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Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2023
TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
LOCATIONS:

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

ATTENDEES:

Cesar Castillo, Chair, RP Weddell	Beryl Cox, Cox
Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN	Harold Lefler, Western States
Sal Caponigro, Stake Center, NRCGA Director	+1 775-398-9520
Ryan White, USA North, NRCGA Director	Allen Autagavaia, City of North Las Vegas
Lynsay Demko-Edwards, SW Gas, NRCGA Director	Anthony Headley, West Valley Construction
Craig Rogers, PUCN, NRCGA Director	Charles Atkinson, TMWA
Bob Ward, NV Energy, NRCGA Director	Matt Brecke, NV Energy
Boyd Duchene, CCWRD, NRCGA Director	Dave Mulcahey, GPRS, Inc.
Rick Torrens, KCI Engineering, NRCGA Director	Derek Puffer, C&S Co. Inc.
Wayne Scott, AT&T, NRCGA Director	Jennifer Fagan, Stake Center
Mario Fernandez, LVVWD, NRCGA Director	Kole Smith, Wells Cargo
James Wingate, USA North 811	Luis Lopez, Company Unknown
Brian Mercado, RP Weddell	Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter
Mike Marrero, USIC	Marc Lara, Stake Center
Charles Folashade, JR., Zayo	Nancy Lopez, Southwest Gas
Greg Noel, USIC	Paul Gibson, Terra Contracting
Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment	Raymond Felix, NPL Construction
Broc Lingburg, C&S Company	Rob Haworth, Team Fishel
Saundra Waggoner, C&S Company	Ronald Lovely, LVVWD
Tammy Bentley, C&S Company	Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving
Brooks Cox, C&S Company	Tyler Byrd, Byrd Underground/NUCA
Steve Wibalda, Entrust Sol.	Tyrone Jones, City of North Las Vegas

STANDING ITEMS:

1. **Introductions (Cesar Castillo)**

2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Cesar Castillo)**
   Harold Lefler made a motion to adopt the agenda and Sal Caponigro seconded it.

3. **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**
   Membership dues income is down about $5000 from last year. If you're unsure if your company has paid, look at the NRCGA's website. If your name isn't listed as a member, reach out to Dawn for an invoice.

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4. **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**
The PUCN issued two enforcement actions against operators and two against excavators. Three were in north, one in south. Those who have received enforcement actions this past quarter are new to Nevada, which could be the reason why they committed damages. They're not used to NV laws.

Google fiber is coming to town. We don't know what kind of affect the subcontractors Google hires will have on damages. We'd like the subcontractors to go through the NRCGA training program so they will know NV's expectations. They can install 1000 feet of fiber a day. They can be in and out of a neighborhood in 5 days. We need to set up a meeting with stakeholders and Google prior to Google's arrival. We'll have a meeting in the north and the south.

It appears government funding/grants is pushing this fiber work around the country. Government is working to provide money to install fiber in "underserved" communities, like in NV rural areas. A lot of times "cowboy" excavators come to town from out of state, do the job, don't care about the law or damaging others' facilities. Google installs fiber in other utilities trenches/rights of way.

5. **CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Craig Rogers)**
CGA annual meeting coming up in March in Orlando.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. **Lynsay Demko to Replace Dennis Bott as NRCGA Director**
Board voted in Lynsay Demko, damage administrator with SWG, as the gas stakeholder. She has taken over Dennis' position. She's been with SWG for six months, but has 6 years of experience in damage prevention with another company.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7. **Excavator Appreciation Dinner/Silver Shovel (Cesar Castillo)**
The event is planned for April 26, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Stoney's Rockin' Country at Town Square. The Silver Shovel candidates have been selected and the winner will be announced at the event. NUCA will help spread the word and USAN will add a message to all NV excavators requesting a dig ticket through their Pelican system.

8. **Best Practices (Craig Rogers)**
No update.

9. **Education/Training (Steve Wibalda, Cesar Castillo, Nancy Lopez)**
Steve Wibalda – 19 classes, 25 companies, 500 people trained so far this year in the South.
Matt Brecke – He and SWG attended the NV Landscape tradeshow last month and talked to a ton of people.
Nancy Lopez – 50 to 60 attendees in recent classes and Nancy attended the landscape tradeshow with Matt.

10. **NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)**
Meeting held at PUCN/online March 3. Please attend. Meetings are held in person and online. These meetings are a way for us to find common ground and not point fingers at each other.

11. **USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward)**
This agenda item will move to a standing item given by a USAN representative at every meeting.

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Pelican Ticket Software: USAN is past the big hurdles with the software changeover. Ticket sharing is coming and will be available soon. Expired ticket filter for history tab will also be available soon.

AB 177: this bill would authorize counties to share GIS data with USAN. Pelican uses Google maps, which is great, except for in new subdivisions, which is where much of the excavation occurs. With access to county GIS data, USAN will be able to add a layer over google maps with Clark County GISMO data, including new parcels. Not sure what will happen with Washoe and other counties up north. Just this morning at the Legislature, NVE, SWG, Google Fiber, Las Vegas Paving testified in support of this bill. It passed the assembly unanimously and will move on in the process to becoming law. There are five steps and it's passed the first step.

Design Tickets: USAN will have a test version of a design ticket platform in the next few weeks. One-Call Access – the design ticket platform will work just like one-call access. The new DT platform with Pelican, USAN will have the ability to deliver these to engineering departments at utilities for review. USAN hasn't heard from NV utility operators about design tickets, only excavators. This feature will stop people from submitting 811 tickets when they're really looking for design tickets.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2023