



MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2009

2009 Officers

Diane Wuensch – City of Kettering – Chairperson
Mary Lou Pence, City of Centerville – Vice-Chairperson
Beverly Allen, Woolpert – Recording Secretary
Walt Pegram, O.U.P.S. – Treasurer

I. Attendees

Mary Lou Pence, City of Centerville
Beverly Allen, Woolpert
Mike Flora, Ritter Plumbing
Jeff Fricke, Team Fishel
Chris Sands, Team Fishel
Scott Keifer, Vectren
Jim Wooten, USIC, Inc (CLS)
Kevin Campbell, MCWS

Kelly Miller, Mainline Road & Bridge
Jonathan Johnson, Columbia Gas Trans.
Dave Harris, DP&L
Jon Zickefoose, Premier Locating
Frank Ward, Time Warner Cable
Dan Watkins, Watkins Direct
Nicole Watkins, Watkins Direct

II. Introductions - Welcome Members – Mission Statement

Mary Lou Pence, Vice Chair, was standing in for Diane Wuensch, Chair, who is on vacation. She began the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by initiating introductions and welcoming everyone. The attendance list was passed around for everyone to sign in and verify their contact information.

III Review of June Meeting Minutes

The Vice-Chair called for review and comments of the June meeting minutes. After a brief review, Frank Ward made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Chris Sands seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by all attending members with an “aye” vote.

IV. Educational Speaker and Topic

The educational speaker for today is Frank Ward, Time Warner Cable. He spoke to us about “The Life of a Plant Line Maintenance (PLM) Ticket – 9:05 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.

When a customer calls in a problem with their cable, a preventative maintenance technician verifies what type of problem it is. If it is determined to be a line problem, it is set up as a PLM ticket. The PLM tickets are distributed to TWC personnel in the Southwest district, which covers 16 counties from Sidney to the Ohio River, as follows:

Dayton Aerial – Tim Kuss
Cincinnati Aerial – Gary Napier or
Dayton and Cincinnati Underground – Frank Ward
Dayton and Cincinnati Supervisor – Neal Hensley

Updates to a PLM ticket are dispersed via email to all TWC personnel involved with that ticket.

All aerial work is subcontracted by TWC. This work is no longer done in-house.

All PLM ticket work for splicing of feeder cable (600 pr. or below) is done by contractors to TWC. All splicing on trunk cable (above 600 pr.) is only performed by TWC personnel. The only exception to this rule is cold splicing for road improvement projects. Aerial tickets that result in cable repair or replacement are given four (4) days to completion. Underground tickets are given nine (9) days to completion. There are no exceptions to these time frames including work performed for storm damage. TWC contractors first have to wait until the electric company performs their work, though. Once that work has been cleared, the TWC ticket then goes into effect. TWC does ‘ramp up’ more contractors for work as a result of storm damages.

Unless it is an emergency, fiber optic cable work takes a 15-day advanced warning that it is ‘going down’. This work is only performed between midnight and 6 a.m. and notification goes out to everyone including their Mid-Ohio or Columbus division.

Once a PLM ticket is completed, the TWC project manager performs a quality control inspection in the field of splicing and cable installation. The ticket is then updated on the Socrates System. Once the contractor invoicing is completed the ticket is completed.

V. Review of Projects

Existing Projects:

- Kettering—traffic signal installation on Southern Blvd. at Kettering Medical Center entrance. Capital Electric is the contractor.
- Kettering—South Dixie Drive Phase 3 – Dorothy Lane to Cardington reconstruction is now under construction. The contractor is Barrett Construction.
- Kettering—Dorothy Lane and Wilmington Pike Improvements project from Ansel Drive to Beaverton Drive and approximately 500 feet each way east and west. This is a proposed 2010 project, but Kettering is requesting that all utility relocations take place this year.

- Miami County Sanitary Engineer—Casstown sanitary main sewer extension installation from SR 55 to Casstown by Demming (gravity section) and D&M (force main) is essentially complete except for laterals.
- Miami County Engineer—Farrington Road realignment from North 25-A to Experimental Farm Road. Road closed as of May 13th for recon and construction.
- Miami County Engineer—SR-41 and Washington Road realignment. Contract is just getting started.
- Dayton International Airport—Multiple projects and contractors. Ongoing.
- Vandalia—Bids to be taken on the Phase 2 streetscape project on National Road between Maple and North Dixie. The signal work has been completed.
- Vandalia—Phase 2-South Dixie road widening project, from I-70 to Stonequarry Road. The state-funded project is currently out for bids. The city's portion of this same project will cover from Stonequarry to Crest Hill and will include a new culvert replacement between Crest Hill and Alkaline Springs Rd.
- Vandalia—Peters Pike road widening project, Stonequarry to National Road. The project will be going to bid sometime in July.
- GCSED—North Fairfield Road (Jonathan to Shakertown) water main loop will start soon. Demmy Construction is the contractor. – No recent report.
- GCSED—W07-5 - Starting at Ferry Rd going south on Waynesville Rd: Near completion; they need to turn fire hydrants around and paint them to get final 100% bond release. No recent report.
- GCSED—W07-3 - Dayton Xenia to S. on Orchard to the Factory Rd connector to Factory Rd to S. on Alpha Bellbrook ending at Indian Ripple. Bid awarded to GM Pipeline \$2,092,678.08. Under construction now completion date contractually projected for May 01, 2009. No recent report.
- GCSED—W07-2 - Starting at Dayton Xenia and Orchard Lane, going east on Dayton Xenia to Trebein, then north on Trebein for ¼ miles. Bid awarded to Underground Utilities \$3,321,224.00. Connection made at Rotary Park continuing towards Dayton Xenia Rd completion date projected for May 01, 2009 also. No recent report.
- GCSED—Sugar Creek Force Main, currently under construction by Demmy Construction. No recent report.
- MCWS—Austin Pike Water Main project is winding down with only connections to be completed. The Wood Road and Miamisburg-Springboro Road water main projects are also in the final work stages. The contractor is Jergens-Bale.
- MCWS—a 60-inch outfall replacement at the Western Regional WWTP will begin in mid-March. The contractor is Don May Excavating.
- MCWS—Water main replacements on Woodman Drive between Dorothy Lane and Danube, on Nordic Drive, on Ashcraft Road, and on Longines Road. The work is being performed by Bayer-Becker Engineering.
- MCWS—Water main project on Needmore Road from Payne to North Dixie and 300 feet north and south on North Dixie. This project is being re-bid on July 1st and will be fast-tracked.
- ODOT—Austin Pike/SR-741 intersection and roadway project was recently awarded to John R. Jurgensen, Inc. (contractor). Utility realignment work has begun.
- Vectren of Ohio—replacement of approximately 185,000 specific gas risers as determined by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). The project encompasses all of their service areas in Ohio and parts of Indiana.
- Vectren of Ohio—Bare Steel and Cast Iron pipe replacement program throughout their Ohio service areas.

- Springfield—Columbus Gas Transmission received plans for review on a new sewer line to be constructed at SR-72 and East and West Possum Road. The line is proposed to be 25 feet deep.

New Projects:

- City of Dayton—Mainline Road and Bridge has begun the work on Main Street in downtown Dayton from Monument Avenue to Sixth Street.
- City of Dayton—Replacement of a bridge on Goodlow off of Hoover Avenue by Mainline Road and Bridge.
- City of Springfield—Replacement of a culvert/bridge on Pleasant Street in Springfield
- City of Oakwood—Schantz Improvement Project. Ritter Plumbing is replacing four gas risers for Vectren as part of this on-going street improvement project.

Vectren Bare Steel, Service Line, and Riser Replacement Projects:

- Fishel is working on riser replacements in Huber Heights. They have completed approximately 2000 with a replacement rate of approximately 500 per week. They should be completely done in Huber Heights in around three to four weeks and will then be moving on Centerville. Fishel will have a crew in Germantown in two to three weeks for main line bare steel/cast iron pipe replacement.
- Ritter Plumbing has completed the main line replacements in Piqua on Elm, Maple, Vine, and Robinson Streets including service line replacements. They still have two to three more weeks of work in Piqua before moving on to Sidney.

VI. Discussion of Damages and D.I.R.T.

Damages

Montgomery County Water Services experienced a utility strike on Thursday, July 2nd by an electric contractor installing a ground rod for temporary electric to a new house in a development for Ryan Homes. The contractor did not submit a one-call ticket for this construction and did not notify O.U.P.S. after the damage to the water main. The ground rod was driven straight into the PVC water pipe, which depressurized the system. The water main lies directly under gas, electric, and cable television lines and the rod was driven within 1.5 feet from a visible electric transformer. It was discovered that this is a common practice by the contractor who has worked with Ryan Homes for at least 10 years.

The County has asked if O.U.P.S. can intercede with this contractor to make him aware of the one-call laws and his responsibilities.

D.I.R.T.

Ed has submitted a DIRT ticket for this damage.

On a previous DIRT ticket that was submitted for electric damages on Arbor Blvd. by Montgomery County Water Services crew, no decisions to the damage responsibility has been made as of yet.

VII. O.U.P.S. News

- The Richfield Safety Day was a big success with approximately 275 people attending.
- The annual meeting will be held in Boardman, Ohio on August 20 & 21. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting as well as the annual golf outing and/or skeet shooting.
- An All-Ohio council meeting is planned for this summer, but Walt didn't have a date as of yet.
- The new one-call bill has been introduced to the state legislature. A copy of the bill as presented can be found on the O.U.P.S. website.
- A CGA Best Practices Task Group has reached a consensus on a new best practice for service line locations. Once the task group has approved a best practice, it is sent on to the Best Practices Committee and finally the stakeholders for their approval and inclusion in the handbook. Walt will send Beverly Allen a copy of this best practice (as approved by the task group only) for distribution to our council members.

VIII. Other Discussions

- A sign-up list for the October Safety Day was passed around to the members. They were encouraged to sign up for a time slot to help out at the event. There will be demonstrations on gas and electric safety (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). There will be roundtable safety discussions, vendors demonstrating worker and utility safety-related equipment as well as demonstrations on better and safer ways to locate and survey/map the utilities. The guest speaker will be worth hearing and the lunch will be great. Best of all everything will be free. You just need to sign up with Lee Richards at O.U.P.S.
- SW Ohio council will be holding their annual dinner on August 13th at the Germania Club in Colerain Township, Hamilton County.

IX. Roundtable

- Jon Zickefoose would like to know how the ticket system works for excavation work on a cleanout of a grease trap. Say a Tim Horton's restaurant employee calls in a ticket, but a private plumber does the work. There is no actual contact information for the 'person with the shovel'. This presents a problem for the locators, as they can't get in touch with the person performing the work. Why can't the O.U.P.S. operator inform the owner or employee making the initial one-call that the plumber needs to call in a ticket, too? Since there was no clear answer to Jon's question, Frank Ward agreed to bring this matter up at the next O.U.P.S. Operations Committee meeting.
- This discussion morphed into a discussion about the need for 'white lines' and whether or not it is required under the new one-call bill. Walt does not believe this is a requirement in the one-call law.
- The speaker next month is Bob Stallman from DP&L. This is a rescheduled date. Bob will be speaking to us about the serious storm damage experienced in the Miami Valley as a result of Hurricane Ike last year.
- Frank Ward made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Dave Harris and it was approved by all attending members with an "aye" vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The proceeding document represents the Recording Secretary's understanding of items discussed. Further additions, clarifications, and amendments to any of the items contained herein are invited. Please direct all comments promptly to the writer so that the meeting minutes can be amended accordingly.

**Next meeting August 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.
Montgomery County Water Services office
1850 Spaulding Road, Kettering, OH**