



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman
Mark Hamrick, Vice Chairman
Susan Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting for March 28, 2023
Hybrid 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 9:33 AM. There were thirty (30) attendees onsite and eighteen (18) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 28, 2023, minutes was made by Shelly Masone (Ecotech) and seconded by Jack Ellison (WGL). The motion carried by approval.

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

Kevin Woolbright, DPC Chairman, opened today's meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of the six (6) construction workers killed on Interstate 695 in MD on March 22.

Anyone wishing to donate directly to surviving families members, can do so at:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejpr9xq47dabd025&oseq=&c=&ch=>. A big thanks goes out to everyone who has already donated support.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Diane Spriggs (WSSC) and Christy Walika (NUCA of DC) recognized Kevin Woolbright for his passion and dedication to Construction Angels.

OLD BUSINESS

DPC Vice Chairman Nominee Introductions

The three (3) nominees introduced themselves, and briefly spoke as to how they would contribute to damage prevention by taking on the role of DPC Vice Chair.

- Dominic Pope, Gaines and Company
- George Daffan, UtiliQuest
- Ryan Reese, Washington Gas

2023 National Conference

- Common Ground Alliance
 - April 17-21, 2023
 - Orlando, Florida
 - <https://www.cgaconference.com/>

- MD/DC Board Members and OCC leadership will be in attendance at this conference.

Bill Jackson (MDOT SHA)

Not available.

NEW BUSINESS

GUEST SPEAKER: JUSTIN LOWTHERT | UTILIQUEST

Justin spoke to the daily duties, responsibilities and challenges faced by a contract locator using a PowerPoint titled “A Day in the Life of a Locator.” Topics included the routing and viewing of tickets; ticket documentation, daily challenges and ways excavators can help in terms of ticket submission.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

➤ Updates Reported by Jennifer Arroyo (Miss Utility)

Changes to MD and DC ticketing formats continue and will go live as soon as all changes are finalized and tested.

➤ ITICnxt Virtual Training

- Upcoming trainings: April 6 | May 4 | June 8
- Please visit <http://missutility.tryitic.com/> for multiple ITICnxt resources.
- All 2023 Virtual ITICnxt Training dates and preregistration links are posted at <https://www.missutility.net/calendar-events/>.

➤ Dashboard Reporting: Jennifer Arroyo provided ticket volume data for the month of February 2023.

- Inbound ticket volume: 67,824 a monthly decrease of 4.114% compared to 2022
- Outbound volume: 361,192 a year-to-date decrease of 1.842% compared to 2022

➤ Damage Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided YTD data through February 2023 of reported damages in MD/DC.

- 105 utility damages (20 mains and 85 services)
- 22.86% due to no call or valid ticket
- 34.29% due to hitting a marked line
- 21.90% due to incorrect locate marks
- 20.95% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Jim Barron, Executive Director

- There was no meeting in February or March.
- The Authority currently has seventeen (17) NPV's to investigate and review.
- The next meeting will be a face-to-face open meeting at the Miss Utility Call Center Conference Room followed by a Closed Executive Session on April 12, 2023. The Governor's Appointment Office has advised us that the appointment of the new members will not occur in time to seat them at the April Meeting. However, the Authority is going to invite them to join both the upcoming Open Meeting and Closed Executive Session.

- The Authority hopes to seat new Authority Members at the May 10th meeting and begin Formal Hearings in June or July 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2023 GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- Conference Dates: October 24-27, 2023
- Conference Venue: Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort
- The committee is finalizing breakout sessions and keynote speakers.
- The three networking events will include: Cornhole (with monies raised going to the local chapter of Construction Angels), the annual Golf Tournament and Paint and Sip.
- Save the Date Contest is up and running. Register for updates by emailing 2023gcdptc@gmail.com for your chance to win a two-night package to the 2023 Conference.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS | Scott Brown, Chairman

Scott stated that it is Miss Utility Subscribers who make decisions on the spending of advertising dollars as well as the methods by which the money is spent. Current campaigns include Carvertise, various outreach events and partnership with the Bowie Baysox for annual events. Scott suggested a partnership with Virginia 811 is possible, in order to work together to get out the safe dig message via our bordering territories.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2023.

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

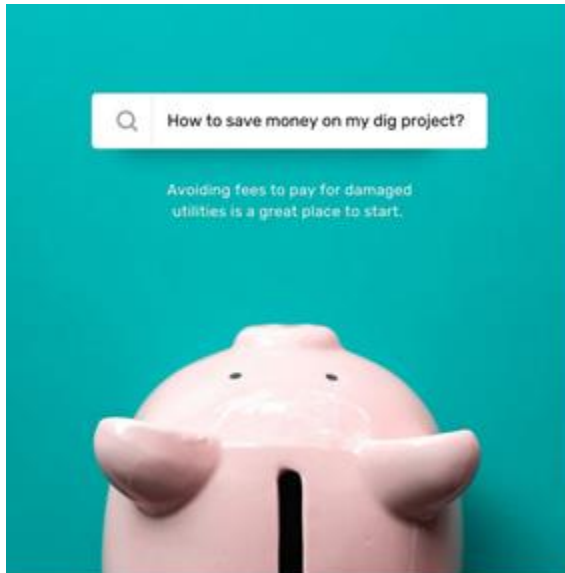
Kevin Woolbright, Chairman | Mark Hamrick Co-Chair

- DPT Upcoming:
 - March 31: Virtual Open DPT
 - April 4: Pepco Forestville
 - April 11: Pepco Rockville
 - April 28: Open DPT @ Call Center
 - April 29: Jimmy Richards & Sons Excavating, Inc.
- DPT Completed:
 - March 1: MD Society of Surveyors
 - March 2: Gray & Son
 - March 7: Comer Construction
 - March 8: Comer Construction
 - March 17: Virtual Spanish
 - March 17: Luna Concrete

All 2023 DPT dates and links are now posted at <https://www.missutility.net/calendar-events/> Onsite and Spanish Damage Prevention Training is available. Please reach out to Susan for more information.

➤ Miss Utility Facebook

Please visit www.facebook.com/missutilityofmd/ for dig safe posts, holiday announcements, call center notices/information and current events. Please like or share posts to show your support for Miss Utility and the dig safe message.



➤ Carvertise Marketing Metrics | Reported by Susan Sullivan, Miss Utility

- Seven wrapped cars currently travel throughout Montgomery, Prince George, Charles and Washington and Frederick Counties and Washington, D.C.
- Quantitative Performance Data for the month of February 2023:
 - Miles traveled by fleet: 9,023 (653 above expectation)
 - Impressions per fleet: 1,317,358 (95,338 above expectation)

➤ MGH Marketing Update

- Trade Shows
 - Next month, Miss Utility will be participating in the Allegany Home Show April 14-16.
- 2023 Scholarship Program | Scott Brown, Chair
 - The 2023 Miss Utility of Maryland/D.C. scholarship is now open!
 - The deadline to apply is Friday, May 26 at 11:59 p.m.
 - The online application can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/MissUtility/Scholarship23>
- 2023 Smart Awards Committee | Kevin Woolbright, Chair | Mark Hamrick, Co-Chair
 - Locator Achievement Awards

- The 20th annual Locator Achievement Awards nomination window is now closed. In May, winners will be invited to a Bowie Baysox game and banquet to thank them for maintaining faultless safety and damage prevention practices.
- 2023 Dig Smart Awards
 - The 2022-2023 Dig Smart Awards application will launch this summer.

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS | Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC
 Kevin thanked all of those who reached out to him directly about donating to the additional CA fundraiser on behalf of the 6 workers killed recently on the local Baltimore Beltway. To donate directly, please go to <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejpr9xq47dabd025&oseq=&c=&ch=>.

CA is accepting scholarship applications through July 14 for students and construction educational organizations. The link can be found on both the Miss Utility homepage at <https://www.missutility.net> and on the CA Website at <http://www.constructionangels.us/>. Applicants do not have to have suffered a loss to submit. Regional monies not used by local applicants will be shifted to other areas. Let’s be sure it stays in our local community.

Save the date for this year’s Miss Utility Subscribers and Board of Directors Golf Tournament to benefit Construction Angels scheduled for October 13th. Sponsorships are welcome. Please contact Kevin at bright.67@verizon.net for more information.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Upcoming 2023 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- April 25
- May 23
- June 27

MEETING ATTENDEES: This was a hybrid meeting. Onsite attendance is below. Accurate Zoom attendance is not available.

ONSITE ATENDANCE:

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