

# Miami Valley Damage Prevention Council 03.10.2021

Meeting called to order at 09:15 by Jim Wooten

- **Roll Call**
- **09:17 Safety Message by Andy Jacobs**
  - **Portable Ladder Safety** – 500k injuries and 300 deaths per year from ladder use. Correct inspection and usage, including fall protection and storage are important to safe ladder use.
  - **Safety Learning Opportunities**
    - Tree trimming - Be aware of potential hazards from outside your scope of work.
    - Chain Hoist Failure – Use correct hardware.
    - Vehicle Backing – Be aware of surroundings.
    - Hot Water Burn – Ensure all mechanicals you are working around are in a safe condition or turned off.
    - Swinging Doors – Prop them safely if working around them.
    - Cell Phone Use While Driving – Avoid usage while driving through yards and facilities full of distractions and hazards.
    - Scissor Lifts – Be aware of overhead lines, keep a 10' radius from them.
- **09:29 Kevin Shimmings - Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition Meeting Summary**
  - Brief History of the Coalition
  - Current efforts and committee discussions:
    - **Government Exemptions Committee**
      - Exemptions based on Entity rather than Activity.
      - Eligibility of PHMSA Damage Grants
      - Developed a list of Exempted Activities.
      - Future discussions will clarify specifics and impact.
    - **Utility Coordination Project Subcommittee (UCP)**
      - “Large Project” response is problematic due to it being too general.
      - Ticket size does not qualify that it is truly complex.
      - Establishing basics to specify the meaning of “complex project”.
      - Goal would be to establish communication, mutual agreement, and required participation.
      - Limit timeline to 48 hours.
      - Individual utilities can opt out of the process.
      - Built-in modification process for bug-fixes.
    - **Other Subcommittee Discussion of Future Efforts**
      - Clarify Pre-marking Standards.
      - Modify Ticket Life in Ohio
        - Potentially 30-day calendar life, with 28-day recall.
      - Propose Scope Limitations – 1/4mi. (1320 lf)

Wooten: Thanks to Kevin for his efforts, this is central to what is happening in the field.

Kevin: This is just a starting point, we need to understand changes and revisions can follow.

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Jacobs: Do we have a legislative sponsor for these efforts?

Kevin: Not yet. The Coalition is still determining if they will move forward with these endeavors, and if so they will begin to seek a legislative champion at that time.

- **10:11 Previous meeting minutes accepted by Jim Wooten and Andy Jacobs**
- **10:12 Jim Wooten – April Safe Dig Event**
  - Event is seeing extreme challenges due to pandemic closures.
  - The committee plans to visit specific excavators in the field with 811 logo shovels and 811 promotional items.
  - Total cost of the project estimated to be around \$1500~
  - April 15<sup>th</sup> is the target date of the field visits. Looking for volunteers to help spread the message.
  - Jim Wooten motioned for \$1500 to be approved for the event and project, Andy Jacobs seconded the motion and it passed.
- **10:19 Area Damages**
  - One for DPL where they were marked
  - One for CenterPoint where the call center had bad information on file and they were looking to clear it up. Ed Petticrew offered to assist in their parcel clarification.
- **10:24 Upcoming Project Discussion**
- **10:34 OUPS News David Gilland**
  - 195,892 tickets in Ohio for the year so far.
  - 38,950 for the month.
  - Training is available with multiple seminars
  - iDig feature rolled out in Feb.
  - Reminder positive response code changed March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Email of positive responses was also rolled out and is working.
- **10:39 Brief Discussion and clarification of the 999 code and the associated charges per notification.**
- **10:41 Open Floor**
  - Rachel with Damage Prevention Solutions (damageprevention.com) talked about some of the products they offer, and she will have a presentation during next month's meeting.
- **10:46 Closing Comments, Be on the lookout for emails.**
- **10:47 Meeting adjourned.**