

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Meeting Notes

September 18th, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 9:03am

Emergency Action Plan – Liz Pyles

Attendees:

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| 1. Frank Riegler | 9. Aaron Babb | 17. Chuck Cunningham |
| 2. Bradley Hegwood | 10. Roy Overton | 18. Vanessa Vickroy |
| 3. Steve Buskirk | 11. Clay Calland | 19. Steve Ryan |
| 4. Aaron Hunt | 12. Jacqueline Kelley | 20. Eric Morris |
| 5. Al Tonetti | 13. Andrea Davis | 21. Lori Wade |
| 6. Russ Bowerman | 14. Troy Bryant | 22. Jessica Burlett |
| 7. Deborah Harris | 15. Josh Kleemeyer | 23. Liz Pyles |
| 8. Shane Lanning | 16. Ash Chapman | |

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Approval of the July Meeting Minutes was conducted by Jessica Burlett. The motion was made by Troy Bryant and a 2nd was made by Lori Wade. All vote and the minutes were approved.

DPC Committees

- **Newsletter** – *Going to be a year review newsletter.*
- **By-Laws** – *Brad Hegwood has stepped forward to be the committee chair. He would like to keep it simple with Wednesday meetings.*

Old Business

Blood Drive – unclear of the winner, it hasn't been communicated; we will share as soon as we know

New Business *Farm Science Review – Frank mentioned that the event is currently underway, and we've had many volunteers step in to help, for which we're very grateful.*

ICWHY & OHIO811 Sporting Clays – the event is being held on October 11, 2024, be sure to sign up to join a great event for a good cause.

Industry News

1. **Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates** – August was slightly down compared to 2023, which again 2023 was a banner year. Excavator Seminars are occurring in October, sign up for the one nearest you; Franklin County Fairgrounds on October 23. The Annual Meeting was a success. It's always great to bring everyone together for a celebration and to view a Trustee Board meeting
2. **ODDPC/Coalition** – Committees have been meeting regularly. The next Whole Coalition Meeting is October 24, 2024 being held at Ohio Contractor's Association (1313 Dublin Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43215)
3. **All-Ohio DPC Blood Drive** - Liz Pyles announced the All-OHIO DPC Blood Drive Challenge and challenged the entire CODPC to donate blood so the council could win the challenge. The blood drive runs through August.
4. **UTC/PUCO** – Next Meeting time is 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 being held at 180 E Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Discussion: Damages & locate issues – Damages with shovels have increased recently with the ground being so hard.

If you see any damage to the coating on steel gas lines, please call it in; it's always nice to be able to review it and repair while the trench is open

Homeowners have been refusing to allow locators within areas; please help with communication when you can

The success rate is great, always remember we have a large amount of projects with no damages!

Liz Pyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. and Steve Buskirk seconded the motion.

Next Meeting: **October 16th, 9am @ Builders Exchange, 1175 Dublin Rd**