

Common Ground of Nebraska (CGN)

**Thursday, February 10, 2011
1:00-3:00 pm**

Hosted by: Lance Loschen – Lincoln Waste Water

**Meeting Location
Lincoln Waste Water
2400 Theresa Street
Lincoln, Ne. 68506
402-441-8340**

Meeting Minutes

1. Industry Highlight:

- *Information was presented by Josh Doughan and John Barber with Snyder and Associates regarding Survey/Design requests currently being utilized in the State of Iowa (38-02 ASCE – Design Side)*

2. Old Business:

- Comments / Corrections from the previous minutes: NOTE – Minutes will be posted on the web (instead of e-mailing).
- Membership and Website related news: (Bill Uitts)
 - i. Website: www.Nebraska-cga.com
 - ii. E-mail distribution list – *Susan has offered using the Constant Contact account she currently utilizes for Digger’s Hotline to assist in getting CGN communications out to the CGN members.*
 - iii. Social media – *doesn’t seem to be a pressing or relevant concern at this time – may revisit at a later date. Item to be dropped from from active agendas.*
- Task Groups
 - i. **Strategy Planning Sessions and Goals** – Lance Loschen, Susan Griess, Bill Uitts, Gary Brakhahn, Phil Bentz, Dan Willets, and Randy Leiser.
 - *No new updates – pending notification of any Grant Awards*

- ii. **Better Communication** - Lanna Machmuller, Rod Jobman, Doug Douglas, Marvin Brummer, Larry Blackstone, Val Snyder.
 - *No updates*
- iii. **Ad Hoc** – Children’s 811 Pirate Video
 - Update as needed
- iv. **Website development** –
 - *Dan and Lanna will work with NPPD regarding website development*
- Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF) Safety Day Events 2010
 - *Dan provided an update of the National activities and statistics surrounding the PAF Safety Day Events in 2011. Over 50,000 individuals heard the safe digging message in 2010 through the Farm Safety Day Events. Kinder Morgan is scheduled to attend Curtis event and Jill with Digger’s Hotline is scheduled to attend the Syracuse event.*

3. New Business:

- a) Elections –
 - *The following will retain their current positions through the 2012 Calendar Year: Dan Maschka, Chairman. Rod Jobman, Co-Chairman.*
 - *The following will retain their current position through the 2011 Calendar Year: Lanna Machmuller, Treasurer. Bill Uitts, Membership Director. Susan Lynch, Secretary until a replacement can be found.*
 - *The following has accepted the Office of Program/Meeting Director through the 2012 Calendar Year: Jerry Jacobsen.*
- b) Scottsbluff news – *CGN will contribute 8,500 flyers for Scottsbluff Herald Newspaper Stuffers for the Garden and Landscaping Edition April 4th.*
- c) LB 484 - *Dan Maschka provided a summary of all activities to current date*
- d) DVD production – *Dan Maschka provided an update, footage from the CGI Iowa DVD will be included in the DVD for Nebraska – thank you to CGI for their generous offer*
- e) 2011 Grant update – *Still waiting for word on reward*
- f) Pirate video challenge – *Grant from One Call Board - plan to distribute 1000 Videos and host a poster contest with schools (4th/5th grades) across the Nebraska*
- g) Governors proclamation – *Scheduled for April 13th at the State Capital – Representatives from One Call Board, Digger’s Hotline and State Fire Marshalls Office will be in attendance.*
- h) April - Safe Digging Month - *Dan Maschka announced that April will once again be recognized Nationwide as Safe Digging Month*
- i) 8 – 11 day - *Dan Maschka distributed a promotional packet developed by the CGA*
- j) CGA video RFP – *Dan Maschka announced a current RFP opportunity with the CGA*
- k) Boy Scouts pilot website for underground utility damage – *Dan Maschka explained the Local Council outreach efforts that were developed for Council Websites and also handed out information regarding the Boy Scout Program Outreach*
- l) Damage Prevention Magazine – *Dan Maschka shared a copy of the publication with the group*

- m) Scholarship proposal – *Dan Maschka and Susan Lynch will take this project on and research opportunities*
- n) Treasury Review - *Lanna Machmuller provided the Treasury Report. Rod Jobman will send a thank you to Northern Natural Gas for their generous contribution to the CGN*

4. Open discussion:

- *Scott Roloff discussed an opportunity for CGN to provide a training at an upcoming Training Seminar for NUCA Members – he will follow-up with Susan on Dates.*

5. Determine the next meeting date, time and location:

- *April 27th in Aurora – Jerry Jacobsen will coordinate with Cully Sila for facility arrangements.*

Minutes submitted by SusanLynch.