



**Common Ground of Nebraska (CGN)**

**June 25, 2009**

**1:00- 3:00 pm**

**Hosted by:**

**Val Snyder – Kinder/Morgan**

**Meeting Location:**

**Harmon Park Activity Center**

**5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Kearney, NE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Welcome, introductions and sign up sheet**

**Special guest – Monty Vonasek with Central Valley Irrigation. The CGN appreciates the support!**

**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. Val Snyder**

**Val Snyder with Kinder Morgan presented information explaining the Attorney General enforcement of the One Call Law and suggestions for compiling a comprehensive complaint form.**

**b. Volunteer for next meeting**

**Rod Jobman with Sudbeck Construction volunteered to host the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting at Papio Greens – there will be no task groups meetings prior to the meeting. General Meeting will begin at Noon with golf to follow. Please RSVP early for this event!**

**5. Old Business:**

**a. Comments / Corrections from the previous minutes:**

**There were no minutes from the previous meeting**

**b. Membership related news: (Bill Uitts)**

**i. New members and pledge cards**

**Bill has created a web friendly version of the Pledge Card that will allow users to complete and return via the CGN website.**

**Membership recruiting is encouraged – especially the excavator stakeholder group.**

- c. Website issues – Bill Uitts (point person), Rod Jobman, Susan Lynch and Tim Proksel. View at: [www.Nebraska-cga.com](http://www.Nebraska-cga.com)

- i. Update membership page
- ii. Add all previous meeting notes
- iii. Review and then add updated By-Laws.

**Update: See attachment for the revised By-Laws. All members will review, comment and propose / approve edits at the next meeting. Dan Maschka provided Bill with a list of updates that need to be made on the website. All others are encouraged to visit the site and make comments as needed.**

- d. Task Groups:

- i. **Locate Workshops** – Lance Loschen, Susan Griess, Bill Uitts, Gary Brakhahn, Phil Bentz, Dan Willets, and Randy Leiser.

**Update: Possible discussion of having a locate workshop in NE Nebraska in the fall. Will meet via conference call before the next meeting to discuss adding a location such as Norfolk, South Sioux City or other location.**

- ii. **Better Communication** - Paul Anderson, Lanna Machmuller, Rod Jobman, Doug Douglas, Marvin Brummer, Larry Blackstone. Val Snyder joined this task group.

**Update: Discussed ways to promote the benefits of CGN membership  
Suggestion: Business Card handouts with CGN information – task group will pursue further. Lanna will type up the recommendations and send out to the full group for additional comments.**

**6. New Business:**

- a. One-call board meeting update.

**Update: Briefly reviewed notes from the last meeting including the process to observe or get on the agenda for a board meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for August 13.**

- b. CGN election results:

- i. Co-Chair – Rod Jobman
- ii. Membership Director – Bill Uitts
- iii. Program/Meeting Director – Val Snyder
- iv. Treasurer – Lanna Machmuller
- v. Secretary – Susan Lynch (offered to take this position)

- c. Review CGN Treasury – Lanna Machmuller.

**Update: Lanna provided a printout that showed the condition of the treasury, including all recent transactions.**

- d. CGN strategy planning session, goals and mission statement

- i. **Mission Statement is consistent with the CGA Regional Partners guidelines – language involving the name of our organization will be updated to Common Ground of Nebraska.**

- ii. **Strategy Planning Session and Goals will be delegated to a newly formed task group. The Locate Workshop Task Group will be renamed and**

**refocused to explore Strategy Planning Sessions and Goals: Task Group Members that have agreed to participate – Susan Lynch, Bill Uitts, Gary Brakhahn, Phil Bentz, Dan Willets.**

e. Farm Safety Day events

**Dan Maschka is Co-Chair of the Education and Marketing Committee for the CGA – he described the materials that have been created to support the Farm Safety Endeavor Nationwide. Many opportunities available in Nebraska and volunteers are needed. Contact Susan Lynch or Dan Maschka if interested in assisting with this unique outreach opportunity.**

f. Review e-mail distribution list –

**Continually being updated – please reply to all from the most recent correspondence received from the group when needing to communicate with the CGN membership.**

g. CGA's RFP –

**Looking for vendor to create an outreach DVD to be distributed to Organizations across the country. Information regarding the active RFP can be found on the Common Ground Alliance Website:**

**[www.commongroundalliance.com](http://www.commongroundalliance.com)**

h. Damage Prevention Assistance Program (DPAP)

i. Grants available

**Many states have received this available grant money – discussed as an action item for the CGN membership. Searching for task group volunteers to take on this endeavor. If interested, please contact Dan Maschka.**

i. One-Call newsletter - Excavator of the Month Award

**Rod Jobman with Sudbeck Construction was selected as the May recipient. Please see the CGA Monthly update for article. Thank you to Rod and his company for all of their commitment to damage prevention and One Call!**

**The next recipient will be the Boy Scouts of America. The Geneva, NE troop submitted 125+ locate requests for flag pole installation.**

7. Open discussion

**Dan described the August 11<sup>th</sup> promotion for 811 – volunteers will be organizing outside of the Today show early that morning wearing 811 t-shirts.**

**Reviewed the rodeo cowboy dates and results**

**Todd Carson provided Susan with the names of a few companies that should be considered for recognition for a job well done concerning the one call process.**

8. Determine the next meeting date, time and location –

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***PLEASE SEND ANY CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MEETING MINUTES TO [SUSAN.LYNCH@CUSINC.COM](mailto:SUSAN.LYNCH@CUSINC.COM)***

## **CGN HISTORICAL OVERVIEW**

### **Identified Issues**

On October 18, 2006 the first “meeting of interest” was held to determine if Nebraska should form a regional CGA partnership. Over the course of the next few meetings, each stakeholder was asked to identify a damage prevention related issue. The list below was gathered and will continually be adjusted as needs dictate.

At the September 20, 2007 meeting the top three items were chosen and are listed in **bold** below. The remainder of the list has not been prioritized:

- 1. Better communication between utility owner and contractor**
- 2. Damage prevention - reducing or eliminating damages**
- 3. Training standardization**
4. Excavator and Locator: Standardization of markings and more involvement with Excavators
5. White Lining
6. Surveying Industry – requests go unmarked.
7. Standardized process for At Faults and Responsibility
8. Need for Information Exchange among all Stakeholders
9. Locate areas more precise and the use of GPS/GIS/Mapping Technologies
10. Private Utilities vs. Utility Owned
11. Include mid/western Nebraska in all future initiatives
12. Positive Response
13. Public Awareness/Homeowner
14. Industry turnover/more training
15. Standard Depth Enforcement
16. Private Lines