



Bannock Utility Coordinating Council  
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Merril Quayle, President  
JJ Murphy, Vice President  
Bridger Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer

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# Bannock Utility Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

City Hall – Paradise Conference  
Room & GoToMeeting App

**Bannock Utility Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2021 10:00 a.m.**  
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**1. Welcome/Attendees Sign-In**

- Meeting was called to order by Merrill Quayle at 10:03 a.m.
- Attendees: **See Attachment A**
- Excused: Robbie Austin (Mickelsen Construction)

**2. Approval of Minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Council was asked to approve the minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting as written.

Motion to approve made by Doug Brooks and seconded by JJ Murphy. Motion passed.

**3. Financial Report**

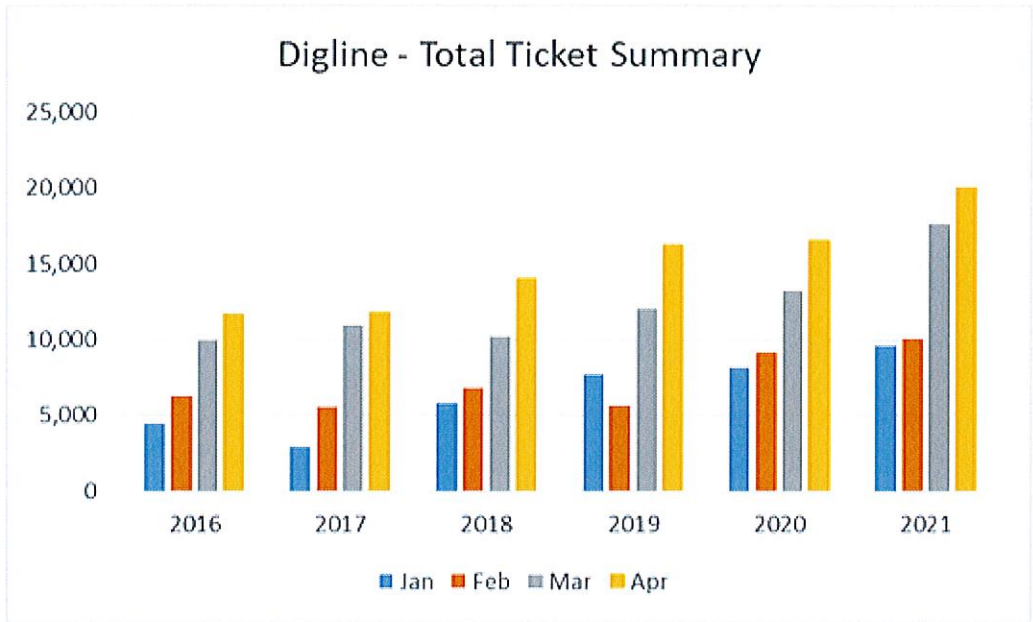
- As of April 30, the BUCC account has a balance of \$2,254.11. An Additional \$25 will be deposited today.
- 2021 dues have not been received from Mickelsen or Century Link. Please verify if this is not correct.

**4. Items from Idaho UCC**

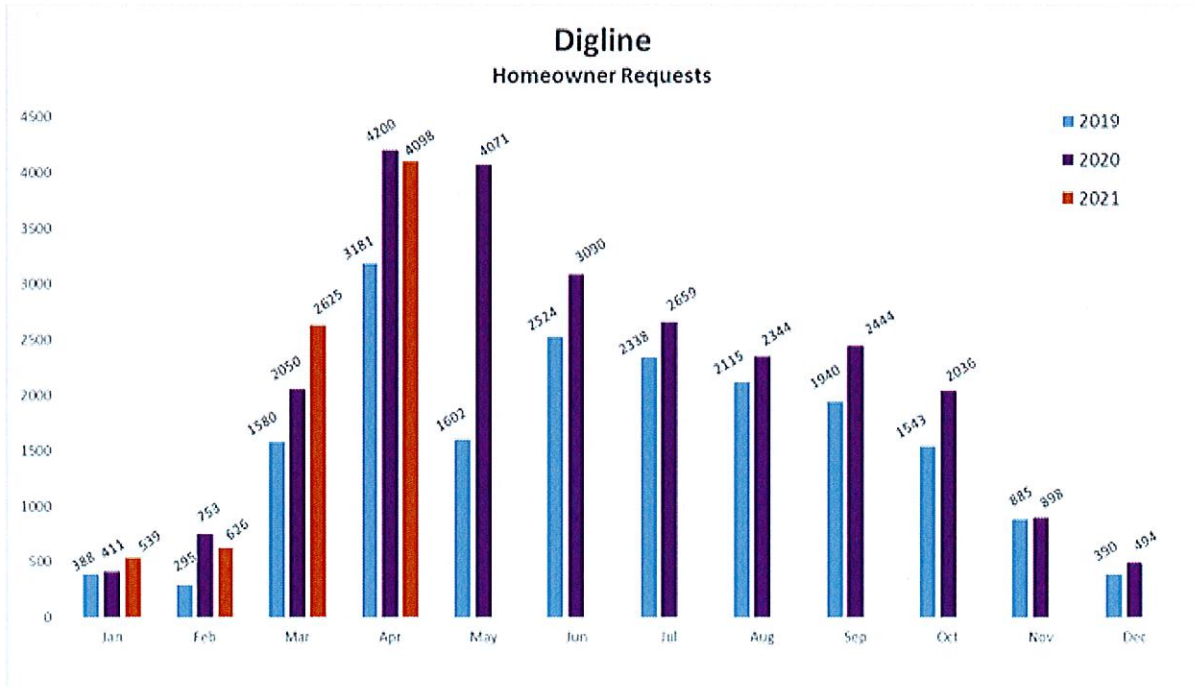
- Bob Chandler is the IUCC website contact person and can be reached at [bobchandlercda@gmail.com](mailto:bobchandlercda@gmail.com)

**5. Digline Information and News**

- See Attachment B for Total Ticket Summary and Notifications by County
- From Julie Maki: This appears to be a record shattering year for excavation around Idaho. Just through April, Digline has seen an increase of over 18% in the number of locates requested compared to 2020. That is just over 10,000 additional locate requests so far. And when we are that busy, so are the contractors, locators, engineers, homeowners, and utilities. It gets stressful for everyone when we are busy like this, but keeping the communication open is important for all of the stakeholders. If there is anything we can do to help make the process easier, please let me know.



The chart below shows the number of homeowner requests over the past three years. You can see how the number of homeowner calls jumped when the pandemic hit last March through June while people were at home. It has gone down some this year, but more homeowners seem to be aware of the 'Call Before You Dig' process than in previous years.



Our Database Department has entered close to 50 new subdivisions into our base map so far this year. These subdivisions are located in Ada, Canyon, Payette, Gem, Valley, Bannock, and Twin Falls Counties.

- Discussion
  - Are these increases due to expansion or awareness? Or both?
  - Bret Blair asked about emergency Digline notifications. Some appeared to only give 10 minutes while others give more time. He will reach out to Julie and ask if time frames can be written into the code.

#### **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>
- Patrick Wood is no longer with DPB. Bill is handling the complaints for now until Patrick is replaced.
- The May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled.
- Working on the wording of the Statutes and Rules. The rewording of the locates passed the subcommittee.
- The quarterly board meeting will be held May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- If anyone needs training, please reach out to Bill.

#### **7. Digline Ticket Discussion (.05 cent ticket increase)**

- JJ Murphy drafted a letter that will be sent out to approximately 22 utilities in SE Idaho.
- Feedback:
  - Julie Maki replied back with some verbiage changes.
  - Melodie Halstead suggested that the title line represent the group.
  - Doug Brooks thought the line about feeding people in order to have a captive audience should be changed. Possibly something like, “creating opportunities to bring everyone together...”
  - Merril Quayle asked that his name be added to the letter to help field questions with JJ.
- Melodie Halstead proposed a motion to have JJ finesse the letter using our feedback and email it out. Bret Blair seconded the motion. Motion passed.



## **8. BUCC Newsletter**

- A big thank you to Bill Hale and Julie Maki for contributing to our newsletter! Also, to Brenda Andrews for compiling everything.
- Merrill suggested that email addresses be added for Bridger and JJ under the section regarding joining the BUCC.
- Motion to proceed to send out made by Doug Brooks and seconded by Bridger Morrison. Motion passed.
- Brenda will make the chance and send them out ASAP via email.

## **9. Open Discussion on Projects Within the Area of Influence**

### ***Sparklight (Russell Christ):***

- Joint Trench increasing in subdivisions

### ***Williams (Brett Blair):***

- Above ground surveying continues in McCammon, Pocatello (Johnny Creek, Trail Creek area), Lava to Burley
- Starting anomaly digs

### ***J-U-B (Andrea Sheppard):***

- McCammon project in front of Flying J
- Blackfoot Trust Bridge moving into preliminary design
- Sewer line on Broadway in Blackfoot

### ***Intermountain Gas (Phil Colborn/JJ Murphy):***

- Joint Trench in subdivisions
- Small job at the intersection of Oak and Jefferson
- Bridge crossing in McCammon has been moved to 2022
- Surveys are in full swing

### ***City of Pocatello (Merril Quayle):***

- Wrapping up water line on Lincoln Street, then moving to Buchanan followed by Grant. Grant will take 12 weeks to complete.
- Subdivisions

## **10. Any other items from the council**

Merril suggested that we continue meeting in person AND via the GoTo App until the City lifts the mask mandate.

**11. Review of any action items**

- JJ Murphy to finesse the letter regarding increased Digline ticket prices and email them out to those this change would affect.
- Brenda to email out the newsletter to everyone on the 2019 Contractors Breakfast list.
- Bret Blair to follow up with Julie at Digline regarding time frames for emergency notifications.

**12. Next meeting**

Scheduled for Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting App OR in person in the City Hall Paradise Conference Room.

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
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MERRIL QUAYLE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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BRIDGER MORRISON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

PREPARED BY: Brenda Andrews

# ATTACHMENT

## A

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### Attendees Sign-In

### Bannock Utility Coordinating Council Meeting

Location: City of Pocatello Paradise Conference Room, City Hall

Date/Time: 5.12.2021/10:00am

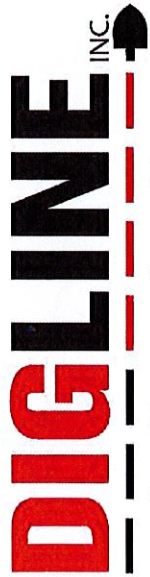
Conducting: Merrill Quayle

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# ATTACHMENT B

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*Call Before You Dig*

**Total Ticket Summary - Inbound**

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	2,806	2,568	3,944	4,078	4,400	2,864	5,782	7,651	8,110	9,588
Feb	3,650	3,660	4,203	5,908	6,225	5,546	6,813	5,565	9,147	10,038
Mar	5,171	6,390	7,775	9,477	9,929	10,926	10,246	12,035	13,177	17,665
Apr	7,538	9,072	10,123	10,822	11,643	11,719	14,030	16,229	16,550	20,061
May	8,759	9,650	10,145	9,891	11,791	13,726	15,147	15,838	16,884	
June	7,822	8,322	9,896	10,839	11,894	13,057	13,585	14,410	16,866	
July	7,079	8,393	9,264	10,076	10,201	11,520	12,839	15,322	16,792	
Aug	7,555	8,328	8,318	9,516	11,965	12,589	13,565	14,697	16,429	
Sept	7,125	7,770	8,453	9,884	11,270	10,434	11,711	13,689	16,222	
Oct	7,634	7,705	8,155	8,780	9,888	11,363	13,309	13,761	16,626	
Nov	5,012	5,030	5,062	6,055	8,069	8,314	9,486	9,891	11,407	
Dec	3,150	3,064	4,408	4,245	3,749	5,192	5,598	7,563	9,488	
<b>Yearly Totals</b>	<b>73,301</b>	<b>79,952</b>	<b>89,746</b>	<b>99,571</b>	<b>111,024</b>	<b>117,250</b>	<b>132,111</b>	<b>146,651</b>	<b>167,698</b>	<b>57,352</b>

