

## Michigan Damage Prevention Board

### Minutes

December 13, 2018

1. Call to Order Laura Arnold Called the Meeting to order at 9:01AM. Introductions were made. In attendance was: Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811; Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811; Katie Gruzwalksi, MISS DIG 811; Bill Fisher, MISS DIG 811; Harry Carr, URG; Jeff Quirante, MPSC; Brian Saintonge, DTE Electric; Mike Harrington, Motor City Electric; Nick Lefke, MDOT; Kristen Lawless, MPSC; Michael Falsetti, Verita; Patrick Krusell, Verita; Val Wohlscheid, Tri-County Electric; Jim Moskal, Corby Energy; Bhavin Patel, Henkels; Jon Joynson, Henkles; Ryan Roth, Henkles; Jim Ault, Michigan Electric and Gas; Dirk Dunham, Consumers; Steve McCarthy, Semco Energy; Trevor Westbrooh; Ian Chapman, USIC; /matt McVlintick; Joseph Boals, MITA; and Bethany Brooks, DTE Gas. Steve Makowski of Semco was on the phone.
2. Approval of Agenda Bruce Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda. Dirk Dunham supported.
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approval of the September Minutes. Minutes misplaced.
4. Update of List
  - a. Val Wohlscheid replaced Brian Thompson for the MECA/ Tri-County Electric
  - b. Jim Ault Retiring Tonya will be taking over for MEGA.
  - c. Scott Fulkner replace Lisa Douglas as back up for Consumers.
5. MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints
  - a. Any "Board Review" Incidents or Issues. Jeff Quirante only received three online complaints: one not related, one from H&M who is in attendance and one construction company that did not report to requested meeting. Some fines have been issued since September; highest was \$20,000. Jeff expanded on what fines are for and how the fines are calculated under the act; injury/fatalities could be higher.
  - b. PHMSA conducted their audit. Some issues noted; but Michigan was found to adequate, Michigan will be audited again in five years.
  - c. Report on any changes for damage reporting (CGA change in DIRT reporting) Kristin Lawless reported that the new database will be live in April; the aim is to have it submitted direct to MPSC. Dave Chislea is still determining if there will be any DIRT interaction. Jeff Quirante is looking into what notice and requirements will be provided and when.
6. MDPB Best Practices
  - a. 30 Day Comment Period on the following Best Practices/ Guidelines
    1. Marking Symbol Guidelines – simple updates to the sheet showing marking symbols. Harry Carr cleaned up the document. Thank you Harry; no action required.
    2. Proposed Best Practice for multiple single point excavations; such as traffic signs. Bruce Campbell made a motion to approve the Best Practice as drafted. Mike Harrington supported. Motion passed.
    3. Proposed best practice for milling/saw cutting. Nick Lefke noted that the saw cutting milling had the most discussion at the September meeting. The responsibilities on the agency would be cumbersome and the action is comparable to a homeowner aerating the law. Nick reviewed the Public Act describing routine road maintenance. With most saw cutting being less than 12 inches; a ticket would

not be required. Additionally, the timeline for execution does not line up with the project timeline Nick experiences. Dirk expanded on the choice of agency vs contractor coordinating the group was looking for the most advanced notice. The group determined the saw cutting BP needs to be returned to committee for further consideration. Bruce clarified that the exemption to road maintenance only applies to the road owners not their contractors, and homeowner aeration requires a dig ticket.

Nate Lee expanded concerns on locating and documenting depth every 20 feet on a design ticket; the work load and additional tickets. Dirk responded to concerns reminding the group of the issue the Best Practice is aiming to address and that the intent of a Best Practice is to guide contractors and facility owners; it is not a requirement.

Bruce reiterated the request for the Best Practice was because more than one saw cutting machine was burned up by hitting a utility line. Nate Lee noted that it makes sense to place a locate request but this BP would require two locates. Bruce reminded the group that Rob Coppersmith voiced at last meeting that contractors are concerned all facilities would note shallow.

MDPB has to vote to add the reference to the MISS DIG Abandon option to the abandon facilities Best Practice. Bruce Campbell made a motion. Mike Harrington supported. Motion approved.

- b. Next Committee Meeting. No date yet.
7. MISS DIG Update
- a. Update on Abandon Code, usage and issues. Laura provided a review of when and how an abandon code can serve the members. Currently only a few members have utilized the option.
  - b. No Mark Tickets. Contact Member Support to discuss delivery options. Katie reported on the number of No marks tickets placed to date, less than 100.
  - c. Damage Prevention/Education. Half day certifications are underway; locations and dates are on the website. MISS DIG 811 will tailor session for your team, contact the education department for more information or to coordinate onsite training. MISS DIG 811 is working towards a GSS module for field teams that will be approximately 20 minutes long. MISS DIG 811 hired a new education manager; Gail W joined the MISS DIG team last week.
  - d. Annual meeting is mid-January at Soaring Eagle Casino in conjunction with MITA. MISS DIG will be hosting a design summit in place of MUCC. Certifications will also be available. Information can be found online at [www.missdig811.org](http://www.missdig811.org)
  - e. Design
    - i. Response time 10 days Reminder
    - ii. Interested in getting involved? the Detroit Pilot is looking for Members, Contractors and Designers working in the city of Detroit to provide feedback on the platform. Bruce expanded and invited those working in the City to join in.

- f. Member training for Remote Member Access accounts available online.
8. New Business Roundtable
- a. Jon Joynson of H&M voiced concerns regarding exposure to damage and safety. He noted there are many tickets requiring 5-6 requests with inaccurate markings. How do we work together to resolve as locates are dictating the pace and ability of work. Bruce asked how tickets are being placed; H&M noted RTE. Bruce followed up asking if the schedule of tickets are in line with work load. H&M responded that they are mindful of ability to complete the scope when placing tickets and not front loading requests; however, a contractors solution to mitigate not getting locates is place them sooner; building in time for second and third requests. Semco does their own locates and does their own claims; asked if they are mis-marking their lines. Ian Chapman reviewed issues in the area due to the volume of construction; and referenced the plan put in place with H&M to stay ahead of construction. H&M noted there are still issues, Jon agreed to schedule a meeting with Ian. The goal of the meeting will be to develop a plan that holds H&M accountable to provide a schedule of work and as part of that H&M and USIC have designated reps with an outline for escalation moving forward. MISS DIG 811 to be involved. H&M will send the plan to Bruce and MISS DIG 811 will assign a liaison that will assist both parties on how to best use the System to communicate and be transparent. Dirk offered a contact map to Jon to be used when they are unsuccessful with the staking contractor.
  - b. Jim Moskal asked when can contractors start to upload docs and pictures and remarks. Bruce noted it is available.
  - c. Val noted they are also seeing USIC delays.
  - d. Bruce provided stats on the ticket volume a 5% increase to date and MISS DIG 811 is on track to hit 920,000 tickets or 15,000,000 transmissions. 17:1 Ticket Ratio.
9. Next Meeting
- a. Schedule Laura to confirm and send.
10. Adjourn

Brian Saintonge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35AM. Katie Gruzowski supported. Motion passed.