



Bannock Utility Coordinating Council  
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Bridger Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer

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# Bannock Utility Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

Iwamizawa Conference Room &  
GoToMeeting App

**Bannock Utility Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes  
November 9 @ 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 10:01 a.m.
- Attendees: **See Attachment A**
- Excused: Russell Christ (Sparklight), Franklin Delos Reyes (Marathon), Josh Hubbard (Williams)

**2. Approval of Minutes from the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Council was asked to approve the minutes from the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Motion to approve made by Chris Sigrist and seconded by Phil Colborn. Motion passed.

**3. Financial Report**

- As of October 31, the Bannock UCC has a balance of \$2,065.16. Another \$75 will be deposited today.
- Invoices for the BUCC 2023 dues were mailed out the first week of November. Let Brenda or Merrill know if your company did not receive theirs.

**4. Items from Idaho UCC**

- The IUCC is still in need of a Sec/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>.
- Merrill reviewed some of the stats from the last several months. August tickets were around the 850 mark. September and October dropped to about 700.
- Digline has gone live with their new software. Doug Brooks noted that the new tickets come with a map which aids in properly locating.

**6. Damage Prevention Board News**

- The November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting will be held in January.

- The board is still in need of three new members. Representation from this side of the state would be good. Reach out to Bill if you are interested in one of the following –
  - Residential Contractor
  - Small Excavator
  - Large Excavator
- Bill Hale, Damage Prevention Program Specialist 208-332-7140
- John Nielson is the Executive Officer and works with the Board Chair. Contact him if you have questions/concerns regarding the board. Reach out to Bill for his contact information.
- Link to the meeting dates and agendas: <https://dbs.idaho.gov/boards/damage-prevention-board/>

#### **7. Last Meeting Follow-ups**

The following companies still need to be contacted –

- Bannock UCC Contractor Breakfast scheduled for Feb 22, 2022 at the Streets Department/Public Works Annex on Garrett Way.
- Discussed possible presentations: Doug Brooks suggested Brixen Price with BP Locating. Merrill and Bill agreed to speak about the UCC and the Damage Prevention Board, and Idaho Power suggested their safety guy could present. Speakers will be finalized at our next meeting.
- Discussion: Should we move forward with the .05 cent addition to Digline tickets in order to raise money for the BUCC? Bill said that Kootenai County added .25 cents per ticket with the majority vote. Merrill is going to double check with Julie Maki and if she approves, start the additional fee January 1, 2023.

#### **8. Election of 2023 Officers**

- Doug Brooks made a motion to keep our current officers for 2023. Chris Sigrist seconded. Motion passed. Officers will remain as follows:
  - Merrill Quayle, President
  - Phil Colborn, Vice President
  - Bridger Morrison, Treasurer

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

- ***Mickelsen Construction (Robbie Austin)***
  - Snow removal and maintenance only right now

- **Intermountain Gas Co. (Phil Colborn):**
  - Pocatello Creek – Creekside Commercial
  - Joint Trench in Stockman area
  - Service line calls
  
- **Idaho Power (Ethan Morgan):**
  - Finishing work at Chubbuck overpass before Thanksgiving
  - Portneuf River Crossing @ Carson Street Bridge
  
- **City of Pocatello (Merril Quayle):**
  - **Reported working on the following projects –**
    - Carson Street Bridge Project preconstruction meeting today at 2 p.m. City Hall; construction to start December 2022.
    - Clark Street ADA improvements (1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>) – finalizing construction.
    - Bannock County application to vacate 6<sup>th</sup> Ave between Center and Clark approved by Council; need easement prior to recording the vacation.
  - **Street Department**
    - Back on 5/8's
    - Wrapping up for winter
    - The two new locates for the City of Pocatello are Ray Guyette and Kenneth Thompson. Mike Neville will be their direct supervisor.
  - **Water Department**
    - Pocatello Creek Booster Station utilities continue; trying to wrap up for winter.
  - **WPC**
    - Whitman lift station construction
  - **Other**
    - Merrill will be holding an ESC presentation and discussion for builders December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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

- Phil Colborn brought up the safety of the Flying Y 1-15 interchange project. Avoid using that area if possible. They are starting to see accidents. Chris Sigrist said they want accidents kept to a minimum. Please reach out to Chris, Zach Johnson or Greg Roberts at ITD if you have concerns.

#### **11. Review of any action items**

- Merrill to contact Julie to proceed with adding the .05 to Digline tickets for BUCC funding.
- Finalize presenters for the BUCC breakfast in February.

#### **12. Next meeting**

Scheduled for Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting App OR in person in the City Hall Iwamizawa Conference Room.

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
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MERRIL QUAYLE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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BRIDGER MORRISON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

PREPARED BY: Brenda Andrews

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# ATTACHMENT

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**Attendees Sign-In**  
**Bannock Utility Coordinating Council Meeting**  
**Location: City of Pocatello Iwamizawa Conference Room, City Hall**  
**Date/Time: 11.09.2022/10:00am**                      **Conducting: Merrill Quayle**

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