



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman
George Daffan, Vice Chairman
Susan Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting for April 23, 2024
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 9:34 AM. There were thirty-five (35) attendees onsite and twenty (20) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the March 26, 2024, minutes was made by David Wilkins (WSSC) and seconded by Mike Burns (Utiliquist). The motion carried by approval.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Tyese Gillespie (On the Mark Locators) introduced herself as a first-time attendee. On the Mark Locators locate for Delmarva Power in both Cecil & Harford Counties. Her contact information can be found under the Teams Attendance roster below.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No old business to report.

GUEST SPEAKER: In lieu of a guest speaker, the CGA Video from the *811 Tips of Excavators* Toolkit was shown. To view, please visit <https://youtu.be/ZPMMxPfxrCo>.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

➤ Critical Facilities Code Update

- The Board of Directors approved a new Critical Facilities Ticket Check code that can be used by utility owner members/subscribers and/or their contract locators as an optional status code when it is determined that planned excavation is taking place in the proximity of a critical facility.
- This new code will require a comment by the user.
- Critical facilities will be defined by the utility owner member/subscriber.
- At this time, this optional status code need not replace 'high profile' notification procedures that are already in use.

- Members/contract locators can recode the status as necessary.
 - The call center will send out an email blast explaining its use and date of availability.
 - Some concerns were expressed about potential abuse of the code.
- Other Tool Update
- The Board of Directors recently approved the decision to revert back to the previous version of the Other Tool which will include a minor update.
 - Instead of a pop-up box appearing during step one of ticket processing, the user will be required to fill out all relevant ticket fields during step 2. As is currently required, the user must confirm all ticket information and mapping prior to ticket submission.
 - The reversion process is an OCC priority. Testing is currently taking place.
- ITICnxt Virtual Training
- Upcoming trainings: May 2 | June 6 | July 3
 - Please visit <http://missutility.tryitic.com/> for multiple ITICnxt resources and a link to all 2024 Virtual ITICnxt training dates and preregistration links.
- Dashboard Reporting: Jennifer Arroyo provided ticket volume data for the month of March 2024.
- Inbound ticket volume: 78,433 a monthly decrease of 9.857% compared to 2023
 - Outbound volume: 399,492 a year-to-date decrease of 1.523% compared to 2023
- Damage Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided YTD data March 2024 of reported damages in MD/DC.
- 268 utility damages (73 mains and 195 services)
 - 17.54% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 34.33% due to hitting a marked line
 - 33.21% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 14.93% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Jim Barron, Executive Director

- The March 13th meeting was cancelled due to the Executive Director's unexpected March 11th surgery.
- The Authority held a virtual Open Meeting and Closed Executive Session on April 10, 2024.
 - 4th Quarter Financials were reviewed.
 - Formal Hearings are still on hold until the Executive Director knows the date of his next Surgery.
 - The Authority currently has nineteen 19 NPV's to investigate and review.
 - Deputy Director, Susan Stroud reported that the PHMSA State Damage Prevention Grant was submitted to cover the costs of the Semaphore Mobile Case Management Contract.
 - The Authority has received notification of the 2023 PHMSA Adequacy Evaluation which is due on May 10, 2024.

- The Authority voted to give \$6,000 to Construction Angels to help the families of the Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse and \$1,000 to the family of the worker recently killed in a Dorchester County Construction site.
- In Closed Executive Session the Authority reviewed a complicated NPV, where one homeowner filed a No Ticket Violation against their neighbor. The Authority voted to dismiss the NPV under subsection 12-103 where a homeowner can excavate up to 6 inches in depth on their own property without a Miss Utility Ticket.
- The next Authority meeting will be an Open Meeting with a Closed Executive Session on May 8, 2024.
- Visit <https://mddpa.org/> for more information.

Title-12 Re-Write:

The Authority plans to drop legislation in 2025 to change the date when Authority Member’s Terms expire from September 30th to April 30th. They also plan to include the addition of \$0.05 per outgoing tickets if approved by the Subscriber’s.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2024 GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- Conference Dates: Oct. 22-25, 2024
- Location: Ashore Resort & Beach Club
- Upcoming Committee Meeting 05.06.24

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman | George Daffan, Co-Chair

- DPT Upcoming:
 - April 25: American Council of Engineering Companies of MD
 - April 26: Miss Utility Open
 - May 1: Cecil County Roads
 - May 3: Virtual DPT
 - May 3: National Drilling Association: Mid-Atlantic Chapter
 - May 14: BF Joy
 - May 16: Associated Builders & Contractors of Metro Washington Roundtable
 - May 23: Cecil County School of Technology
- DPT Completed:
 - April 1: Washington County
 - April 19: Civil Construction



For information about the various training platforms available, as well as, upcoming training dates and pre-registration links, please visit <https://www.missutility.net/damage-prevention-training/>.

➤ 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.

Maryland Residents!

Governor Wes Moore has declared April as National Safe Digging Month in Maryland! Let's prioritize safety by contacting 811 before any digging project. Protect our underground infrastructure and prevent accidents. Remember, it's free and easy to request utility line locates. Visit MissUtility.net or dial 811. #SafeDiggingMonth #Maryland811 #NSDM

April is national **SAFE Digging Month**



➤ MGH Marketing Update

- Upcoming Trade Show(s)
 - Miss Utility participated at the Allegany County All Things Home Expo April 12-14.
- Ad Campaign Starts April 1
 - April is National Safe Digging Month. Miss Utility ad campaign starts across these platforms:
 - Morning drive radio across all Western Shore MD & DC media markets, including most top stations
 - Endorsements - The Sports Junkies (106.7 The Fan in DC) + Cesar from WDCN
 - Washington Capitals - logos on boards shown on TV + free TV spots
 - Streaming Audio (Spotify)
 - NextDoor -- campaign reaching homeowners who hire contractors
- 2024 Scholarship Program | Scott Brown - Chair
 - The deadline to apply is Friday, May 24 at 11:59 p.m.
 - 140 applicants to date.
 - The online application can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/MissUtility/Scholarship24>.
- 2024 Awards | Kevin Woolbright | Chairman
 - Locator Achievement Awards
 - Miss Utility received 66 nominations meeting the requirements of zero at fault damages and zero safety violations as well as other rigorous requirements.
 - Winners to receive a monogrammed quarter zip as well as public recognition during an upcoming Bowie Baysox Game during the invitation only LAA Winner's Banquet taking place on Friday, May 10th. Congratulations to all winners!
 - Dig Smart Awards
 - The 2023-2024 Dig Smart Awards application will launch this summer.

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS | Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

- Kevin recognized and thanked GT Mid-Atlantic, the AUC of Maryland, Inc., and the PWCA all of whom recently donated or committed to donating generously to the Key Bridge Fundraising efforts.
- Please consider participating or supporting Kevin during these upcoming CA Events:
 - June 2: Crusher Run - Texas Quarry 5K
 - October 11: Annual Miss Utility/CA Golf Tournament
 - November 7: GT MidAtlantic Clay Shoot at Pintail Point in Queenstown
- CA Scholarship Applications are now open. For more information, go to: <https://www.constructionangels.us/scholarship-application/>

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Upcoming 2024 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- May 28
- June 25
- July 23

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