



Bannock Utility Coordinating Council
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Merril Quayle, President
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Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Paradise Conference
Room & GoToMeeting App

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1. Welcome/Attendees Sign-In

- Meeting was called to order by Merrill Quayle
- Attendees: **See Attachment A**

2. Approval of Minutes from the January 13th meeting

Council was asked to approve the minutes from the January 13th meeting as written. Minutes were approved and changes were noted.

3. Financial Report

As of February 9th, the BUCC account balance is \$2,129.11.

4. Items from Idaho UCC

- Bob Chandler is the IUCC website contact person and can be reached at bobchandlercda@gmail.com

5. Digline Information and News

- **See Attachment B** for ticket summary and notifications by county.
- 2020 was another extremely busy year for construction around the state. Digline saw a 12% overall increase in the number of in-bound locate requests over 2019. Due to the pandemic and people having to stay home, there was a jump in the number of homeowners & do-it-yourselfers installing fences & sprinkler systems and landscaping projects. There was a 21% increase over 2019 in the number of homeowners that called in or submitted a locate request to our office, which was over 5,600 additional homeowners using our service. We also saw over 7,200 emergency/priority locates called in.
- Digline went 'live' with Positive Response in the spring of 2020. We have had a slow roll-out to Positive Response due to COVID, which we had not anticipated. We have many of our utility members posting the status of their locates to our website, with currently over 50% of our out-bound tickets ending up with a locate status attached to them. We have reached out to our members and contractors via email about Positive Response, however it will work better once we can attend meetings & training sessions in person to show everyone how simple it really is to use the software. Whether you are a utility member or a contractor, if you are interested in learning more about Positive Response please contact Derrick Race at 208 287-0054

or drace@digline.com for more information. We are also available to conduct a virtual training session with your group to go over Positive Response and help you set up your login information.

- As we all get ready to start the construction season again, please work safe, stay safe and remember “Damage Prevention is a Shared Responsibility”.
- Julie has a great website and works diligently to keep it up to date. Check it out here: <https://www.digline.com/statistics>

6. Damage Prevention Board News

- Bill Hale, Damage Prevention Program Specialist 208-332-7140
- Link to the meeting dates and agendas: <https://dbs.idaho.gov/boards/dpboard/dpmeetings.html>
- From the Damage Prevention Board meeting on January 28th:
 - Billboard campaign around the state beginning in March in order to bring attention to the Call Before You Dig and 811 process
 - DIRT – reporting of damages in 2020 due by March 31, 2021
 - Facebook page is up and running again. Become a friend, submit pictures that would be of interest to other stakeholders to help get the word out about 811. If you search “Call Idaho” or “Call Idaho 811” it will come up. <https://www.facebook.com/callidaho811>
 - The Damage Prevention Statutes and Rules are being translated into Spanish and books will soon be printed. Also, the DP Board has authorized some other training materials and brochures to be printed in Spanish.

7. Design Locates

- Oregon’s Law
 - Andrea has been doing research and thinks Oregon can serve as a good guideline with a few tweaks. Merrill will get with Andrea on recommendations before the DPB Subcommittee presentation on February 18th.
- Discussion –
 - JJ noted the more proactively utilities work with engineering firms, the better.
 - Andrea commented that soil sampling will be needed in McCammon and this will be the second utility locate required. Is there a way to coordinate pre-design locates so utilities aren’t asked to come out so many times? UCC should be able to help with this coordination. The issue is locating for pre-design vs. design vs. construction. It was suggested that if design firms and contractors are working together, they can share the utility locate reference

number initially given. Anytime another locate is ordered, the same ticket number should be referenced so locates can be coordinated, if possible.

- Nathan suggested that design locates can't wait until construction. Different types of locates involve differing levels of detail.
- It was also mentioned that preliminary actions are the items that can be linked with design locates. More work needs to be done with this coordination.

8. Safety Fest

- Safety Fest statewide virtual event will be March 9 – 11, 2021. Registration opened February 10th. Visit <http://safetyfest-boise.org/>

9. Digline Ticket Discussion for Proposed Future Funding

- It was proposed that we raise the base ticket price by .05 cents that would go to fund BUCC outreach efforts. Nathan questioned if a threshold could be set so that big companies max out at a certain point to reduce strain on companies with a far reach. For example, once you hit X number of tickets or X number of money contributed, your kick back goes down to .02 cents per ticket. It was noted that this implementation would only be for Bannock County. Estimated revenue from this .05 cent increase is \$354 based on 2020 tickets. It was also suggested that membership dues be bumped up to \$50 per organization.
- Bill suggested that we figure out how much revenue is needed for outreach and then, based on number of tickets generated last year, we determine how much we need per ticket to get to ideal amount of revenue.
- The group agreed to move forward with a .05 cent increase per ticket. Merrill will reach out to Julie to determine how we go about implementing the increase.

10. Damage Prevention Breakfast Discussion

Ideas of delaying the breakfast until Fall of 2021, cancelling, or having a virtual breakfast were suggested. Many seemed to like the idea of a virtual gathering. It was suggested that donuts be send to all participants that register for the breakfast. Another idea would be having bag breakfasts catered and asking participants to come pick them up, or having them delivered.

11. Open Discussion on Projects Within the Area of Influence

Sparklight (Russell Christ):

- Pushing cable into subdivisions.

ITD (Melodie Halstead): Nothing to report.

Intermountain Gas Co. (Phil Colborn & JJ Murphy):

- Joint Trench starting in March.

Williams (Brett Blair):

Damage Prevention/Div. of Building Safety (Bill Hale): Nothing to report.

J-U-B (Andrea Sheppard):

- Second locate request coming for McCammon project
- Bridge in Blackfoot (letters)

Utility Vac N Fill (Kristen Bringhurst): Nothing to report.

Syringa (Doug Brooks): Nothing to report.

City of Pocatello (Merril Quayle):

- Subdivisions in Review/City Council:
 - South Point Vistas
 - Love 2 Bid
- Subdivisions under Construction:
 - Breezy Apartments
 - Trail Creek Estates Division 4
 - Northgate District Division 1
- Reported working on the following projects:
 - Hawthorne and Quinn, continuing working on utilities relocation
 - 5th and Jason Safety (surface with a small section of storm pipe)
 - Kartchner Apartments water tie-in
 - Carson Street Bridge Project
 - Misc. storm and curb projects
- Street Department
 - Working on 2020 road maintenance plan (may be delayed)
- Water Department
 - Working on 2021 project maps and schedule
- WPC
 - Whitman lift station design
 - Flandro lift station construction (IMC)

12. Any other items from the council – N/A

13. Review of any action items

- Brenda will scan and submit signed minutes for IUCC to post on their website.
- Join Call Idaho 811 Facebook page (ALL).
- Brenda will send invoice to Bill Hale for BUCC membership.
- Merrill will reach out to Julie to determine how we go about implementing the Digline increase.

14. Next meeting

Scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting App OR in person at City Hall Council Chambers (we can have up to 10 people attend in person).

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

APPROVED BY:



MERRIL QUAYLE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



BRIDGER MORRISON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

PREPARED BY: Brenda Andrews/Jen Flynn

ATTACHMENT

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Attendees Sign-In

Bannock Utility Coordinating Council Meeting

Location: City of Pocatello Paradise Conference Room, City Hall

Date/Time: 2.10.2021/10:00am

Conducting: Merril Quayle

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<i>Wood, Patrick</i>	<i>Building Safety</i>			<i>PS</i>
<i>Hale, Bill</i>				<i>PH</i>

ATTACHMENT B



Call Before You Dig

Total Ticket Summary - Inbound

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Jan	2,858	2,806	2,568	3,944	4,078	4,400	2,864	5,782	7,651	8,110
Feb	2,922	3,650	3,660	4,203	5,908	6,225	5,546	6,813	5,565	9,147
Mar	4,925	5,171	6,390	7,775	9,477	9,929	10,926	10,246	12,035	13,177
Apr	6,925	7,538	9,072	10,123	10,822	11,643	11,719	14,030	16,229	16,550
May	8,027	8,759	9,650	10,145	9,891	11,791	13,726	15,147	15,838	16,884
June	7,948	7,822	8,322	9,896	10,839	11,894	13,057	13,585	14,410	16,866
July	6,574	7,079	8,393	9,264	10,076	10,201	11,520	12,839	15,322	16,792
Aug	7,013	7,555	8,328	8,318	9,516	11,965	12,589	13,565	14,697	16,429
Sept	6,529	7,125	7,770	8,453	9,884	11,270	10,434	11,711	13,689	16,222
Oct	6,151	7,634	7,705	8,155	8,780	9,888	11,363	13,309	13,761	16,626
Nov	4,371	5,012	5,030	5,062	6,055	8,069	8,314	9,486	9,891	11,407
Dec	2,956	3,150	3,064	4,408	4,245	3,749	5,192	5,598	7,563	9,488
Yearly Totals	67,199	73,301	79,952	89,746	99,571	111,024	117,250	132,111	146,651	167,698