

MICHIGAN DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD
MINUTES
February 22, 2018
10:00 AM, MITA Offices, Okemos, MI

I. **Call to Order** Chris Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Introductions we made. In attendance was: Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811; Dirk Dunham, Consumers Energy; Samantha Williams, DTE; Scot Runke, DTE; Jim Ault, MEGA; Bethany Brooks, DTE; Briant Thomas, AT&T Ian Chapman, USIC; Nick Lefke, MDOT; Harry Car, URG; Thomas Raab, URG; Dalton Binkowski, Barton Malow; Aaron Cox; Corby Energy Services; Brian G Saintonge, DTE Electric; David Chislea, MPSC; Jeff Quirante. On the phone was Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811, Ronald Rybarczyk, BP.

II. **Approval of Agenda** Jim Ault made a motion to approve the agenda, Dirk Dunham supported. Motion passed.

III. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Approval of the January 2018 Minutes** Jim Ault made a motion to approve the January 2018 meeting minutes. Brian Saintonge supported. Motion passed.

IV. **Update of List** no changes

V. **MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints**

a. **Any “Board Review” Incidents or Issues** Jeff Quirante reported that only two complaints were filed since the last meeting. One was cable locating company placing a complaint against a contractor who constantly retransmits tickets regardless of need.

b. **Presentation on Enforcement** Dave Chislea gave a presentation on the PHMSA Audit conducted in November of 2017.

- i. A person can be found in violation of PA 174 if they do not report a damage.
- ii. Michigan’s damages per 1,000 tickets are higher than the national average.
- iii. Our damage rate for gas distribution leaks caused by excavation are less than the national average.
- iv. Enforcement:

FEE SOURCE	2016	2017
PA 174 Compliance Actions	36	36
PA 174 fines	\$2,000	\$5,000
PA 165 Compliance Actions	9	3
PA 165 Fines	\$20,000	\$5,000

v. **Actions**

- 1. Working on a database to collect and analyze damage data on a more regular basis.
- 2. Data analysis including posting the data and isolating problematic excavators and facility owners.
- 3. An engineer from gas safety will expand role to include PA174 compliance.
- 4. MPSC has secured an agreement with Consumers Energy to get real-time data of damages via text messages. Will look to expand to include other facility owners.

vi. **Discussion**

- 1. Bruce Campbell discussed normalizing tickets in the damages per 1000 calculations. Bruce chairs the CGA Committee looking at the impact of

scope of ticket differences between the States. This is an on-going discussion at CGA.

2. Bruce Campbell inquired if the MPSC wants transmission of damage tickets from MISS DIG 811. Dave Chislea of the MPSC responded that they would like to receive damage tickets. There is also an opportunity to tie in damage reports to the GSS.
3. Bruce reminded the group that a No-Call ticket is part of this year's grant. The MPSC would benefit from real-time notification of the No-Call ticket. The development of the No-Call ticket will occur through the TIME Committee; the MPSC would benefit from being involved.

VI. MISS DIG 811 Update

- a. **Locates without Borders / Update on Overhead Assistance** The Member Services department is working with members to place polygons in their Design databases to allow for the transition to locate without borders, expect to be complete mid-March allowing for the locate without borders and associated products launch April 1, 2018.
- b. **Damage Prevention/Education Discussion** Laura Arnold provided an update on Excavator Education Program and Cross Bore mailing. There is still time to participate in Cross Bore mailing. The group discussed the possibility of reaching homeowners regarding cross bore. The MISS DIG 811 Education Department has expanded by two employees who will focus on Remote Ticket Entry and Design Ticket Training. These training will be partially moved to 4iQ platform similar to our certification. Member Services will also be adding content for use by our members. MISS DIG 811 and GSS is working with MITA who is joining GSS committee. GSS has a working group for metrics made up of primarily excavators. Michigan is one of three states to be invited to participate in the metrics committee.
- c. **HB5026** Bruce Campbell provided an update on the bill that proposes the removal of Drain Commissions and Road Commissions from PA174.
- d. He also provided an update on house bill creating an Infrastructure Asset Management Agency.

VII. MDPB Best Practices Dirk had nothing to report since the last meeting. Rob was to coordinate a meeting with milling contractors.

- a. Updates on Development
 - i. Hand exposure requirements
 - ii. Shallow facilities
- b. **Next Committee Meeting** There is no meeting planned. Dirk will schedule a meeting and will invite Rob and milling contractors.
- c. Bruce Campbell suggested re-opening project ticket best practice specifically the impact of 14-day rule.

VIII. CGA Update Dirk Reported the next meeting is being held March 5, 2018

IX. New Business Roundtable No additional topics

X. Next Meeting will be held at the MISS DIG 811 Annual Meeting March 15 and 16 the session will be held in conjunction with TIME.

XI. Adjourn Brian Saintonge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 AM. Briant Thomas supported. Motion passed.