



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for March 23, 2021
Zoom Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Susan Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. There were 55 zoom attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 23, 2021 minutes was made by Mark Hamrick (DPC Co-Chair) and seconded by Becky Mellinger (Childs Landscape). The motion carried by approval.

The approved meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>.

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- William “Bill” Jackson (MDOT/SHA) shared the following information:

001.03.03.06 As Constructed Deliverables. The MDOT SHA will require an electronic version and/or a hard copy of georeferenced of As Constructed Plans at the discretion of District Utility Section.

The Permittee is **requested** to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) coordinates of any of its facilities, infrastructure, and appurtenances installed within the permitted area(s) to MDOT SHA District Office within Sixty (60) calendar days of the completion of the Permittee’s installation. The GIS coordinates should be provided on “As Constructed” Plans.

If the Permittee chooses to comply with this request, the Utility As Constructed Plans submitted to the MDOT SHA shall be as follows:

Utility location data of any new construction, to include but not limited to the installation, adjustment, and/or relocation of facilitates, appurtenances, and/or infrastructure asset(s) shall be georeferenced with GPS coordinates.

- a. for aerial construction: the coordinates shall be provided for items to include but not limited to pole installations, adjustments, or relocations.
- b. for underground construction: the coordinates shall be provided for items to include but not limited to manholes, hand holes, pedestals, valve covers, vents, clean-outs, and/or any demarcation point at the beginning, along the path of, and at end of the installation, adjustment, or relocation.

OPEN DISCUSSION

John Shuffler (Civil Construction) thanked Mike Burns of Utiliquest for their assistance in resolving recent ticket concerns.

Kevin Woolbright (DPC Chair) spoke of ongoing locate concerns. Excavators continue submitting tickets that receive 48-hour delays and Code 5's (Not Complete/In Progress) with no follow up status. He encouraged excavators and locators to create positive relationships where direct communication can take place when issues arise.

Steven Lopez (Anchor) added that many update tickets continue receiving delayed statuses with no follow-up. He shared that contacting locators directly has been difficult.

Dora Parks (Miss Utility) suggested a contact list for BGE/Utiliquest be provided in meeting minutes. Mike Burns (Utiliquest approved).

BGE/UTILIQUEST CONTACT LIST			
BGE	Ian Jones Damage Prevention Manager	(410) 470-8217	ian.jones@bge.com
BGE	Marc Haines BOD, Electric Rep	(443) 324-0371	marc.haines@bge.com
Utiliquest	Erik Phillips Director of Operations	(443) 324-7835	erik.phillips@utiliquest.com
Utiliquest	George Daffan Operations Manager	(301) 399-7975	george.daffan@utiliquest.com
Utiliquest	Juan Vogel BOD, Locator Rep	(703) 929-9710	juan.vogel@utiliquest.com
Utiliquest	Mike Burns Manager	(443) 786-7994	mike.burns@utiliquest.com

Ian Jones (BGE) stated that new locators are being trained and will be ready to locate by the end of the month which should minimize delays.

Mike Burns (Utiliquest) stated that they too are aggressively training which should minimize delays further.

Jim Barron (MD Authority) pointed out Title 12-127 (e) (1) and (2) and 12-126 (d) (1) (ii):

12-127 (e) (1): If a person knows or has reason to know that an underground facility in the area of a planned or ongoing excavation or demolition is not marked as required by this subtitle, the person may not begin or continue the excavation or demolition unless the person:

(i) has repeated the notification AS required under [§ 12-124] § 12-125 of this subtitle; and

(ii) receives notification from the underground facilities information exchange system of the one-call system confirming that all applicable owner-members that have underground facilities in the vicinity of the excavation or demolition have marked:

1. the underground facilities in accordance with § 12-126(c) of this subtitle; or

2. the applicable portion of the underground facilities in accordance with 12-126(d) of this subtitle.

(2) If the underground facility is not marked as required by this subtitle after the person receives notification from the underground facilities information exchange system under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the person may proceed with the excavation or demolition.

12-126 (d) (1) (ii): work with the person that intends to perform the excavation or demolition to develop a [mutually agreeable schedule] **DOCUMENTED AGREEMENT** for marking the underground facility.

Heather Row (Levelift Foundations) asked about billing from Baltimore City. Dora Parks stated that billing questions go directly to the biller.

Libby Kircher (Badger Daylighting) asked about adding a temporary excavator to a ticket per the updated Title 12 law under SB 877. Dora Parks shared that the call center is working to implement new procedures and processes that will reflect all new law requirements. Additionally, she shared that a primary excavator takes full responsibility for a temporary excavator and that the temporary excavator must acknowledge (via ticketing procedures) being added to a primary's ticket prior to excavating on it.

Jim Barron pointed out that SB877, 12-101 and 12-130 detail primary and temporary excavator meaning and law.

Steven Lopez (Anchor), new to ticketing in Delaware, asked about ticket expiration. Jason Lyon (President, Miss Utility of Delmarva) explained that in accordance with the Delaware State Law, Title 26, Chapter 8 an active dig ticket does not expire, as long as: the work starts within ten (10) days, is continuous, scope stays the same and the marks are visible.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

- ITICnxt: Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) provided an overview of ITICnxt's batching feature. This feature allows a user to process multiple update, cancellation or correction tickets at a time.
- Upcoming virtual ITICnxt trainings April 1, May 6, June 3. Please contact Susan at ssullivan@missutility.net with any questions.
- Damage Reporting: Dora Parks (Miss Utility) provided YTD data through February 2021 of reported damages in MD/DC.
 - 101 utility damages (25 mains and 76 services)
 - 26.73% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 30.69% due to hitting a marked line
 - 31.68% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 10.89% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY Reported by Jim Barron (Executive Director)

- There was a Closed Executive Authority Zoom Meeting on March 3 and March 9, 2021.
 - The Authority reviewed a company with four (4) outstanding actions and voted to uphold fines and damage prevention training.
 - The Authority voted to proceed with an NPV where some "...incorrect, inconsistent or conflicting information..." was contained in the NPV Submission Summary as there was enough evidentiary documentation to proceed.

- The Authority reviewed and responded to PHMSA’s 2019 Adequacy Evaluation Letter. The MUFDDPA again received 252 points out of a possible 258 and was deemed adequate for 2019.
- The Authority completed and submitted the 2021 PHMSA State Damage Prevention Grant application requesting \$100,000.00.
- The Authority reviewed five (5) NPVs.
- The Authority voted to limit NPVs to within one (1) year of the date of the incident or discovery of the incident.

The next meeting of the Authority will be an Open Meeting via Zoom, Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 9:30 AM. It will be followed by a Closed Executive Session. Please email Jim for the virtual link if you are interested in attending the Open Meeting.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE Reported by Jim Barron (Executive Director)

- Chapter 18, Senate Bill SB 877 officially became law on March 11, 2021; 30 days after the final override vote.
- Law is in Legislative Format. A clean written copy of the law will not be available till sometime in the fall of 2021.
- To view or download a copy of Chapter 18 (SB 877) visit www.mddpa.org. A copy of Susan Stroud’s document titled “2021 Title XII Law Changes – Comparison Table” which highlights the changes in the law, is also available.
- Amendments, legislative and other related documents can be viewed/downloaded from the MD Authority Website at <https://mddpa.org>.

2021 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Reported by Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- Dates: October 26-29
- Location: Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bertice Berry
- For more information, please visit www.missutilityconference.com

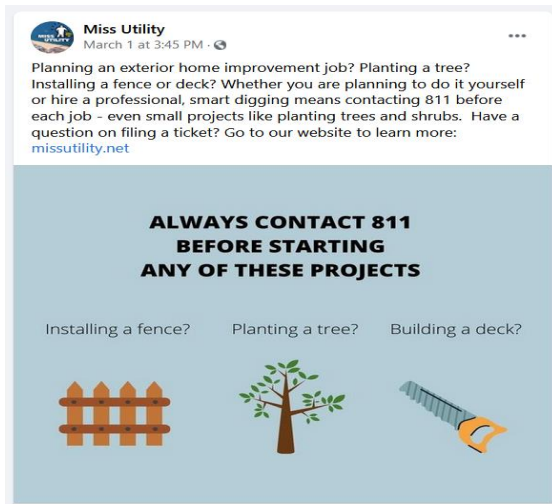
The next planning committee meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2021.

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY

- Training - Coordinator, Susan Sullivan ssullivan@misstuality.net
 - Virtual DPT Completed:
 - February 25: Belfast Valley Construction
 - March 2, 9, 16: Montgomery County Parks
 - Virtual DPT Upcoming:
 - April 16: Virtual ODPT by request for individuals, small groups, NPVs.
- National Conferences
 - Global Excavation Safety Conference
 - 2021 April 6-8 Virtual Conference
 - <https://globalexavationsafetyconference.com/>
 - CGA Conference & Expo
 - October 12-15 at the Renaissance, Orlando at Sea World
 - OCC has signed up to attend.
 - <https://cgaconference.com/>

➤ Miss Utility Facebook

- Be sure to visit Miss Utility’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MissUtilityofMD/> to *LIKE* and share your favorite posts.
- Be informed about upcoming, observed holidays; law updates; ITICnxt highlights; 811 educational, promotional, and informational posts; campaign posts and pictures of local stakeholders promoting the safe dig message.



HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Below is a list of holidays observed by Miss Utility. These dates are not used when calculating a ticket's response due by date/time or expiration date/time as noted per state law.

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS 2021:

- January 1 New Year's Day
- January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20 Inauguration Day (DC only)
- February 12 Lincoln's Birthday (MD Only)
- February 15 Presidents Day
- March 25 Maryland Day (MD Only)
- April 2 Good Friday (DE & MD Only)
- April 16 Emancipation Day (DC Only)
- May 31 Memorial Day
- July 5 Independence Day Observed
- September 6 Labor Day
- September 13 Defender's Day (MD Only)
- October 11 Columbus Day
- November 11 Veteran's Day
- November 25 Thanksgiving Day
- November 26 Day After Thanksgiving (MD & DE Only)
- December 23 Christmas Eve Observed (DE Only)
- December 24 Christmas Day Observed
- December 30 New Years Eve Observed (DE Only)
- December 31 New Year's Day Observed

➤ Carvertise Campaign Reported by Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

- Nine wrapped cars currently travel throughout 8 Maryland counties, Baltimore City and Washington D.C.
- Quantitative Performance data for the month of February details the following:
 - Miles traveled by fleet: 12,529 (4,429 above expectation)
 - Impressions per fleet: 1,904,427 (509,427 above expectation)

2020 AWARDS COMMITTEE Reported by Mark Hamrick (Chairman)

- Nominations for the 18th Annual Locator Achievement Awards have closed.
- 47 locators will be recognized for meeting eligibility criteria and maintaining faultless safety and damage prevention practices throughout this past calendar year.
- Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, the LAA banquet is cancelled for this year.
- Each winning locator will receive a custom-embroidered safety jacket, 811 logo T-shirt, awards certificate, Miss Utility baseball cap, pen, a Locator Achievement Award Winner car magnet and a \$100 restaurant gift card.

Next committee meeting is TBA.

MGH MARKETING & OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

Reported by Kelly Cahill & Gaby Tancona

➤ 2021 Scholarship Program

- There have been more than 2,500 views on the online form and 46 applications.
- The scholarship deadline has been extended to Friday, May 28.
- For more information or if you know someone who is eligible for the scholarship, please email gatancona@mghus.com.

➤ Trade Show Updates

- Miss Utility will have a booth at the MML Summer Conference, taking place in person from June 27-29 in Ocean City

- Digital Marketing Campaign
 - Ads on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, NextDoor and Google Search will launch at the beginning of next month and will target homeowners and English and Spanish-speaking excavators.
- Radio Campaign
 - Miss Utility's statewide radio campaign began airing March 22nd in Washington, D.C.; Baltimore; Frederick; Hagerstown; Cumberland; Lexington Park and Mt. Lake Park.
 - Endorsement ads will begin running on El Zol this week and will be read in Spanish by well-known host DJ Chepe during his morning show.

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

- Kevin participated in the monthly conference call March 16, 2021.
- Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month.
- There are currently no scheduled events in the MD/DC region due to the ongoing pandemic.
- Please visit <http://www.constructionangels.us/> for more information about CA.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Upcoming 2021 MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings via Zoom

- April 27
- May 25
- June 22

MEETING ATTENDEES: This meeting took place over Zoom and accurate attendance is not available.