



STATEWIDE ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 07/17/24
APPROVED

LOCATION:

Crooked Creek Golf Course
333 S 134th St.
Lincoln, NE

Committee Meetings: 9:00 AM

Board Meeting 10:00 AM

1. Call Meeting to Order – 10:01 AM

- 1.1. **Housekeeping** – Nathan Stewart spoke.
- 1.2. **Meeting Notice** - Nathan Stewart spoke.
- 1.3. **Announcements**—The meeting notes were published in the Lincoln Journal Star on July 5, 2024, and posted to the Nebraska 811 website on the same day.

2. Roll Call

- 2.1. **Voting members present** – Jerry Augustyn, John Buckley, Linda Costello, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Brandon Jones, Lance Loschen, Chad Roberts, Steve Slezak, Nathan Stewart, Patrick Hintz, James Saville, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, and Tim Loberg.
- 2.2. **Voting members absent** – BJ Woehler and Todd Kuntson
- 2.3. **Other Present**
 - Attorney General Office – Ken Yoho & Blake Aspen
 - State Fire Marshals Office – Regina Shields, David Levering, Scott Cordes, and Kevin Bumgardner.
 - OCC Staff – Matt Ruddo, Tyler Neshiem, Jill Geyer
 - Public Attendance – Craig Mallgrave (Lumen), Amy Mallgrave (Lumen), Ryan Egan (MetroNet), Adam Darbro City of Arora, Chris Schuaderer (J-Spot). Trevor Roth (NPPD), Tim Bivens (USIC)

3. Introductions—Patrick Hintz and James Saville introduced themselves as new 811 Board members. Dan Maschka spoke about how he appreciated all the kind words during his recovery. Lance Loschen briefly spoke about his retirement and stepping down from the 811 board. Rick Melcher introduced Adam Darbro. Rick said he would resign after the next meeting.

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda

- 4.1. **Motion Approve:** Ed Jarrett **Second:** Chad Roberts
 - **Voting Yes** - Jerry Augustyn, John Buckley, Linda Costello, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Brandon Jones, Lance Loschen, Chad Roberts, Steve Slezak, Nathan Stewart, Patrick Hintz, James Saville, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, and Tim Loberg.
 - **Voting No** - none
 - **Voting Members Absent** - BJ Woehler and Todd Kuntson

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 5.1. **Motion Approve:** Steve Slezak **Second:** Chris Jacobsen
 - **Voting Yes** - Jerry Augustyn, John Buckley, Linda Costello, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Brandon Jones, Lance Loschen, Chad Roberts, Steve Slezak, Nathan Stewart, Patrick Hintz, James Saville, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, and Tim Loberg.
 - **Voting No** - none



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6. Public Comment –

6.1. No public comment

7. Committee Reports

7.1. **Policy Committee** (Steve Slezak): We again discussed the Records and Information Management Plan (RIMP). Some more details need to be worked out and fine-tuned. Regina talked briefly about what must be done to complete the document. We need to bring it to the committee as soon as we can. David Levering talks about how the SFM needs the ability to request records because of the new “hit board” that will be created in September. He requests permission from the authority to request records before the RIMP is finalized. There was a motion that before the RIMP got the final approval, the NE 811 board provided the SFM the ability to request records (data) through the 811 Call Center to investigate complaints filed through the new state law.

Motion to Approve: John Buckley moved, and Ed Jarrett seconded that the NE 811 board provide the SFM with the ability to request records through the 811 Call Center to investigate complaints filed under the new state law.

- **Voting Yes** - Jerry Augustyn, John Buckley, Linda Costello, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Brandon Jones, Lance Loschen, Chad Roberts, Steve Slezak, Nathan Stewart, Patrick Hintz, James Saville, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, and Tim Loberg.
- **Voting No** – none
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There was a discussion about removing the selection for the entire property when submitting a ticket through the NE811 call center. It would leave the choice of left, right, front, and rear of the property. The idea behind it would make the contractors more specific so the locating companies would not perform unnecessary locates on properties. Through the discussion, it was decided to table the topic and wait for the results (data) on how it works with Kentucky having it in place.

7.2. **Legislature Committee** (Andy Hartman)— There is nothing to discuss with this committee currently.

7.3. **Advertising Committee** (Linda Costello): Linda discussed the TV commercials. She also discussed sitting down with the Super Novas to discuss advertising opportunities. She touched on advertising on Spanish radio and the translation of the Spanish 811 manuals from English to Spanish. It was discussed whether the translation was accurate and how we ensured it was.

7.4. **By-Laws Committee** (Chris Jacobsen) – It was discussed changing the by-laws for a required August meeting every year. The August meetings are held because that is when the elections need to happen. Board members discussed making the by-laws read that the August meeting only happens during an election year. Topic tabled

8. Damage Prevention Resource Center

8.1. **DPRC Status Report** (Tyler Neshiem)—Tyler reviewed the OCC ticket report (see report). The main point is that ticket volume is up 3.2% for the year. Relevant updates: At OCC, Catherine Adams has been promoted to Operations Manager, and a new feature allowing utilities and locators to request an excavator cancel a ticket(s) is being tested,

8.2. **Advertising/Education/Outreach** (Jill Geyer)— (See budget) Jill discussed several topics on public outreach topics. She showed us the grants we are still working under and our grant applications for 2024. She talked about the new TV spots and how April was safe-digging month. She touched on 811 days at Home Depot with Kona Ice being there. Also, the outreach program that is going on in several cities in Nebraska and how successful it is this year. August is also the 30 year anniversary of the Nebraska 811 laws. She is waiting to finalize the online training and discussed Big Dig & Dozer Days.



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8.3. **One Call Concepts** (Matt Ruddo) – Matt talked about his excitement for the Users Group in September. He touched on how the Users Group is run and how to register.

9. Treasurer Report and Approval (Linda Costello)—Please refer to the report.

9.1. **Motion Approve:** Lance Loschen **Second:** Rick Melcher

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10. State Fire Marshal’s Report

10.1. **Chief Deputy Report** (David Levering) – The SFM office is still trying to hire for open positions. He reminded everyone to have people apply for the LB 1069 committee. He has also confirmed that grants have been submitted. David said he received a call regarding a utility company charging a contractor who wanted to cross their utility. He looked into the legal aspect of it and reached out to the company, but he has not heard anything back yet.

10.2. **Damage Prevention Deputy Report** (Kevin Bumgardner) - He continues to promote the new statutes.

10.3. **Legal Counsel Report** (Regina Shields)—Regina said that the stakeholders' meetings have been successful. She also said that two (2) more positions will be filled for the NE 811 Board of Directors. She also discussed details on the new damage committee being formed and established, but she hasn’t received much feedback from the Governor's office.

11. Attorney General’s Report (Ken Yoho) – He said there were eight (8) new complaints and has closed them all. He said he still has fifty-eight open complaints.

12. Old Business –

12.1. There is a question and discussion about the need for a stand-alone Legislative Committee (LC). There was also talk about having the LC have a welcome meeting with the new Nebraska Senators so they can be talked to about NE811, the purpose of the board, and the laws. There will be a closed discussion with Andy Hartmann and Nate Stewart. The committee will stay intact. The size of some of the committees was also brought up. No more than 50% of the board members can be on one committee. Some of the committees will need to be trimmed down.

12.2. The NDOT has been asking questions (about cost) about becoming a stakeholder on the NE811 board. Everyone feels that it is important for the NDOT to be a stakeholder. There isn’t too much more information to talk about.

13. New Business

13.1. **No New Business**

14. Closing Comments from the Board President (Nathan Stewart) – no closing comments

Next meeting – Southeast Community College. The **date** will be October 10, 2024

15. Adjournment – occurred at 12:20 PM

15.1. **Motion Approve:** Chad Roberts **Second:** Scott Barry