

MICHIGAN DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD

MINUTES

December 4, 2017

10:00 AM, MITA Offices, Okemos, MI

- I. Call to Order- Rob Coppersmith called the meeting to order at 10:15AM. In attendance was: Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811; Catherine Stafford, DTE Gas; Brian Saintionge, DTE Electric; Samantha Williams, DTE; Scot Runke, DTE; Jeff Quirante, MPSC; Corey Fueri, Dig-It, Inc; Ian Chapman, USIC; Briant Thomas; AT&T; Steve Makowski, SEMCO Energy; Steve Kraai, SEMCO Energy; Trevor Westbrook, SEMCO Energy; Dirk Dunham, Consumers Power; Nick Lefke, MDOT; Bethany Brooks, DTE Electric; Aaron Cox, CES; Jim Moskal, CES; Chris Jensen, Tri-County/MECA; Joseph Boals, WPS; Dalton Minkowski, Barton Malow Company; Harry Carr, URG; Rob Coppersmith, MITA, Matt McClintick, MITA.
- II. Approval of Agenda- No additions or changes
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of the October 2017 Minutes Chris Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes. Brian Saintionge supported. Motion passed.
- IV. Update of List- No changes
- V. MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints – Since last meeting Jeff received three online complaints one not related, the remaining two were cable or electric. Two phone complaints one from an employee who complained that his company was not calling in dig notices, and one from cable company who was placing dig notices with more than 10 addresses per ticket. PHMSA audit came back we need to enforce more often. Dave will present the audit findings at the next meeting. Brief discussion on real time reporting, or quicker reporting. Samantha Williams asked what is the response time for a complaint.
 - a. Any “Board Review” Incidents or Issues
- VI. MISS DIG Update
 - a. Update on Overhead Assistance/Clearance-e-Suite is on hold. Will have better update specific to Overhead Assistance following next TIME Meeting
 - b. Locates without Borders working with members to provide polygon’s to their design databases. Overhead needs to be completed to bring to fruition. As of 12/27/2017 member services will start converting design databases to polygons clipped to the municipal boarders.
 - c. New RMA Accounts – Hand out provided, fees reviewed
 - d. WebTMS – Handout provided if interested contact MISS DIG 811. Training Available via 4iQ
 - e. Damage Prevention/Education 4iQ – SMS now in 4iQ also used for internal and member training.
- VII. MDPB Best Practices
 - a. Updates on Development
 - i. Hand exposure requirements-Tabled
 - ii. Shallow facilities- Dirk reviewed the catalyst behind the Best Practice. Rob questioned the depth of a shallow facility of 18 inches. Dirk noted it is to protect lines in or under pavement which is hard to define without knowing the thickness of the pavement. What techniques can be used to better identify the depth. If contractors have the expectation that depth is being noted, and depth cannot confidently be identified, how does their actions differ. Discussion on the number of design requests have been received in past years being low or

non-existent. Also, the Road Commission would better know if the road had been lowered years past since the lines were installed. BP does not specify who would place the design ticket, not limited to the contractor, MDOT, County Road, Twp or City could place the ticket. MISS DIG 811 needs to evaluate current fee structure if contractors are going to be placing these tickets so we are encouraging use and reduce barrier to compliance. e-Suite would include single address but may not be sufficient. (*Look at contractor membership fee breakdown*) When would the design ticket need to be placed, only major projects/ removal, mill and fill. Discussion on false security for the contractor.

- b. Other Pending
 - c. Next Committee Meeting- Rob will get with milling contractors to schedule a meeting with BP Committee.
- VIII. CGA Update - Nothing to report.
- IX. New Business Roundtable
- a. Reasonable expectations in the various scenarios – C Stafford. Would like to bring hits they have experienced for input and consideration. Jim M and Samantha Williams walked through scenario working for DTE Electric performing repair hand exposing, DTE Damage Prevention required Corby to have a dig notice under CFR, Title 49 Subtitle B Chapter I Subchapter D Part 196. Briant Thomas reported that in other states a dig notice must always be placed. If there were a damage what would the MPSC response be? It is a violation if it were a gas line that was damaged. Discussion on extent of condition. Jeff will inquire with Dave and AG.
 - b. MDPB Contract Terminated with the passing of Public Act 174.
 - c. Marking Stubbed Services. If CE has a service location available, they will mark the location. Steve K SEMCO has the expectation it will be located.
 - d. How are you currently handling OHA requests? Tri-Country responds within three days. DTE and CE follow-up but not typically within three days.
- X. Next Meeting – 1/17/2017 MDPB
- XI. Adjourn – Chris Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 AM. Brian Saintionge supported.