

Michigan Damage Prevention Board  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2017  
MITA Offices, Okemos, MI

**Call to Order**

Rob Coppersmith called to order at 9:06AM. In attendance was Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811; Dirk Dunham, Consumers Energy; John Crumb, Holland Board of Public Works; Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811; Jim Ault, MEGA; Steve Makowski, SEMCO Energy; Ken Bertolini, MITA; Briant Thomas, AT&T; Nathan Lee, MGU; Jeff Quirante, MPSC; David Chislea, MPSC; Chris Jensen, MECA; Rob Coppersmith, MTIA; and Michelle VanDeventer, MITA. Brian Saintonge, DTE Electric arrived during the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure Initiative. Dennis Skinner of SEMCO, Vice Floyd of URG and Brian Saintonge of DTE joined via teleconference.

**Agenda**

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

**Approval on Minutes**

Bruce Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Ault Supported. Motion passed.

**Updated Director List**

Discussion on Nick Lefke's involvement in Gordie Howe Bridge adversely impacting his ability to participate in MDPB. Discussion on a representative for the design and engineer group.

*Election of Officers*

Bruce Campbell nominated Laura as Secretary. Dirk Dunham supported. Motion passed. Jim Ault made a motion to re-elect the remaining officers for another term. Bruce Campbell supported. Motion passed. Another term for existing chair vice and treasurer, Jim Ault made a motion, Bruce supported. Motion passed.

**Update on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure Initiative**

Mike Nystrom provided an update on the 7 months. Committees have met, a report was issued with recommendations:

- 4 billion more per year for the next 20 years; some spent by utilities. Broadband was a big discussion as they meet with communities throughout the State.
- The 4 billion will not come from one tax source. It would be a collective effort: state investment in infrastructure, local initiatives, public private partnerships.
- Asset Management began in 1997. MDOT is an industry lead in asset management. Concept of growing the asset management system to include other facilities. Cost more to repair a poor asset to be a good asset than to improve a fair asset.
  - Next step long term process of understanding the condition of the water and sewer infrastructure.
- Coordination among facility owners. Recommendation is to coordinate on a long-term project. Two benefits: reducing road work blocking multiple driving routes, destroying or deteriorating recently improved infrastructure in the process of improving other infrastructure in the area.
- Idea to be like the London website where you can zoom in and see other work scheduled in the area. Discussion on expansion of design ticket.

Anticipated going from road funding to funding for infrastructure. Reviewed FixMIstate.org. The public needs education on what infrastructure is, what the needs are, and the cost associated. Bruce asked Mike to connect the social media representative for FixMIstate with Kristyn at MISS DIG 811. Jim Ault has a summer conference with a slot to fill on this issue, they are looking for someone to discuss the coordination on Gordie Howe Bridge. Jim asked Mike if he has a recommendation on someone who could present from the commission. Mike asked Jim to send the date of the conference and he can coordinate to have a representative present.

### **MUCC Update**

Michelle VanDeventer provided an update on the conference. There were 306 in attendance, free to attend if register early, small registration fee for late registration. Wide variety of presentations including GUIDE and contractor's perspective. May request to review presentations before the event.

GUIDE is still very focused on utility permitting but discussions on how GUIDE could be expanded to include infrastructure commission initiatives. The current draft of the GUIDE program can be found on the MISS DIG 811 website.

### **MDPB Year in Review**

Dirk Dunham presented on the actions taken by MDPB in the last year.

### **MPSC Year in Review**

Jeff Quirante and David Chislea presented the MPSC Year in Review:

- 39% of damages reported that there was no MISS DIG notification
- 9 damages reported that there were exemptions under the Act
- 58% hand tool damages reported they did not have a MISS DIG ticket. Exempt under state law but not federal.
- State was found adequate by PHMSA. 11 states have been found in adequate.
- Disproportionate industry reporting is evident.
- Over 90% of natural gas distribution customers are accounted for in reports received.
- Less than 50% of electric distribution customers are accounted for in reports received.
- Reporting for major utility operators for other industries lacking.
- Percentage of excavation damages by excavator type. Dirk commented that MISS DIG could provide MPSC with tickets placed by each excavator type.
- 84 complains have been filed since Act 174 became effective
- 31 complaints warranted investigation
- Has issued six \$500 fines.
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### **Any "Board Review" Incidents or Issues**

### **MISS DIG Updates**

Near ticket, webTMS and excavator positive response is complete, near ticket and enhanced excavator positive response is found through RTE. The other e-suite items will be completed this fall.

### **DPA Report**

None given.

**MDPB Best Practices**

No additional updates.

**CGA Update**

MDPB is the regional partner for CGA. No other updates.

**New Business Roundtable**

*811 Event*

No update.

**Next Meeting Date**

Skip July meeting. Next meeting June.

**Adjourn**

Chris Jensen made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 AM. Bruce Campbell supported. Motion passed.