

Bonneville County Utility Coordinating Council
Meeting – Tuesday, March 13th, 2018
Syringa Networks – 460 Park Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Attendees

Corrin Laird, Syringa Networks

Douglas Brooks, Syringa Networks

Bill Sargeant, Syringa Networks

Brent Ethington, Meadow Creek Wind

Charles Haszier, Intermountain Gas

Heinz Schreier, Cable One

Eric Robinson – Meadow Creek Wind

Trinidad Pantuju – Rockland Wind Farms

Donna Bridges, IBSD

Teri Tengaio, Intermountain Gas

Michelle Lewis, Lewis Fence & Deck

Call Meeting to Order – Corrin Laird, President called meeting to order at 11:01 A.M. at Syringa Networks

Treasury Report – Doug Brooks, Treasurer

- Account Balance is \$478.13
 - Receipt book purchased - \$3.15
 - Paid State UCC dues \$100
 - Deposited 3 checks for dues (Iona Bonneville Sewer District, Falls Water, and City of Ammon)

Business/Information

- Spring 2018 IUCC Meeting Information – Would like to send 1-2 people from our UCC to
- Talked about doing demonstrations at meeting (Power, Intermountain Gas and preventing corrosion, fiber, locating, splicing, etc.)
- Damage prevention awareness events
- Talked about DIRT CGA & the new 3 strike dig law
 - With damages being higher on this side of the state for various companies it was discussed that it may be that some of the contractors and companies out there just aren't aware of the Digline Laws. This is where more community awareness would be beneficial.
- Julie Maki with Digline will be at the next meeting to do a presentation 4-10-2018
- Future presentations for our meetings as well as damage prevention events being put together (stay tuned for more details)
- Logo - Ideas
- Project locates vs update tickets

News from agencies

Syringa Networks

- Lincoln Project
 - Contract awarded to Knife River.
 - Waiting for project to open ground to relocate our fiber
- Liking the new laws from a Locators point of perspective – a lot of contractors get a bonus if they hurry so some don't really care if they hit something. From past experience working elsewhere, contractors would hit service wires for a \$100 a shot fine rather than having downtime waiting for marks. So, they could hit 10-20 of them and still come out ahead. As a locator that's frustrating cause you'd have to defend yourself and document that you did mark it or if they dug before they were supposed to. At least with the new laws in place, this might help them be a little more cautious about what they're doing.

- Some reorganization has happened within Syringa Networks – Bill Sargeant is now the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and NSC (Network Surveillance Center) Manager and will be more involved within the Eastern Idaho area specifically Idaho Falls.

IBSD

- Lincoln Project
 - Utilities have gotten started, traffic control in place or being worked on. Hoping to be done by November.
 - 3 properties that are giving them problems for easements.
 - Falls Water is in the process of placing their waterlines
- IBSD is replacing all the sewer lines along the whole project
- Lots of projects going on mainly Rockwell – Burkley Park and Green Valley.
- 40-50 permits at a time from contractors when they normally did about 30 a month. The construction is booming.

Cable One

- City is doing a lot of reconductor projects (new power poles) which is requiring them to transfer a lot of their network.
- Widening the S homes out by a new subdivision which is also requiring them to relocate.
- Tons of subdivisions is causing a lot of new installs and relocates.
- Lincoln Project - they have lot network out that way which will require a lot of work as the project continues.

Intermountain Gas

- Lincoln Rd – Moving all their facilities on the northeast side to behind the cemetery. There is an 8” pipeline tied to their distribution system that goes to old sugar mill. They’re going to replace with 4” and abandon 8” steel pipeline. They’ll have to tie in all their services over to new line along Lincoln all the way to Potato factory. Project will take most of the year to finish.
- Capital project – trying to get rid of abandon 4” steel lines that run-down Broadway. They must loop the system as they go along and is a very intricate project. The replacement is driven by the Government to get rid of paint pipes, 5-year project that runs from Bonneville all the way up to St. Anthony.
- Adding 4” along the high pressure off 5th. They will be tying in all those services over to the high pressure to get rid of the high-pressure service sets (Farm tap or Little Joes).
- Lots of projects all the way to St. Anthony this year.
- Firth to St Anthony does more locating tickets in this district than Twin Falls and Pocatello District combined.
- Intermountain Gas is being pushed hard to be an advocate of the new Damage Prevention Board Idaho Statues & Rules. They are pretty much the only utility right now reporting

damages to DIRT (Damage Information Reporting Tool). Intermountain Gas already had 3 companies under review for the Damage Prevention Board for the 3 strikes rule but haven't heard anything back yet. After 3 strikes the Board can take their license away, hoping it doesn't come down to that for repeat offenders.

- This side of the state has the worse dig-ins than anywhere else in Idaho. They've been handing out the Idaho Dig Laws on construction site to help spread awareness, but change will take time to reduce numbers.

Idaho Falls Power

- South East Blvd
 - Plan for a roundabout at S Blvd and Elm St. City is getting a lot of push back for construction happening before the 4th so construction is planned for after the 4th of July.
 - Reconductoring (old power poles down the alleys) and replacing conductors all over.
 - Before Fall there is a single phase direct buried underground line that located correctly, and a guy took a post pounder and a steel post right in the middle of a conductors. It was a good thing Idaho Falls Power system worked how it should cause it was a 7200-volt line that could have really done some damage. This is an example that some people don't really care if a line is marked or not, some people will just hit utilities. Increase awareness is something that really needs done more.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Julie Maki with Digline – Presentation
- Schedule monthly/bimonthly demonstrations (Power, locating, etc.)

Closing and Adjournment

- Approve previous meeting minutes reviewed and approved by board
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 by Corrin Laird

Next meeting set for Tuesday, April 10th, 2018
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