



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Sept. 19, 2023

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**
- **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA, 9075 W. DIABLO DRIVE, #250, LAS VEGAS NV 89148**

ATTENDANCE: There were 54 people in attendance – 24 in person, 29 online, 2 on the phone.

In Person

Cesar Castillo, Chair, RP Weddell
Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN
Craig Rogers, Director, PUCN
Lynsay Demko, Director, Southwest Gas
Steven Priscu, Director, City of Boulder City
Kristen Garcia, Director, NV Energy
Salvatore Caponigro, Director, Stake Center
Ryan White, Director, USA North 811
Roger Brady, Trench Shoring
Harold Lefler, Western States
Dennis Bott, ELM
Gregory Noel, USIC
Miriam Castaneda, USIC
Betty Chang, Google Fiber
Ashley Church, Google Fiber
Sharisse Olsen, City of Las Vegas CERT
Malik Redmon, City of Las Vegas CERT
Terry Harpt, Southwest Gas
Randy Charland, UtiliQuest
Brendan Vargas, Tilson
Matt Jensen, Tilson
Sergio Bragal, MCON
Jose Zambrano, MCON
Matt Dodd, USA North 811

Elizabeth Amaya, NV Energy
Billy Weston, Clark County Public Works
Bobby Theis, Las Vegas Public Works
Cliff Goodrich, Capriati Construction
Beryle Cox, Cox Communications
Jeremy Crawford, Kern River
Joseph D'Ambrosio, NV Energy
Dave Mulcahey, GPRS Inc.
David Estes, CenturyLink/Lumen
Vernon Hadley, NV Energy
Jennifer Fagan, Stake Center
JP Oberweis, Sunrise Engineering
Ken Jr. Flippin, Flippin's Construction
Kevin Cosgrove, Silver Lake Construction
Kole Smith, Wells Cargo
Mike Marrero, USIC
Michael Barker, Stake Center
Michael Stake, Zayo
Nancy Lopez, Southwest Gas
Brad Poulson, Kern River
Saundra Waggoner, C and S Company
Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving
Andrea Stainback, CenturyLink/Lumen
Tammy Bentley, C and S Company
Tyler Byrd, Byrd Construction

Online

Wayne Scott, Director, AT&T
Boyd Duchene, Director, CCWRD
Alexandra Weber, Fasteners, Inc.
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STANDING ITEMS:

1. Introductions (Cesar Castillo)

Introductions were led by Cesar Castillo.



2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Cesar Castillo)**

Salvatore Caponigro made a motion to adopt the agenda. Harold Lefer seconded it.

3. **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**

Dawn provided a report.

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

The PUCN has issued 2 civil penalties since the last NRCGA meeting and issued two warning letters.

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

Craig Rogers and Lynsay Demko provided an update on upcoming CGA meetings and recommended everyone able should attend. The following link is to the CGA's Conferences and Events web page.

<https://commongroundalliance.com/Conferences-Events/All-Events>

6. **USA North 811 Update (Ryan White)**

- USAN's next board meeting will be Oct. 25.
- USAN is hosting a facility notification meeting from Oct. 31 – Nov. 3.
- USAN is hosting a Pelican meeting on Dec 12-13. If you have any thoughts or ideas on the pelican ticketing system, send them to Ryan to present at this meeting.
- USAN launched a Pelican update on Sunday, Sept. 17. A couple issues were fixed with the update, including Positive Response.
- A design platform is in the works. Allows you to submit a planning and design ticket.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7. **811 Day (Sal Caponigro)**

We had a \$10k budget and spend \$2800. We had 126 people purchase tickets using our special ticket code and made approximately \$630 in ticket sales for the NRCGA. We have held our event on the Saturday prior to school starting the past two years at Cowabunga Bay and attendance was high. This year the event was on a Friday, the week school started, in the evening. We'll decide next year to stay at Cowabunga Bay or move the event elsewhere.

8. **Golf Tournament (Bob Ward)**

Oct. 13 at National Golf Course. We have about 10 foursomes left to sell. Tyler Byrd from Byrd Underground pledged to sponsor the Longest Drive contest. Scott Allen from Las Vegas Paving pledged to sponsor "something."

9. **Locate Rodeo (Craig Rogers)**

Craig's has been in email contact with the Community College of Southern Nevada about using their Cheyenne campus for the contest. Since ELM can't compete this year because they won't meet the 12-month look-back period, Craig asked Dennis Bott from ELM to take the lead since Craig's vacation and work travel schedule will make him unavailable often in the coming months. Craig asked Greg Noel from USIC and Sal Caponigro from Stake Center if they plan to send competitors. Both said yes. Mike Marrero from USIC is worried about perception issues if Dennis, who represents a locating company, is in charge of the event. No one else is.



10. NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)

Harold will ask Dawn Rivard to schedule meeting space at the PUCN for the next NUCA/NRCGA damage prevention meeting. The meeting will be online and in person.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. New Electric Director (Bob Ward)

Bob Ward must step down from his Board position due to a change in his duties at NV Energy. Bob introduced Kristen Garcia as is NV Energy and NRCGA Board replacement.

12. Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) (Las Vegas Emergency Management)

Sharisse Olsen and Malik Redmon from the City of Las Vegas' CERT program gave a short presentation on the program and encouraged NRCGA members to receive this training to be prepared to help in the event of a natural disaster or other large-scale emergency.

13. Google Introduction (Cesar Castillo, Betty Chang)

Betty said her goal today is to meet NRCGA members and know the major players in Southern Nevada. Google does not have a timeline to start their project yet.

14. Common Ground Alliance's 50 in 5 Initiative (Craig Rogers)

This is a CGA initiative to lower damages by 50% in 5 years nationwide. Craig and Lynsay Demko would like all to participate with idea sharing.

- What are you doing already to lower damages
- Come to the next meeting with ideas.
- Email Dawn your ideas.

According to Craig, people have come to him to express that they would like the opportunity to talk. We want to spend most of our next meeting on this topic. Craig is gathering stats from the majority utilities in So. NV so we can see what our starting point on damages is. Craig wants 30-40 ideas to come out of this. Then he'll whittle it down to 5 and create a matrix to see if it's working.

15. Backhoe Rodeo (Cesar Castillo) – non-agendized item

NUCA is hosting a backhoe rodeo on Oct. 21 at Sam Boyd Stadium. Craig, Dawn and Cesar will be part of the NRCGA booth. NUCA is expecting a couple thousand people. There will be food trucks and kid activities in addition to the backhoe contest.

16. Nomination Time (Cesar Castillo) – non-agendized item

It's time for nominations to the NRCGA Board. Jethro Djikman will lead this initiative once again this year. Voting will take place in October and winners will be announced at the November meeting.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2023