



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for November 24, 2020
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 9:32 a.m. via Zoom. There were 43 zoom attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 27, 2020 were approved as presented. Please contact Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) with questions or concerns.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) announced the successful release of ITICnxt Live on November 17. Access to multiple ITICnxt training resources can be found by clicking on the homepage of Miss Utility's website at <https://www.missutility.net/> or directly at <http://missutility.tryitic.com/>. Resources include the ITICnxt Training Manual, an Interactive Training Video, YouTube video segments, an ITICnxt Demonstration/Sandbox Website and FAQ's. Monthly ITICnxt VIRTUAL TRAINING sessions are also being conducted. Information and Zoom links are available at <https://www.missutility.net/calendar-events/>. Please reach out to Susan for any questions pertaining to the new ITICnxt ticketing platform.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

OPEN DISCUSSION

No open discussion to report.

MARYLAND AUTHORITY Reported by Jim Barron (Executive Director)

- Due to Covid 19 Restrictions, the Authority Office remains closed. Employees continue working from home and anticipate continuing monthly meetings on Zoom through the end of 2020.
- An Authority Zoom Meeting was held November 4, 2020.
 - Five (5) NPV's were reviewed. All five were assessed fines and damage prevention training.
 - The Authority approved a policy letter from BGE/USIC and moved to close the eight (8) NPV's the policy letter addressed.
 - The Authority decided against a possible filing fee refund at this time.

- The Authority approved the proposed meeting schedule for 2021 which will be posted on the website. It includes four open business meetings a year, one each quarter (as required by statute) reserving the remaining meetings between the four quarterly meetings for Formal Hearings and Closed Executive Sessions for NPV review.
- The Authority is considering conducting Formal Hearings on Zoom.
- The Authority Meeting scheduled for December 2, 2020 has been cancelled.

The next Maryland Authority meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2021 at 9:00am via Zoom.

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

- Senate Bill SB0877 passed both the House of Delegates and the Senate by overwhelming majorities in March. However, on May 7th Governor Hogan vetoed the bill.
- A veto override is planned for the January 2021 legislative session.
- If the override is successful, SB0877 will become law 30 days after the formal vote in the Senate and House.

Legislative documents can be downloaded from the MD Authority Website at <https://mddpa.org>.

2021 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Reported by Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- Conference dates: October 26-29, 2021.
- Conference will be held at the Clarion Resort Hotel & Conference Center, Ocean City, MD.
- The GCDPTC Planning Committee is pleased to announce Dr. Bertice Berry as 2021's keynote speaker.
- Please visit www.missutilityconference.com for more information.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

- December 3: MGH annual marketing and public awareness recommendations meeting
- January 14: 2021 MD/DC Subscribers Committee and Board of Directors meeting

2020 AWARDS COMMITTEE

Reported by Kevin Woolbright (DPC Chair)

- Congratulations to this year's Dig Smart Award Winners:
 - Maryland Awardee: Gaines and Company
 - District of Columbia Awardee: Flippo Construction
 - Excellence Awardee: Anchor Construction Corporation
- Members of the Award's Committee were honored to congratulate this year's DSA winners in person, at their company location. Winners appreciated the special trip made by committee members.
- Each winning company was presented with a beautiful shovel embedded acrylic plaque, Miss Utility vinyl bags loaded with Miss Utility promotional items and registrations to the 2021 GCDPTC. In addition, a Dig Smart Award web logo was received by each company for use on company websites.
- Winners were invited to attend next year's Dig Smart Awards Ceremony held during the 2021 GCDPTC to be recognized by industry peers as leaders in damage prevention.

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TRAINING

DPT Training Coordinator, Susan Sullivan ssullivan@misstutility.net

Completed:

- November 6 – ADPT Henkels and McCoy, Inc
- Nov 12 – ODPT via Zoom

Upcoming:

- December 4 – Stella May Contracting, INC

Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) provided YTD data through October 2020 of reported damages in MD/DC.

- 777 utility damages (229 mains and 548 services)
 - 28.19% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 36.68% due to hitting a marked line
 - 27.28% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 7.85% due to other root causes

CGA/INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES

Please note the changes made to both national conferences. For more information, please contact Dora Parks dparks@missutility.net

- CGA Conference & Expo
 - October 12-15 in Orlando, Florida.
 - <https://commongroundalliance.com/>
- Global Excavation Safety Conference
 - 2021 Conference Cancelled
 - <https://globalexavationsafetyconference.com/>

MISS UTILITY FACEBOOK AWARENESS

Reported by Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility)

- Visit Miss Utility's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MissUtilityofMD/> to keep up-to-date on call center happenings, local dig safe messaging and fun facts.
- As we enter a busy holiday season, please note observed call center holidays that affect Response due by and Expiration dates.

CARVERTISE CAMPAIGN

Reported by Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility)

- The new 12- month campaign is under way with nine wrapped cars traveling throughout 8 Maryland counties, Baltimore City and Washington D.C.
- Quantitative Performance data for the month of October details the following:
 - Miles traveled by fleet: 11,286 (3,186 above expectation)
 - Impressions per fleet: 1,729,827 (150,327 above expectation)

MGH MARKETING

Reported Gaby Tancona

2021 Trade Shows

- Maryland Spring Home and Garden Show-**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED.**
 - March 6-7 & 12-14
 - Maryland State Fairgrounds, Lutherville-Timonium.

If you or your company is interested in volunteering for the MD Spring Home and Garden Show, or any outreach event, please contact Gaby Tancona at gatancona@mghus.com.

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

- Kevin participated in the monthly conference call on November 17. 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.
- CA hopes to reconvene many cancelled 2020 events in 2021.
- Please visit <http://www.constructionangels.us/> for more information about CA.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming 2020-2021 MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings via Zoom

- No meeting in December
- January 26
- February 23

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