



STATEWIDE ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 01/15/2025

APPROVED

LOCATION:

Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center
301 S 68th St Place, Room 302
Lincoln, NE

Committee Meetings: 9:00 AM

Board Meeting 10:00 AM

1. Call Meeting to Order – 10:001 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 September 28, 2024, and posted to the Nebraska 811 website on September 27, 2024.

2. Roll Call

- 2.1. **Voting members present** – Scott Barry, Linda Costello, Andy Hartman, Patrick Hintz, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Tim Loberg, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, Chad Roberts, Jerry Augustyn, Brandon Jones, James Saville, Steve Slezak, BJ Woehler, and Nathan Stewart.
- 2.2. **Voting members absent** – John Buckley
- 2.3. **Other Present**
 - Attorney General's Office – Ken Yoho
 - State Fire Marshal's Office – David Levering (late), Kevin Bumgardner, Daniel Niles, and Chris Gray.
 - OCC Staff – Matt Ruddo, Jill Geyer, Tyler Nesheim, and Catherine Adams
 - Public Attendance – Samatha Harris, Lincoln Electric & Doug Olsen, Cox Communication, Trevor Roth, NPPD, and Lance Loschn, Windstream

3. Introductions – Samatha Harris from Lincoln Electric introduces herself. She is in charge of utility Locating.

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 5.1. **Motion Approve:** Dan Maschka **Second:** Chad Roberts.
- 5.2. Dan Maschka had some corrections to the minutes. They were discussed, and the minutes were amended.
 - **Voting Yes** - Scott Barry, Linda Costello, Andy Hartman, Patrick Hintz, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Tim Loberg, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, Chad Roberts, James Saville, Steve Slezak, BJ Woehler, and Nathan Stewart.
 - **Voting Abstain** – Jerry Augustyn and Brandon Jones
 - **Voting No** - none
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6. Public Comment –

- 6.1. No public comment. However, Nathan Stewart recognized that Rick (Eric) Melcher was resigning from the NE811 board. Nate spoke about his time on the board and dedication to damage prevention. Rick was presented a plaque for his years of service.

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1. **Policy Committee** (Steve Slezak): No report from Steve. He will set up a meeting with the committee before the next meeting.
- 7.2. **Legislature Committee** (Andy Hartman)— There is nothing to discuss with this committee.
- 7.3. **Advertising Committee** (Linda Costello): She spoke about Supernova and our digital platform advertising with them through Instagram, Facebook, and X. Brandon discussed NE811 exposure at the Nebraska football games.
- 7.4. **By-Laws Committee** (Chris Jacobsen): Chris discussed travel reimbursement and created a reimbursement spreadsheet for everyone to review and discuss. There was discussion about how much board members should be reimbursed for all travel. Nate made several suggestions regarding lodging, driving vehicles, and registration fees. There was also a lengthy discussion on updating wording and correcting grammatical errors in the bylaws. The updates, corrections, and spreadsheet will be brought to the next board meeting.

8. Damage Prevention Resource Center

- 8.1. **DPRC Status Report** (Catherine Adams)—Catherine reviewed the OCC ticket report (see report). The main point is that the ticket count for 2024 was 5.1% higher than 2023. Tyler touched on single-source statewide parcel data. He said with the board's approval, OCC was prepared to spend the money, but was informed that the Department of Homeland Security, if you had the right clearance, could and would provide the same free data as this single-source company. OCC looked into it and got us the parcel data from Homeland Security for no cost to the NE 811 board.
- 8.2. **Advertising/Education/Outreach** (Jill Geyer) - (See report) Jill reviewed the year-end advertising, education, and outreach review. The report is based on all the information she provided throughout the year. All the board members complimented Jill on her hard work throughout the year.
- 8.3. **One Call Concepts** (Matt Ruddo): Matt discussed several topics, including OCC, its company profile, and what it has done over the last 40 years. He also touched on the Users Group Conference that will be in Nashville from September 22nd to 25th.

9. Treasurer Report and Approval (Linda Costello): Linda reviewed the report and answered questions as they came up (see report).

- 9.1. There was much discussion about sending board members to out-of-state conferences, including who should be able to go and how many should be able to go.

- 9.2. There was a motion to approve the 2025 budget

9.3. **Motion Approve:** Chad Roberts **Second:** Tim Loberg

- **Voting Yes** - Scott Barry, Linda Costello, Andy Hartman, Patrick Hintz, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Tim Loberg, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, Chad Roberts, Jerry Augustyn, Brandon Jones, James Saville, Steve Slezak, BJ Woehler, and Nathan Stewart.
- **Voting No** - none
- **Voting Members Absent** - John Buckley.

- 9.4 There was a motion to approve the treasurer's report.

9.5 **Motion Approve:** Steve Slezak **Second:** Ed Jarrett

- **Voting Yes** - Scott Barry, Linda Costello, Andy Hartman, Patrick Hintz, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Tim Loberg, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, Chad Roberts, Jerry Augustyn, Brandon Jones, James Saville, Steve Slezak, BJ Woehler, and Nathan Stewart.
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10. State Fire Marshal’s Report

- 10.1. **Chief Deputy Report** (Kevin Bumgardner) - Kevin spoke for David Levering because he could not attend the meeting. Kevin reminded us that the grants for 2026 are open for application.
- 10.2. **Damage Prevention Deputy Report** (Kevin Bumgardner) – Chris Gray was introduced as a new SFM. He also touched on the Underground Excavation Safety Committee and the complaints it is receiving.
- 10.3. **Legal Counsel Report** (Regina Shields) - She touched on and explained how grants work and how grant cycles work. Regina also discussed the Legislative session currently underway and talked about a few bills that might make it to the floor.

11. Attorney General’s Report (Regina Shields) – Regina spoke for Ken because he could not attend. She said he has no outstanding complaints he needs to finish. He is ready to move on to establishing the Underground Excavation Safety Committee. There are also board positions open for applications.

12. Old Business –

- 12.1. NDOT membership to the NE811 board. NDOT asked if the NE811 board could put information on the website and the ticket disclaimer informing the contractors about the NDOT process and the utilities they might have in the area. No motion was made to add the NDOT to the disclaimer on the NE811 website so that contractors are aware of their utilities. The topic was considered closed.
- 12.2. Tyler from OCC talked about removing “Entire Property” as a choice for contractors when they call in a ticket or do it on the website. They can still choose all sides of the property (Front, LT side, RT side, and rear) but not the entire property. He gave statistics for Missouri and how it reduced the number of entire property tickets by 30%.
- 12.3. There was a motion to have OCC remove “entire property” from the parcel choices when contractors submit tickets online or through the call center.
- 12.4 **Motion Approve:** Steve Slezak **Second:** James Saville
 - **Voting Yes** – Jerry Augustyn, Scott Barry, Patrick Hintz, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Tim Loberg, Dan Maschka, Chad Roberts, James Saville, Steve Slezak, Nathan Stewart
 - **Voting No** – Andy Hartmann, Bradon Jones, BJ Woehler
 - **Abstain** – Linda Costello & Rick Melcher
 - **Voting Members Absent** - John Buckley.

13. New Business

- 13.1. There was a decision that the Technical Advisor (Regina Shields) for the NE 811 board will be allowed to attend conferences, and the board will pay for them. It was also discussed whether previous board members should be allowed to attend conferences and have the board pay for them.
- 13.2. There was a motion that the Technical Advisor (Regina Shields) to the NE 811 can attend conferences, and the board will pay for them.
- 13.3. **Motion Approved:** Linda Costello **Second:** Scott Barry
 - **Voting Yes** - Scott Barry, Linda Costello, Andy Hartman, Patrick Hintz, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Tim Loberg, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, Chad Roberts, Jerry Augustyn, Brandon Jones, James Saville, Steve Slezak, BJ Woehler, and Nathan Stewart.
 - **Voting No** - none
 - **Voting Members Absent** - John Buckley.
- 13.4 There was a motion to approve as many board members that want to go to a conference, but it does not approve former board member.



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13.5 **Motion Approved:** Nathan Stewart **Second:** Steve Slezak

- **Voting Yes** - Scott Barry, Linda Costello, Andy Hartman, Patrick Hintz, Chris Jacobsen, Ed Jarrett, Tim Loberg, Dan Maschka, Rick Melcher, Chad Roberts, Jerry Augustyn, Brandon Jones, James Saville, Steve Slezak, and Nathan Stewart.
- **Voting No** – BJ Woehler
- **Voting Members Absent** - John Buckley.

13.6 Tyler discussed a company that will do 3K to 4K soil boring in Nebraska. The company would submit a shape file to OCC, and the shape files would be used to create tickets for this company. The discussion was about the safety and the contractor's responsibility. It was decided to add it to the policy committee for discussion.

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

The next meeting will be at: Ruhlman's Steakhouse in Ashland, NE. The **date** will be May 7, 2025

15. Adjournment – occurred at 1:01 PM

15.1. **Motion Approve:** Chad Roberts **Second:** Rick Melcher