



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman
Mark Hamrick, Vice Chairman
Dora Parks, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting for November 26, 2019
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. followed by the customary self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 24, 2019 were approved as written. The approved meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>.

OLD BUSINESS

Dora Parks (Miss Utility) reviewed the call center process for filing a Discrepancy. Please be reminded that after submitting a locate request, it is the responsibility of the excavator to confirm that all appropriate owner-members are listed on the locate ticket and that each positive response is confirmed and accurate. If an owner member is not listed on a locate request, the excavator must call the call center and have the owner member added to the ticket. In addition, if a status code of marked or clear/no conflict is inaccurate, the excavator must file a discrepancy. A properly filed discrepancy is then sent to the owner member or contract locator to initiate an open line of communication.

Enhancements to the Discrepancy/Dispute code will allow for both comments (describing the discrepancy) and attachments. Both enhancements are designed to allow for improved and timelier communication between locator and excavator. The addition of a Trenchless Excavation field will go into effect with the Discrepancy/Dispute enhancement. Both are scheduled to take effect by the end of 1st quarter 2020.

ITIC.next testing continues. The principal benefit to this software update is that all mapping can take place during one (1) mapping session with the software splitting tickets up according to preset split-rules. This allows for a smoother, quicker ticket processing experience. Once released, ITIC.next and ITIC 2.0 will operate in tandem for a period of time. ITIC.next training from Miss Utility will be provided using multiple platforms.

If interested in pre-release ITIC.next practice, please contact Dora Parks or Susan Sullivan.

NEW BUSINESS

Becky Mellinger (Childs Landscape), via an email to Dora Parks, wanted to extend a big thank you to and compliment Utilquest, USIC and Broadband for the noted effort in catching up on an observed increase in tickets over the last few weeks and for their support on several difficult street tree projects. The supervisors and locators she spoke with were great and she appreciates the extra help.

Dora Parks complimented Comcast, Verizon and Broadband for their attention and response to an HOA complaint that led to the removal and replacement of numerous unidentified, damaged and unattractive cable boxes. Due to the collaboration of those involved, the boxes in question now have an improved look and homeowners are pleased.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Mary Hill (Ferguson Trenching) thanked Dave Miller (BGE) for the damage prevention training her team recently received. She also gave an update on billing concerns Ferguson is having with Verizon and Utilquest. Dwayne Stine (Verizon) offered his assistance in resolving the issue.

Felix Villa (J. Villa Construction) spoke of tickets not being cleared then being statused a code 10 just before expiring. Neal Hollingworth (USIC) and Dave Miller (BGE) both offered assistance.

Bill Jackson (MDOT/SHA) introduced himself and offered assistance to anyone with MD State ROW or permitting questions. Dora Parks reminded attendees that MDOT/SHA are only notified of a locate request if the answer to the MD ROW question is yes and correct agency and permit numbers are submitted.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Patrick Hager (RK&K Engineers) presented an overview of the Purple Line which is a 16-mile light rail line that will extend from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County. In addition to explaining the difference between road widening and railway system construction, topics covered included: Project Scale Information / Project Status; Design Challenges and Keys to Success; Magnitude of Utility Relocation; Project Photos and Project Highlights. Revenue Service is scheduled to begin in late 2022.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Jim Barron, Executive Director

October 2, 2019 Meeting Highlights:

- One Formal Hearing was held on NPV# 27045 – Wash Gas vs. AD&C Management Company.
- The Authority reviewed and acted on six (6) NPV's netting \$7,152 in fines.
- The Authority received Appointment Letters for Doug Levine, MACo representative and Tamara Neal, Subscriber representative. They will be sworn and seated at the November 6, 2019 Meeting.
- The Authority submitted its final report for the 2018 State Damage Prevention Grant due to PHMSA.
- The Authority presented a Mock Hearing at the Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Conference.

November 6, 2019 Meeting Highlights:

- One Formal Hearing was held on NPV# 19551 – Wash Gas vs. Zavala Contracting Co.
- The Authority sent notice to MCI/Verizon Business that a formal letter was still needed to satisfy the requirement set for, in lieu of training on NPV# 19577.
- The Authority reviewed and acted on five (5) NPV's netting \$6,816 in fines.
- Doug Levine, the MACo representative on the Authority has resigned his position. The Authority is still waiting on Appointment Letters for Amber Brengel, PWCA representative; Joyce Brooks, Public representative and Erik Phillips, Locator representative.
- The Authority has adopted a "Warning Letter" Policy. Letters have been sent to Orkin, Down Underground and C&M Underground.

The next Maryland Authority meeting will take place on December 4th at 9:00am at the Miss Utility Call Center. One formal hearing is scheduled. These meetings are open to the public and very informative. Please plan to attend.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE

- The Title 12 Re-Write working document from November 30, 2018 has been submitted to Legislative Services by our lead sponsor, Delegate Dereck Davis, to be drafted into Legislative Format. Senator Brian Feldman, Vice-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee is our lead sponsor on the Senate side. Susan Shroud (MD Authority) has prepared a White Paper that is currently being reviewed and will be available sometime in December.
- The Maryland Title 12 Re-Write will be submitted to the Maryland Legislature during the 2020 Legislative Session.

Documents on the Re-Write can be downloaded from the Authority Website by clicking the State Capital Dome, <https://mddpa.org>.

2019 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

Reported by Dora Parks; This year's GCDPTC was held October 22-25, 2019 in Ocean City, MD at the Clarion Resort Hotel with over 400 guests attending. Keynote speaker Gary Norland shared his personal story about being electrocuted by a 12,500-volt 200-amp overhead power line and the impact it continues to have on himself, his family and his co-workers.

This year's Dig Smart Award Winners were announced during the GCDPTC and are as follows:

- Maryland: Gaines and Company



- Washington, D.C.: Anchor Construction Corp.



- Excellence Award: NPL



Congratulations Winners!

This year's notable new sessions included:

- An all-conference session focusing on ITIC.nxt, the next generation of ITIC.
- Interactive trainings featuring Chesapeake Utilities and Delmarva Power & Light's demonstration trailers.
- The Stakeholder Project showcasing The Purple Line.
- An 811 Dig for Cash opportunity netting 2 winners hundreds of dollars in cash.

There was learning experienced on multiple levels and wonderful networking opportunities again this year. Thank you to all sponsors, exhibitors and attendees who participated in making this yet another successful year. Next year's GCDPTC will be held October 27-30. Please plan on attending. Custom sponsorships are available. Please see Dora for more information.

The next meeting is: January 28, 2020 at the Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Brown, Chairman (WGL) and Dora Parks, Secretary (Miss Utility)

Dora invited all subscribers and BOD members to the annual MGH marketing meeting taking place December 9, 2019 from 10:30am – 2:00pm at their location in Owings Mills.

The next meeting is January 9, 2020 at the Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

2019 AWARDS COMMITTEE

Kevin Woolbright (Chair) and Dora Parks (Co-Chair).

The Locater Achievement Awards ceremony will take place in June 2020. Planning for 2020 will begin at the next committee meeting which takes place January 28, 2020 at the Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

2019 DAMAGE PREVENTION and SAFETY TRAINING

DPT Administrator, Dora Parks dparks@misstutility.net

Miss Utility had its first all-Spanish training in November with over 90 registrants. Thank you to our Damage Prevention and Safety Training partners from WGL. Vladimir Ledesma, Greg Mason and Rosemary Langowski did a fantastic job engaging and educating Spanish-speaking excavators in our area. Another all-Spanish training is scheduled for 2020 with more to follow as necessary.

2019 Open Damage Prevention and Safety Training (by advanced registration)

- December 6th at the PEPCO/PHI facility in Upper Marlboro, MD

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

In stressing the significance of Construction Angels and the value it can bring to the excavation community, Dora shared news of an Easton, Md. man who died Nov. 22 after he was electrocuted by a downed powerline he'd hit with his raised truck bed in Sussex County, DE.

The purpose of Construction Angels is to offer financial aid and grief and financial counseling to families who have suffered the death of a loved one during a construction related accident while employed by a contract company. Kevin Woolbright (CA) stressed the importance of awareness as it pertains to CA. Successful 2019 events, which provided fundraising revenue for local CA chapters, included a second annual golf tournament, as well as, cornhole, 50/50 and 811 Dig for Cash events at this year's GCDPTC. A special thank you to BF Joy who matched the cornhole fundraising total. Donations can also be made on-line. Associations might consider end of year donations. For more information regarding CA, please contact Kevin Woolbright.

ADVERTISING/PUBLIC AWARENESS & OUTREACH

MGH supports Miss Utility events and outreaches throughout the year. Additionally, the damage prevention and safety message reaches local excavators, homeowners, students and families because of the volunteerism that takes place on a regular basis by experts in the industry who participate in a variety of ways throughout each and every year. Accordingly, Miss Utility thanks everyone who participated in 2019 and gave of their time and talents in educating thousands of attendees at various outreaches and events throughout Maryland and the District of Columbia. You are truly appreciated!

If you are interested in volunteering for any trade shows or desire to be added to the trade show distribution email list, please email Emily Meier at emeier@mghus.com.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Future MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings, Miss Utility Call Center in Hanover, MD

- January 28, 2020 - TBD
- February 25, 2020 - Bill Jackson (MDOT/SHA)

Refreshments at 9am, meeting starts at 9:30am

MEETING ATTENDEES:

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