

MICHIGAN DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD
MINUTES
March 16, 2018
03:00 PM Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt. Pleasant MI

1. Call to Order. Chris Jensen called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM. In attendance was David Chislea, MPSC; Dirk Dunham, Consumers Energy; Michael Harrington, Motor City Electric; Christian Jensen, Home Homeworks Tri County Electric Cooperative, Kristen Lawless, Michigan Public Service Commission; Nathan Lee, Michigan Gas Utilities; Nick Lefke, MDOT; Raymond Price, Marathon Pipeline; Harry Carr, URG; Lisa Douglas, Consumers Energy; Jeff Quarntie, MPSC.
2. Approval of Agenda. Laura Arnold made a motion to approve the agenda. Harry Carr supported. Motion passed.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of the February 2018 Minutes. Chris Jensen made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Jeff Quarntie supported. Motion Passed.
4. Update of List. No updates required
5. MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints
 - a. Any "Board Review" Incidents or Issues. One complaint since last meeting, second complaint for same company. Facility Owner responding no conflict for invisible fence; likely based on shallow depth of invisible fence work. Fine \$11,000. Nick Lefke asked if complaints and fines are public information. Dave Chislea said not yet but possible. Jeff added that some states include the violation and fine with a summary of the complaint but no name is provided. Chris Jensen added there should be coordination before a complaint is filed. Three option for a fine: pay, request an informal meeting if they believe there was an error, or a formal meeting with an administrative judge who would send an opinion back to commission for ruling.
6. MISS DIG Update
 - a. Locates without Boarders / Update on Overhead Assistance. Part of the new Ticket Entry the first part of April. Each member must provide a mapped database for all non-locator member codes.
 - b. New Base Maps, 2017 Tiger maps will be implemented following the Ticket Entry update.
 - c. Damage Prevention/Education .
 - d. Design Response Times
7. MDPB Best Practices
 - a. Updates on Development
 - b. Hand exposure requirements. Hand exposure requirements, some contractors dig down 6 inches other 5 feet what is the expectation for contractors.
 - c. Shallow facilities. If a utility is aware there is a shallow facility it would be beneficial to contractor to know that the facility is shallow.
 - d. 14-Day Rule Dave asked to include hand off of locators not just contractors.
 - e. Next Committee Meeting. March 28 Looking to get milling contractors on board
 - f. Lisa asked if the excavator is done and determines they are not complete can they go back. Do they need a restake or a new ticket.
 - g. Chris noted the location of the best practices

8. CGA Update. Dirk reported on CGA, including its purpose.
 - a. MDPB is the regional partner for CGA. One benefit is up to 200 copies of the Best Practice Booklet. Do we want to order? Yes, MISS DIG 811 and their education team can distribute. PE wants copies also.
 - b. Best practice committee hot topics included a lengthy discussion on who to alert of private lines when working. Discussion on options to communicate in the state
 - c. Committee will be voting on cross bore best practice, proposing a central communication network to report cross bore. Dirk noted Michigan process; the CGA would not be in alignment with MI Best Practice.
 - d. Pipeline one call advisory council, anxious to get any volunteers who wanted to talk about PL associated with one call let Dirk know if you are interested
9. New Business Roundtable
 - a. On job trying to set pole having hard time to locating facility. Called hydrovac in to assist, then the hydrovac company has to place a ticket and wait three days. Similar for a cut and reconnect, CMS gets called, they then need a ticket. Chris noted this is similar to our discussion on storm tickets. Nick asked if hydrovac was soft excavation. Dave noted that on soft excavation complaints the state sends a warning letter referencing OHMSA but no state enforcement. For a contractor who has homeowner call. Similar issue with muni insisting on placing a ticket not the contractor. state sent violation to contractor and warning to the municipality
10. Next Meeting. Fourth Thursday in April
11. Adjourn. Dirk Dunham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 PM. Jeff Quarnite seconded. Motion passed.