRCGA trainers are also able to go to people's offices as long as they meet the State's COVID protocols.

Nancy Lopez – 13 NRCGA trainings held and 176 trained in the Elko District. Southwest Gas is expanding to Spring Creek. Eye opener that the people there do not know much about 811. Made good partnerships and will be conducting training on a monthly basis in the Elko area.

Matt Brecke – 5 trainings in the last 2 months – mostly on the contractor side. They combine them with their natural gas/ electric safety course. Focus is on developers.

Ryan White – USA North's 811 Pro training – Doing user testing now. eTicket training classes – if anyone has a facility that USAN can use to do training, let Ryan know.

9. 811 Day (Ryan White)

Looking for vendors that are open. Cowabunga Bay and the Aces are no-goes. The Aces are out of town and Cowabunga says they're closed that day. If you have any ideas or suggested venues, let Ryan know. Email Dawn if you're interested in being part of this committee. Dennis volunteered. Cesar volunteered. Dawn too.

10. Excavator Appreciation Events (Cesar Castillo, Dawn Rivard)

First Thursday of November will be the event date. Nothing to report at this point. Stopped by Eastside Cannery and they're still closed. No idea if they're going to be open or not. Dennis will be sending out a list of excavators who've had no damages on their records to operators to scrub. He wants to be on this committee as well.

11. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Dennis Bott)

Andy Wells, PG&E, stepped down as chair. Gil Rivas, San Jose Water Company, had been the vice chair for the past 4 years. He was nominated and voted in as chair. Dennis was nominated for vice-chair and voted in. Reach out to Dennis if you have any concerns that you want him to take to the USAN board.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2021