



Bannock Utility Coordinating Council  
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Merril Quayle, President  
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# Bannock Utility Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

Iwamizawa Conference Room &  
GoToMeeting App

**Bannock Utility Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.**  
**City Hall Iwamizawa Conference Room & GoToMeeting App**

**1. Welcome/Attendees Sign-In**

- Meeting was called to order by Merrill Quayle at 10:00 a.m.
- Attendees: **See Attachment A**
- Excused: Josh Hubbard (Williams), Franklin Delos Reyes (Marathon), Robbie Austin (Mickelsen Construction)

**2. Approval of Minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting**

- Council was asked to approve the minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Motion to approve made by Doug Brooks and seconded by Andrea Sheppard. Motion passed.

**3. Financial Report**

- The Bannock UCC has a balance 1,822.55. \$25 was deposited in February and \$667.61 was paid out for the breakfast.

**4. Items from Idaho UCC**

- The IUCC is still in need of a Secretary/Treasurer.
- Any IUCC questions? Please contact one of the Idaho State UCC officers:
  - Alan Volbrecht, President [alan.volbrecht@elmutility.com](mailto:alan.volbrecht@elmutility.com)
  - Bruce Hathaway, Vice-President [bruce@fatbeam.com](mailto:bruce@fatbeam.com)

**5. Digline Information and News**

- Ticket information can always be found online at <https://www.digline.com/statistics>.

**6. Damage Prevention Board News**

- Next Board Meeting will be April 20, 2023.
- The board is still in need of three new members – a commercial contractor, residential contractor, and a large/small excavator. Reach out to Bill if you are interested.
- Bill Hale, Damage Prevention Program Specialist 208-332-7140
- Link to the meeting dates and agendas: <https://dbs.idaho.gov/boards/damage-prevention-board/>

## 7. Last Meeting Follow-ups

- After reviewing our letter regarding a .05 cent charge to Digline tickets for the BUCC, Julie Maki would like documentation that all businesses have been contacted. She also gave Merrill a list of utilities and other businesses to ensure we have reached out to all of them. If you have any emails regarding this fee, please forward to Merrill.

## 8. Bannock UCC Contractor Breakfast Feedback

- We had a great turnout at the breakfast, about 118 people. We had planned for 145 and the food amount was perfect.
- A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped or contributed in some way. You are appreciated!
  - Those who donated money for the breakfast:
    1. Williams \$450
    2. Syringa \$50
    3. Marathon \$350
    4. Mickelsen Construction \$250
    5. Intermountain Gas \$400
  - Speakers:
    1. Bill Hale from DOPL
    2. Alisha Murphy from Idaho Power
    3. Alan Volbrecht from ELM and IUCC
  - Others
    1. The City of Pocatello Street Department for the venue and helping with setup
    2. The vendors who came to support the event
    3. All those who helped clean up
- Julie Maki suggests the following topics be covered at next year's breakfast:
  - Locates on private property
  - Utilities that are unlocatable
  - How to deal with easements
- Doug Brooks mentioned that Brixon Price wants to do a presentation on locating and we could ask him to cover the above items.
- The microphone continues to be an issue. We will look into getting a new one for next year's event.
- We need to work out the bugs on the projectors so that we can have two screens next year.

- Julie suggested to Merrill that we charge vendors. Maybe \$25 for those who are members of the BUCC and \$50 for those who are not? We will discuss later in the year.

## 9. Project Specific Discussion

- The US-91 Park Lawn to Siphon/New Day Project in Chubbuck
  - Kimley-Horn is wrapping up the proposed design. Should be complete in the next few weeks.
  - Andrea will put together utility plans and impacts.

## 10. Open Discussion on Projects Within the Area of Influence

- **Sparklight (Russell Christ)**
  - Maverick on Center Street
  - Joint Trench subdivisions
  - Walgreens
- **Intermountain Gas Co. (Phil Colborn)**
  - Hawthorne/Quinn Intersection
  - Reg Station on Fore Road in August
  - South 5<sup>th</sup> – working on 16' pressure line, doing analysis and mapping
  - Joint Trench
- **Direct Communications (Jake Cutler)**
  - Adrian Prescott is no longer with the company; please direct all questions to Jake as he will be the one involved with the UCC meetings.
- **City of Pocatello (Merril Quayle):**
  - **Reported working on the following projects –**
    - Carson Street Bridge Project in under construction
    - Hawthorne/Quinn Intersection is under construction
  - **Street Department**
    - Winter road maintenance
    - Working on 2023 paving program
  - **Water Department**
    - Pocatello Creek Booster Station utilities continue
    - 5M Gallon Tank Transmission Line - cross Grant-Fore Road
  - **WPC**
    - Whitman lift station construction
  - **Other**
    - ESC

- Asphalt Patching

**11. Any other items from the council**

N/A

**12. Review of any action items**

- If you have documentation on the utilities you contacted regarding the .05 cents (see item #7), please forward to Merrill.

**13. Next meeting**

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting App OR in person in the City Hall Iwamizawa Conference Room.

**14. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 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

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**Attendees Sign-In**  
**Bannock Utility Coordinating Council Meeting**  
**Location: City of Pocatello Iwamizawa Conference Room, City Hall**  
**Date/Time: 3.8.2023/10:00am**                      **Conducting: Merrill Quayle**

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