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## Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Jan. 17, 2023

**TIME:** 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

**LOCATIONS:**

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**
- **SOUTHWEST GAS, 1060 ALPER CENTER DRIVE, HENDERSON**

Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN  
Cesar Castillo, Vice-Chair RP Weddell  
Dennis Bott Jr, Chair, SW Gas  
Rustin McLaughlin, Director, SW Gas  
Salvatore V. Caponigro, Director, Stake Center  
Mario Fernandez, Director, LVVWD  
Richard Torrens, Director, KCI  
Boyd Duchene, Director, Clark County Water  
Reclamation District  
Robert Ward, Director, NV Energy  
Craig Rogers, Director, PUCN  
Steve Priscu, Director, City of Boulder City  
LaWayne Scott, Director, AT&T  
Jethro Dijkman, DigContrax  
Anthony Headley, West Valley Construction  
April Finley  
Charles Atkinson, Truckee Meadows Water  
Authority  
Larry Bialek, Cox Communications  
Matt Brecke, NV Energy  
Brian Gordon, DigContrax  
Beryl Cox, Cox Communications  
Jeremy Crawford, Kern River  
David Oberg, Badger Inc.  
Ryan Egan, Lumen  
Alexander Gusman

Harold Lefler, Western States  
Hole Hogz (Guest)  
James Wingate, USA North 811  
Jennifer Fagan, Stake Center  
Jeremy Dill, Nova Partners  
Joseph D'Ambrosio, NV Energy  
Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake  
Mike Marrero, USIC  
Massoud Javid, Clark County Public Works  
Gregory Carreras, City of North Las Vegas  
Paul Gibson, Terra Contracting  
Ronald Lovely, LVVWD  
Soriano Rodriguez, Stake Center  
Andrea Stainback, CenturyLink  
Terrance Steinline, Stake Center  
Thomas (Guest)  
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Adam Lara, Stake Center  
Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy  
Andrew Barbieri, G2

**STANDING ITEMS:**

1. **Introductions (Dennis Bott)**  
Dennis led introductions.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Dennis Bott)**  
Sal Caponigro made a motion to adopt the agenda. Steve Priscu seconded the motion.
3. **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**  
Tabled



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4. **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**

PUCN gas pipeline engineers issued 12 civil penalties in 2022. GPEs first issue verbal warnings to excavators, followed by a letter for noncompliance, followed by a civil penalty if violations continue. The majority of civil penalties were issued to contractors.

5. **CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Craig Rogers)**

The CGA will have a booth at ConExpo in March in Las Vegas and local volunteers are needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

6. **NRCGA 2023 Committee Chairs/Members (Dennis Bott)**

Dennis asked for volunteers to chair the following committees.

- 811 Day – Sal Caponigro volunteered to chair.
- Excavator Event/Silver Shovel – Cesar Castillo volunteered to be chair.
- Locate Rodeo – Dennis Bott & Craig Rogers will co-chair.

7. **Nomination Committee Announcement (Jethro Dijkman)**

Voting took place in November for the telecom board position. Sitting member LaWayne Scott, AT&T, Beryl Cox, Cox Communications, and Andrea Stainback, CenturyLink were nominees. Wayne Scott won the vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

8. **Best Practices (Craig Rogers)**

The PUCN is waiting for mandatory positive response legislation to be signed. This has been in the works for 2 years. The 2023 legislative session will open soon. Craig will let us know when legislative workshops will be held. 2<sup>nd</sup> issue is new definition of excavation – NRS 455.

9. **Education/Training (Steve Wibalda, Nancy Lopez)**

Dennis for Steve - Our training numbers were down in 2022 from 2021. We had a little over 1400 attendees in the south. In 2021 we had almost 2200 attendees.

Matt Brecke – Trainers in the north held 30 classes and trained 21 separate companies for a total of 415 individuals. Almost double what they did in 2021.

10. **Locate Rodeo (Dennis Bott)**

The winner was Gregory Carreras. Gregory was present during the meeting and introduced himself. He's been a City of North Las Vegas locator since Nov. 2021 but has about 10 years of locating experience.

There were some challenges in planning the event at UNLV. All the people who had relationships with retired or moved on since Covid and we had to establish new relationships. Think of locations that might work for our 2023 rodeo and let Dennis Bott or Craig Rogers know. We're interested in locations outside of UNLV.

11. **NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)**

Harold will get with Dawn Rivard to schedule the next meeting. If anyone has an item they want to put on the agenda, let Dawn Rivard or Harold Lefler know.



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**12. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Dennis Bott)**

Ryan White went over some of the issues USAN has encountered with the transition to the new Pelican software system.

**Next Meeting:** March 21, 2023