



Bannock Utility Coordinating Council
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Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Paradise Conference Room &
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1. Welcome/Attendees Sign-In

- Meeting was called to order by Merrill Quayle at 10:01 a.m.
- Attendees: **See Attachment A**
- Excused: Bret Blair (Williams), Andrea Sheppard (JUB)

2. Approval of Minutes from the July 14th meeting

Council was asked to approve the minutes from the July 14th meeting as written. Motion to approve made by Doug Brooks and seconded by JJ Murphy. Motion passed.

3. Financial Report

As of July 30th, the BUCC account has a balance of \$2,279.11.

4. Items from Idaho UCC

- The Idaho State UCC fall meeting has been scheduled for Sept. 23rd & 24th, 2021. The meeting will be held in Boise at the Intermountain Gas Conference Center, 555 S Cole Rd. The officers are currently working on the agenda and speakers but we do know that the meeting will be held on the 23rd beginning at 1:00 pm to approximately 5:00 pm with a no-host dinner after that. On the 24th, the meeting will run from 9:00 am to about 11:30 am.
- Any IUCC questions – please contact one of the Idaho State UCC officers – Bob Chandler - bobchandlercda@gmail.com, Alan Volbrecht – alan.volbrecht@elmutility.com, or Nichole Rush – nrush@idahopower.com

5. Digline Information and News

- Digline ticket information is available on the Digline Website.

6. Damage Prevention Board News

- Review of DPS Subcommittee topics –
 - Design locates. Corrections made and wording will be adjusted.
 - Emergency locates – will vote on procedures
 - White lines painted on the ground vs white lines marked on Google Maps. If you have strong opinions about this, email Merrill or the Board so it can be discussed at the subcommittee meeting.

- Bill Hale, Damage Prevention Program Specialist 208-332-7140
- Link to the meeting dates and agendas
<https://dbs.idaho.gov/boards/dpboard/dpmeetings.html>

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

- **See Attachment B.** JJ Murphy drafted a letter that will be sent out to approximately 22 utilities in SE Idaho. He will send the letter to Julie at Digline. If approved, it will be mailed/mailed to the utilities before our September meeting.

8. Open Discussion on Projects Within the Area of Influence

Mickelsen Construction (Robbie Austin):

- Portneuf Health Trust Medical Building
- Paving/Surface Work

Damage Prevention/Div. of Building Safety (Bill Hale):

- Billboards going up next year. Meeting with advertising in September. Open to ideas.

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

- Joint Trench (Harvest Springs)
- Mitigations
- JJ follow up with Merrill regarding Mohawk

Sparklight (Russell Christ):

- 445 Vista Drive Project
- Joint Trench

Simplot (Sean Gumm):

- Potholing slurry line at I-15 crossing; maybe putting in another sleeve

City of Pocatello (Merril Quayle):

- Reported working on the following projects:
 - Finishing up all the temporary work on the Flandro Safety Project
 - Carson Street Bridge Project
 - Wrapping up final design on the S 5th Safety Project
- Street Department
 - Fog Seal Program
 - Discussion on utility 1 – 2-year plan to work with pave programs
- Water Department
 - Finishing up Bullock Water Line loop to Flandro

- Currently working Grant Street – Day to Center
- Opal Street (approx. September)
- Pocatello Creek BPT/T-line
- WPC
 - Whitman Lift Station Design

9. Any other items from the council

N/A

10. Review of any action items

- JJ Murphy will email the Digline ticket price increase letter to Julie. After approved, he will email it out to all affected utilities.
- Merrill will reach out to the new Idaho Power contact.

11. Next meeting

Scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting App OR in person in the City Hall Paradise Conference Room. Merrill will be out. JJ Murphy will run the meeting.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

APPROVED BY:


MERRIL QUAYLE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


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 Paradise Conference Room, City Hall
Date/Time: 7.14.2021/10:00am **Conducting: Merrill Quayle**

Name	Representing	Email	Phone Number	Initials
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Austin, Robbie	Mickelsen Construction	mikoestimator@gmail.com	208-339-3805	✓
Blair, Bret	Williams NW Pipeline Co.	bret.blair@williams.com	208-317-5865	
Bringhurst, Kirsten	Utility Vac N Fill	utilityvacnfill@gmail.com	208-417-8558	
Brooks, Doug	Syringa Networks	dbrooks@syringanetworks.net	208-520-9233	D.B.
Christ, Russell	Sparklight	russell.christ@sparklight.biz	208-223-0648	✓
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Hale, Bill	Damage Prevention/Div. of Building Safety	Bill.Hale@dbs.idaho.gov	208-332-7140	✓
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Morrison, Bridger	City of Chubbuck	bmorrison@cityofchubbuck.us	208-237-2430	BM
Murphy, JJ	Intermountain Gas Co.	james.murphy@intgas.com	208-241-8710	✓
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Quayle, Merrill	City of Pocatello	mquayle@pocatello.us	208-681-9228	MQ
Sheppard, Andrea	J-U-B	asheppard@jub.com	208-589-8756	
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Wood, Patrick	Damage Prevention/Div. of Building Safety	Patrick.Wood@dbs.idaho.gov	208-332-7140	

ATTACHMENT B



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Merril Quayle, President
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AT&T
Angela Johnson
aj1731@att.com

Good morning Angela,

You are receiving this letter to ask for your approval to increase the cost per locate that Digline charges member utilities by \$.05 per ticket. This money would go to fund the Bannock Utility Coordinating Council's effort to provide damage prevention training/education in Bannock County. In 2020 there were 4,862 Digline tickets called in for all of Bannock County. If you happened to be on every one of those tickets (which most utilities aren't), it would have been an increase of \$243.10 in Digline payments. The member utilities that belong to the Bannock Utility Coordinating Council have all agreed to this increase, but we need approval from all utilities in Bannock County for the change to go into effect. Most of these funds would be used for our contractor breakfast that we do each year (with the exception of this year due to Covid-19). We invite all local contractors that have done work in Bannock County over the last year and it provides an opportunity for damage prevention training. At our past events we have been able to have great conversations with contractors about working around our utilities safely, and the effect of their work on our utilities and infrastructure. If we were to get this increase in funding, we would also be able to start putting together other opportunities for training as well. Please consider this investment in damage prevention education as a win for all utilities. I look forward to hearing back from you and feel free to send me any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

JJ Murphy
Bannock Utility Coordination Council
Vice President
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(208)637-6415



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