

Common Ground of Nebraska  
July 12, 2007  
Grand Island – Southern Power  
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Susan Griess, CUS/Digger's Hotline. Becky Hohnstein, Lincoln Electric Systems. Phil Bentz, Glenwood Telephone. Dan Maschka, Northern Natural Gas. Lance Loschen, Lincoln Wastewater Systems. Greg Flickner, Kinder Morgan. Mitchell Porter, Aquila. Cullen Sila, Aquila. John Page, NEBCON. Darrel Schmidt, Southern Power District. Dan Willets, Source Gas. Jeffrey Mead, Grand Island Utilities. Chuck Fryzek, Source Gas. Marvin Brummer, Source Gas. Arnie Bates, State Fire Marshal. Lanna Machmuller, Source Gas. Shon Olson, ELM Locating. Eric Wilke, ELM Locating. Bill Uitts, ELM Locating. Harold Winnie, PHMSA/OPS. Clark Conklin, State Fire Marshal. Randy Leiser, Grand Island Utilities.

- I. Chairman, Dan Maschka opened the meeting at 1:05 pm with Introductions and a historical overview of the inception and growth of the Common Ground of Nebraska since the first meeting that was held October 2006
- II. Industry Highlight: John Page, NEBCON
- III. Old Business:
  - a. Membership Pledge Cards – request for pledges
  - b. Overview of duties of One Call Board of Directors
  - c. Website Update: Website almost complete to go live. Susan/John requested members to send industry pictures/graphics that could be used on the website. Please send any graphics to either Susan Griess – [susan.griess@cusinc.com](mailto:susan.griess@cusinc.com) or John Page - [jpage@nebconinc.com](mailto:jpage@nebconinc.com)
  - d. Discussion regarding the official name for the group. Common Ground of Nebraska or Common Ground Alliance of Nebraska was agreed upon depending upon the url availability for the website. Susan will send out name after confirming with Celeritas.
  - e. Locate Standards: Extensive discussion regarding the original draft of Locate Standards presented to the group. It was decided to start over and work only from the Common Ground Alliance National Best Practices for Marking and Locate Standards. A link to those standards will be posted to the Common Ground of Nebraska Blog: [commongroundne.blogspot.com](http://commongroundne.blogspot.com). The task group will recruit additional members. A request was made for a representative from Source Gas to join the task group. Current Task Group members are: Lance Loschen, Bill Uitts, Shon Olson, Gary Brokaw, Phil Bentz, Randy Leiser and Susan Griess.

- f. 811 Campaign: Susan provided an update of One Call Marketing efforts and associated service issues. 811 outreach efforts were shared by the group.
- g. Directional Boring Issues: Discussion regarding issues that have occurred in Nebraska. John Page with NEBCON will review the CGA Standards and report at the next meeting.
- h. State-wide Disaster Plan: Shon Olsen with ELM reported on the research he has done regarding the plans in place in other States. The One Call Board is also researching this issue and will continue with pursuing solutions using input from Shon.

IV. New Business

- a. One Call Board Meeting Update – Outreach material is available to anyone, please contact Lanna Machmuller if you need handouts for any upcoming events.
- b. Task List: New items added to Task List. 1. Locate Training 2. Private Lines

Next Meeting will be in Lincoln (place TBD), September 13 @ 1:00 pm. Please send all agenda items to Dan Maschka [dan.maschka@mngco.com](mailto:dan.maschka@mngco.com) no later than Friday, August 17.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Griess