



## Common Ground of Nebraska (CGN)

January 26, 2010

Hosted by:

**Jeremiah Johnson – Central Valley Irrigation**

Meeting Location

**Central Valley Irrigation**

**1625 E Hwy 6**

**Holdrege, NE. 68949**

*ATTENDANCE: Jeremiah Johnson and Monty Vonasek, Central Valley Irrigation; Tim Gabriel, Source Gas; Kim Parson, City of Holdrege; Van Fastenau and Tim Long Central NE Public Power and Irrigation District; Susan Lynch, Great Plains One Call/Digger's Hotline; Randy Leiser, Grand Island Utilities; Phil Bentz, Glenwood Telephone; Jeff Chase, Southern Power District; Rod Jobman, Sudbeck Construction; Dan Maschka, Northern Natural Gas; Val Snyder, Kinder Morgan; Lanna Machmuller, SourceGas; Dan Willets, SourceGas; Diana Luscher, NPPD; Terry Monter, TL Sund Construction, Jeff Remmenga, Remmenga Drilling; Marvin Brummer, SourceGas; Dennis Ostgren, Ostgren Construction; Rick Smith, Sargent Irrigation; Randy Ommert, Kinder Morgan; Jeff Davis, Kinder Morgan; Kenny Morris, Kinder Morgan; Matt Samuelson, Samuelson Land Leveling; John Slater, Kinder Morgan; Mike Stromitis, State Fire Marshal Office; Gary Brakhahn, ATC Communications; Travis Sund, TL Sund Inc.*

## Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome, introductions and sign up sheet
2. Safety and housekeeping – fire exits, evacuations, health concerns, restrooms, etc
3. General meeting etiquette reminders - set your phones to vibrate, take calls outside of this meeting room, one conversation at a time, etc.
4. Industry Highlight:
  - a. Jeremiah Johnson (or Monty) – brief overview of Central Valley Irrigation  
*Jeremiah Johnson presented an overview of the operations and excavation processes for Central Valley Irrigation.*
  - b. Volunteer for next meeting:  
*Lance Loschen with Lincoln Wastewater will have a presentation regarding the recycling efforts of Lincoln Wastewater Systems. April 20, 2010 at Lincoln Wastewater Systems*

## 5. Old Business:

- a. Comments / Corrections from the previous minutes: NOTE – Minutes are posted on the web (instead of e-mailing).

***No comments or corrections to the previous meeting minutes. Going forward, Minutes will not be emailed but will instead be posted to the Website: [www.nebraska-cga.com](http://www.nebraska-cga.com)***

- b. Membership and Website related news: (Bill Uitts)

i. New members, pledge cards on web – ready to require all to use new form?  
***Still pending – waiting for update from Bill Uitts regarding the electronic signature.***

ii. Gained a new member from the NACE meeting

iii. Website: [www.Nebraska-cga.com](http://www.Nebraska-cga.com)

iv. Is it possible to obtain an updated e-mail distribution list?

- c. Task Groups

i. **Strategy Planning Sessions and Goals** – Lance Loschen, Susan Griess, Bill Uitts, Gary Brakhahn, Phil Bentz, Dan Willets, and Randy Leiser.

- Review the potential for a 2010 locate workshop including performance measures for locators.

***Discussion regarding a Northeast NE locate workshop in the early Spring. SourceGas Albion would be able to assist with facility. SusanLynch will coordinate with Travis Beran and Bill Uitts to identify schedule availability. Randy Leiser with Grand Island Utilities offered to host a Fall Workshop – will look into offering an Advanced Class for this session. Susan will touch base with Travis. Rod Jobman also suggested an Excavator Education Session. Rod will look into the feasibility of such a venue.***

- Grant update.

***Susan Lynch provided a brief overview of the items submitted for. Grant was submitted via the State Fire Marshal's Office. Still pending review with PHMSA. Hope to have an update soon regarding any funds received.***

ii. **Better Communication** - Lanna Machmuller, Rod Jobman, Doug Douglas, Marvin Brummer, Larry Blackstone, Val Snyder.

- Business cards remaining and suggested distribution.

***The Task Group will look into soliciting Equipment Rental Facilities to get the word out. Suggested Display Business Card Holders offering the CGN Color Code Cards***

- Develop agriculture related targeted material.

iii. **Ad Hoc** – Spring excavator roundtable (see last month's notes)

***Rod Jobman and Jeremiah Johnson will be working on coordinating the event. Lanna Machmuller has offered SourceGas facilities in Kearney as a location.***

- d. Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF) Safety Day Events 2010 - What will the schedule be and who can help?

*Kenny Morris with Kinder Morgan provided an overview of the program and the success he had in volunteering – encouraged everyone to consider volunteering for these events.*

*The following link will display the 2010 scheduled Safety Day Events and the contact information. Please contact the coordinator as listed on the schedule to volunteer for any of the upcoming Safety Days.*

<http://coordinator.progressiveag.org/cgi-bin/MySQLdb?VIEW=/safetydays/view.txt>

*Diana Lushcer with NPPD also suggested reaching out to Kidz Explore to develop a program with them. Dan Maschka will follow up with Diana on this.*

## 6. New Business:

- a. *One-call board meeting update – Dan Maschka:*

*Year end reports were provided to the Board from the Vendor – Great Plains One Call. Approximately 50% of all incoming voice calls are now received via the “811” number. The Board is continually seeking volunteers to participate in the various Parades held throughout Nebraska. If interested in assisting, please contact Dan [dan.maschka@nngco.com](mailto:dan.maschka@nngco.com)*

*A golf tournament will be hosted by the Board on July 29 at Crooked Creek Golf Course in Lincoln, NE. This event will be open for all Stakeholders in underground damage prevention. For further details please contact [susan.lynch@cusinc.com](mailto:susan.lynch@cusinc.com)*

- b. Review CGN Treasury – Lanna Machmuller:

*Lanna handed out all account information for the CGN Treasury. Another generous donation was received by Northern Natural Gas. A thank you will be sent to the company for their support of the Common Ground Nebraska. Susan will follow up with Dan/Rod to ensure a thank you is sent.*

- c. National CGA update – Dan Maschka: Children’s education DVD

*The group was able to view the new children’s video produced by the Common Ground Alliance focusing on underground safety and the need to call. The video is approx 8 minutes in length and is an excellent tool for elementary age outreach. Dan will confirm when the copies are put into production and will be available for purchase.*

*The CGA Annual Conference will be March 2-5 in San Diego, a few of the CGN members will be attending this conference under their own companies and will provide an overview at the next CGN meeting*

## 7. Open discussion:

*Topics Discussed: Ticket Life, Locate Instructions, GPS, Accurate Phone numbers on One Call Ticket, Meets – Priorities – Emergencies on One Call Ticket*

**8. Determine the next meeting date, time and location:**

***TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010***

***HOSTED BY LANCE LOSCHEN***

***LINCOLN WASTEWATER SYSTEMS***

***2400 THERESA STREET***

***LINCOLN, NE***

***TASK GROUPS\*\* – NOON***

***GENERAL MEETING – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM***

***RSVP: [val\\_snyder@kindermorgan.com](mailto:val_snyder@kindermorgan.com) (please note the underscore between Val's first and last name in his email address)***

***\*\*\*TASK GROUPS – PLEASE COORDINATE AMONG THE MEMBERS OF YOUR TASK GROUP TO DETERMINE IF YOU WILL BE MEETING AT NOON. PLEASE NOTIFY VAL SNYDER [val\\_snyder@kindermorgan.com](mailto:val_snyder@kindermorgan.com) IF YOU WILL BE MEETING AT NOON AND PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A HEADCOUNT OF YOUR TASK GROUP IN ATTENDANCE FOR THAT MEETING.***