

MDPB Meeting

February 23, 2017

MITA Headquarters

Call to Order

The meeting began at 9:00AM. In attendance was Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811; Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811; Dirk Dunham, Consumers Energy; Brian Thompson, MECA; Scot Runke, DTE; Nate Lee, MGU; Joseph Boals, WPS; Jeff Quirante, MPSC; Samantha Williams, DTE; Ian Chapman, USIC; and Nick Lefke, MDOT. On the phone was Briant Thomas of AT&T.

Approval of Agenda

No Comments. Bruce Campbell Made a motion to approve. Brian Thompson supported. Motion Passed

Approval of January 27, 2017 meeting minutes

Bruce Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Nathan Lee supported. Motion passed.

Update of Director List

No changes

Update on Overhead Assistance/ Overhead Clearance

MISS DIG 811 is adding e-Overhead, e=Plan, Ticket Mod and Near Ticket. MISS DIG 811 conducted a survey last month to get input on these changes. All changes should be in effect April first, but will definitely be completed by May first. Will have more to report at March meeting.

MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints

Jeff reported that there were two complaints filed since last meeting; one was not relevant. One was Great Lakes Water against Consumers. It was a mis-mapped rte, then when Consumers called into MISS DIG the MISS DIG employee used the original ticket. Bruce stated that Great Lakes Water is not a member of the MISS DIG System. MISS DIG has met with Great Lakes Water regarding membership.

Any "Board Review" Incidents or Issues?

MISS DIG continues to have issues with road commissions due to CRAMs message, and the issues with Detroit water / Great Lakes as it is the largest water system in North America. Members not responding to design tickets. Dirk offered, if any value, to have MDPB issue a statement.

MISS DIG Updates

MISS DIG 811's Annual Meeting was last week. The education team hosted a certification workshop as one of the breakout sessions that was well received. The annual meeting was lightly attended, but breakout sessions on Thursdays had good attendance. Next year expect a two day event with education sessions each day. One session will be the business meeting. Education team hosts 9 open mics, 194

individuals were certified in January. In February to date 272 individuals were certified. Lowes will be placing tree tags on all of their trees and shrubs.

DPA Report

Asked MITA at the last meeting to review DPA ideas inhouse to get contractor involvement in order to build DPAs effectively. MITA not in attendance. If there is no interest from MITA, MISS DIG could ask GSS Committee to provide framework for DPAs. Dirk suggested asking for input from GSS while keeping on the agenda for MITA to provide input at the next meeting.

MDPB Best Practices

- Submitted for 30 day Review and vote at February meeting:
 - Staking Abandoned/ Idle Facilities

David Chislea's notes asked that we include an additional reference on the Practice. Dirk read through the practice. Nick Lefke asked for consistency on term abandoned/idle. Vote tabled.

- Hand Exposure

See expectations for additional Assistance

- Updates on development of:
 - Expectations for Additional Assistance

Jeff noted the language is similar to hand exposure best practice. Dirk clarified that the practices were combined, and reviewed the combined. Add first sentence If planning to use power equipment in the caution zone.

David Chislea commented that the definition of hand tools includes every piece of hydro equipment in the state, and is therefore beyond the scope of the law. Nick Lefke stated that the ASCE 3802 has a good definition of non-invasive excavation.

Added what to do when it is impractical to expose the facility. David Chislea commented that the saw cutting and milling should be a separate practice, as it is impacted by Public Act 51 of 1951. Jeff commented that the Best Practice should be created by MITA. However, MPSC will draft as MITA has not provided.

MPSC is concerned that retransmit would require all facilities to respond. Bruce clarified the facility owners not affected would just be a positive respond of response not required. MISS DIG has considered options to send retransmits to only affected facility owners.

Probing and digging with power equipment does not eliminate a compliance issue if a facility is damaged. Nick and Bruce suggested rewriting probing bullet point to read "use a nonmechanical probe to determine location of facility before using power equipment."

- Abandoned Idle Facilities discussed with Scot and vote. Dirk reviewed the changes and Bruce made motion to adopt the revised best practice Brian Thompson supported. Motion passed, with one opposed and five in favor.

- Other pending items
 - Use of short notice tickets
 - Positive Response Guidelines (for chronic non-responders)

This is being addressed by the MISS DIG contractor positive response.

- Use of gray paint to "erase" erroneous marks

Dirk reviewed the recommended marking guidelines. If group agrees it would be open for 30 days of comments. It does not require use of gray paint but clarifies use of the paint. Scot provided current use of white as there is no clear path. Dirk questioned AT&T using white to clear. Briant clarified that it is orange paint that states AT&T Clear. Gray paint best practice is open to 30 day comment.

- Ticket Scope

Defined in RTE user guide

- Mapping

Welcome committees best practice for mapping requirements.

CGA Update

The Best Practice committee will be meeting next month there are no practices up for vote.

New Business/ Roundtable

- Any plans for MDPB Annual Meeting?

New York Utility.

MDPB Year in review (Laura)

- Any plans for April Is Safe Digging Month event(s)

Cathy Willson and Debb Dodd working on proclamation. Bruce provided an update on options; no response from Flint, Work Zone Safety would only provide limited exposure. Barton Mallow is open to an event.

Updates

Next Meeting Date

March 23, 2017

Adjourn

Brian Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 10:21AM. Bruce Campbell supported. Motion passed.