

# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

## Kootenai County Utilities Council

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### KOOTENAI COUNTY UTILITIES COUNCIL

#### NOVEMBER MINUTES

**November 4, 2015:** Meeting was called to order by Kelly Brownsberger with 25 members present. Introductions were done and a motion was made to approve the minutes with the following corrections, Mike Phillips was not shown as present at the October meeting but he was in attendance and the minutes did not reflect that Shawn Moore was introduced by Mike Galante, Shawn is the owner of Melex Detection they provide private locates, leak detection and sewer line filming, motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Income- PassWord: \$1,672.60 Dues: \$00.00, Reimbursed Expenses:\$ 0.00  
Total Income: \$1,672.60 Expenses: \$1,266.48 Net Income: \$406.12. Checking account balance \$24,018.58.  
Budget is on track. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

**Speaker:** Ben Weymouth with T-O Engineering spoke on Utility Coordination Guidelines for Engineers. A copy of the guideline is included with the minutes. The guideline is a guide for Engineering locates and ways to hopefully make these types of locates more manageable for all parties involved. A lot of discussion was had on Engineering locates and some of the issues that these locates can cause. The length of the locate, the fact that there really is not an Engineering locate specified in the Idaho Dig Law, there is no digging involved in these locates and how many days to get these locates completed in. It was suggested that some of these issues need to be included in the new Dig law draft before it goes forward. These issues and suggestions will be passed along to the State Council for review and possible additions to the new law. The best way to work through these locates for now is by coordination and communication between all parties. More to follow in the next couple months.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Coalition Group:

The group is meeting again to finalize the plan for the new dig bill and waiting for the notice from PHSMA to be sent to Idaho saying our dig law is not adequate in the enforcement capability and see what reaction comes from that notice that will be delivered on January 1st 2016, more to follow.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Positive Response on Locates:

Scot Hattenburg has offered to give our council a presentation on this subject at our December meeting. This will be on the positive response and Green light/Red light.

##### ITD Conduits:

Jim Pope reported that Avista was digging in ITD right of way by Silverwood after waiting the 2 days for locates and damaged 2 conduits that were not located. There was a warning tape about 3" above the conduits that said electrical lines below, they contacted KEC to see if they were there conduits and they were not. They contacted ITD again and found out that they are conduits that ITD placed and that they need to call ITD directly to get them located. ITD is not a member of the one call system locally and it is up to

each district if they want to belong. So if you are digging in ITD right of way be sure to call ITD directly for locates.

Upcoming Projects:  
None

PassWord Report: Emergency calls were 33, a decrease of 26 calls. Normal calls were 1,394 a decrease of 158 calls. Year to date totals 14,540 which is an increase of 1,396 calls from last year.

**PLEASE remember to send in Dig-Up information to PassWord.**

**Contractor Report: Frontier Communications-** Subdivisions, pole transfers and maintenance. **Eastside Highway District-** Fall maintenance. **Fatbeam-** Fiber builds to Numerica Credit Union & Real Life Ministries. **East Greenacres Irrigation District-** Subdivisions, irrigation turn-offs and Prairie Ave waterline replacement. **City of Cda-** Trails subdivision, Lake Forest West 2nd Addition & Riverstone Seniors. **Ruen-Yeager-Greensferry Overpass** wrap up, Wild Ridge & Odom Corporation. **Avista-** Spokane River bore, developments and finishing Govt. Way project. **North Kootenai Water-** St. James meter replacements. **Post Falls Highway District-** Designing a round-about at the intersection of Prairie Ave & Chase Rd and winter maintenance.

**Drawing for paid lunch:** Ki Moulakart with Password name was drawn and her lunch was paid for by the council.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

#### **ATTENDING MEMBERS**

Mike Galante- North Kootenai Water District  
John Pankratz- Eastside Highway District  
Bruce Hathaway- Fatbeam  
Ryan Ross- ELM Locating  
Ron Wilson- East Greenacres Irrigation District  
Dion Knoll- City of CDA  
Kelly Brownsberger- Post Falls Highway District  
Sean Moore- Melex Detection  
Mike Phillips-City of Rathdrum  
Herb Heisel  
Mike Moore- Williams Pipeline  
Dale Zachary- ELM Locating  
Scot Hattenburg- M & L Construction

Laura Winter- Ruen-Yeager  
Ki Moulaxart- PassWord  
Donna Phillips- City of Hayden  
Rick Edmiston- Utility Locating Services  
Marie Brown- PassWord  
Jim Pope - Avista  
Ben Weymouth- T-O Engineers  
Jeff McGovern- USIC  
Cindy Christoph- Frontier Communications  
Mike Fitchner- Williams Pipeline  
Ty Broyles- Williams Pipeline  
Tom Carr- USIC

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**DECEMBER 2, 2015  
AT NOON AT  
SARGENT'S RESTAURANT  
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