

Michigan Damage Prevention Board

Minutes

May 23, 2019

MITA Office Okemos, MI

1. Call to Order: Rob Coppersmith Called to order at 9:02AM In attendance was Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811; Katie Gruzowski, MISS DIG 811; Bill Fisher, MISS DIG 811; Rob Coppersmith, MITA; Dirk Dunham, Consumers Energy; Scott Faulkner, Consumers Energy; Harry Carr, URG; Tony Bauman, USIC; Ian Chapman, USCI; Chris Jensen, TCEC/MECA; Jim Cripps, Cripps Fontaine Excavating; Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811; Kristen Lawless, MPSC; David Chislea, MPSC; Nathan Lee, MGU; Eric Logan, DTE; Joseph Boals, WPS/UMERC; Jeff Quirante, MPSC; Nick Lefke, MDOT; James Moskal, Corby Energy; Matt McClintick, MITA; Lissa White, Action Fence; Markus Vale, DTE Gas; and Scott Kingry, Motor City Electric.
2. Approval of Agenda: Chris Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda. Nate Lee supported. Motion passed.
3. February Meeting Minute Approval: Bruce Campbell made a motion to approve the February minutes. Chris Jensen supported. Motion passed.
3. Membership List
 1. Election of Officers
 1. Chairman: Rob Coppersmith, MITA
 2. Vice Chairman: Bethany Brooks, DTE Electric
 3. Secretary: Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811
 4. Treasurer: Christian Jensen, Tri-County ElectricBruce Campbell made a motion to reelect the incumbents. Dirk Dunham supported. Motion passed.
 2. Update List: From Consumers Energy Scott Faulkner replaced Lisa. Eric Logan is replacing Jen from DTE Electric, Samantha Williams will be taking on the Role from Scotty Kehoe from DTE Gas, Val Wohlscheid replacing Brian Thompson at Michigan Electric, SEMCO is replacing Steve Kraai with Phil L. MISS DIG 811 is switching Laura Arnold and Bruce Campbell; Laura being primary Bruce being secondary. John Crumb, the Local Government representative, is no longer with Holland BPW. List to be updated to reflect Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority. Laura Arnold will update the posted list and mailing list.
4. MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints
 1. Annual Report on Damages and Reports
Dave Chislea presented the attached report
 1. PHMSA Audit came back as adequate but PHMSA is looking for a broader stroke to late notices.
 2. Damage Prevention Statistics 15% of damages is a result of soft excavation and of the 15% 51% had a MISS DIG 811 ticket and 49% did not. Damage stats provided to MPSC is passed to DIRT. Better data is needed Unknown/Other is frequently the second highest cause.

Reported on Excavation Leaks reported be 100 miles of distribution vs 1000 tickets. Bruce added on the Data Evaluation Task team that is evaluating the basis of the 1000 tickets looking at 9-10 states to compare the ticket scope and transmissions per ticket. Also Looked to change denominator to be in line with construction start, construction trend and GDP growth. Green analytics also

trying to look at total excavation since we can only look at excavation damage with a ticket, excavation damage without a ticket and excavation with a ticket; how do we know determine safe excavation without a ticket to get total excavation.

3. MPSC Damage Prevention Summit was held to discuss soft excavation, public education, the dispatch of information, MPSC Staffing, 999 tickets, second party damages, MPSC Damage Prevention website, damages, metrics, locator performance, ride-a-longs, and abandon facilities.
4. MPSC Damage Prevention On-Going Case Company ordered to appear after MISS DIG 811 violation. Contractor failed to respond to the MPSC inquiry and the Commission ordered the Contractor to respond.
5. Damage Complaint Process and Form have been updated
2. Any "Board Review" Incidents or Issues
5. MDPB Best Practices
 1. 30 Day Comment Period on the following Best Practices/ Guidelines
 1. Multiple single point excavations such as traffic signs: Was accepted at the last meeting, but they will revisit.
 2. Milling/saw cutting: Rob Coppersmith would like to bring some contractors in on.

Discussion on shallow facilities and road maintenance exclusions. Discussion on the difference between state and federal law.

2. Next committee meeting: A meeting needs to be scheduled.
6. Ticket Initiation Management and Execution (TIME)
 1. eSuite No demo eMod is estimated to be complete by May 30.
 2. Dirk asked about Positive Response.
7. Locator Action Committee
 1. Top Locating Issues
 1. Not locating on time
 1. Letter to contractors and MPSC in early May
 2. Misuse of Positive Response
 2. Restriction on use of codes: 003 005 006 009 and 011
Discussion on the misuse use of the Positive Response Jim Kripps voiced strong concerns for the resulting delays. Dirk Dunham presented a rough concept of trained contractors staking for reimbursement by facility owners.

Break from 11:27AM to 11:35AM

3. Locator code usage comparison: Previously discussed
4. Enhanced Positive Response Bruce noted the benefits and the use of the restricted codes.
5. Work flow system integration to coordinate and communicate heavy workload to contractors.
8. MISS DIG Update
 1. Server maintenance
 2. Damage Prevention/education was a record season this past winter spring. Our aim is to move stakeholders from Awareness to education to advocacy. We now have nine CEs

courses. We have now coordinated with LARA to incorporate MISS DIG 811 training as part of the licensing process. Updating our certification class and developed a field basics training. Developing a Virtual Reality for use.

3. 2019 dig season beginning stats. This was a record month
 4. Private Locating. Beginning discussions on folding private locating into
9. New Business Roundtable
10. Next Meeting
1. Schedule the 2019/2020 Meetings
 1. 9/26/2019
 2. 12/5/2019
 3. 2/13/2020
 4. 5/21/2020 Annual Meeting

Dirk Dunham announced he is retiring 9/1/2019

11. Adjourn. Laura Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57AM Chris Jensen supported. Motion passed.