



MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2023

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Southwest Ohio Utility Safety Council partners utilities, government agencies, excavators, industry associations, and service providers to promote overall safety by reducing damage to utilities through cooperation and coordination of construction activities, education, and communication.*

Introductions: Attendees in person and on Teams introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes approved.

Safety Message - Level 1 Safety Message was given – Jim Collins - PUCO Rail Safety Week

Education Topic - Jim Collins – CGA Common Ground Alliance, DIRT Report 2022
Highlights

New Business

- **Committee Updates**
 - **Boots on the Ground** – will be held on Friday November 17 at the Eastgate Holiday Inn. FREE event! Lunch provided. RSVP by 11/8/23.
 - **Reds Opening Day Parade Float** – Jake Aaman discussed float.
- **Upcoming Projects/ Ongoing Projects**
 - Adleta - Bobolink Dr.
 - John R. Jurgensen - Shepherd Ave, Smalley Rd, and W. Columbia Ave
 - RA Miller - Joseph Ct
- **Local OCA Update** – OCA has not met recently
- **Last Month Damages/ Damage Issues/ Locate Issues** – Duke Energy reported that tickets have been down and damages are down also.
- **KY 811 Update** – no update given
- **IN 811 Update**
- **OH 811 Update**
 - OUDPC Coalition Update – The 48-Hour Rule Subcommittee met and has agreed on new language to be revised
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Excavator Seminars in October (none are in SW OH)
 - 6th Annual KGA Showcase, Oct 24-25, Lexington, KY
 - Midwest Damage Prevention Training Conference, Nov 14-16, French Lick, IN
- **Open Discussion**
 - Looking for speakers for October, November & December meetings

- Mike Burroughs was appointed Vice Chair to fill the vacancy due to Doug Knoll moving to Columbus.
- Officer Nominations in November, voting in December
 - Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 3, 2023, 1:00 PM @ Great Lakes Construction