

# Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

## October 16, 2024

### Meeting Minutes

**Mission Statement:** The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was created to promote safety by bringing together underground facility operators, governmental agencies, excavators, industry associations, and service providers to address issues related to the goal of reducing damages to underground facilities, to provide cooperation and coordination of construction activities, and to improve communications, involvement, and commitment to these goals.

Meeting called to order by Liz Pyles at 9am

Mission Statement read by Lori Wade

Emergency Action Plan – Joel Johnson

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Attendees:

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| 1. Joel Johnson    | 8. Mitch Richard   | 15. Deborah Harris |
| 2. Liz Pyles       | 9. Clay Calland    | 16. Zac Maynard    |
| 3. Jessica Burlett | 10. Shane Lanning  | 17. Blake Ross     |
| 4. Jason Broyles   | 11. Al Tonetti     | 18. James Jewell   |
| 5. Lori Wad        | 12. Josh Kleemeyer | 19. Kevin Baxter   |
| 6. Jon Foley       | 13. Andrea Davis   | 20. Roy Sachleben  |
| 7. Eric Morris     | 14. Steve Buskirk  |                    |

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – *Joel Johnson made a motion to approve minutes, motion seconded by Jason Broyles. September meeting minutes were approved.*

Guest Speaker – Mr. Zach Lohr & Water leak detecting dog Keena, Del-Co Water *(If you are interested in obtaining the presentation, please email Jessica Burlett)*

#### DPC Committees

- Newsletter – Still working on the year-end review.
- By-Laws – Steve Buskirk mentioned that the meetings are going well. Mr. Buskirk brought up that redlined corrections will be imputed and shared next meeting.

## Old Business

Farm Science Review – *Jason Broyles thanked the volunteers on behalf of Frank Riegler.*

ICWHY & OHIO811 Sporting Clays Event – *Mitch Richard wanted to thank the council for making the event a success. This year's event had 173 registered shooters. Next event will be boots & coats. You can reach out to Mr. Richard for more information regarding boots & coats event.*

## New Business

*Liz Pyles mentioned the upcoming December meeting celebration.*

## Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates – Jason Broyles spoke gave the
  - a. Stats - *Locate Request Volume:*  
*September 2024: 140,248 which is up 2.4% from September 2023*  
*Year to Date 2024: 1,203,100 which is down 2.04% from 2023 YTD at close of September*
  - b. Excavator Seminars - **Youngstown – Tuesday October 22, 2024, Hilliard – Wednesday October 23, 2024, Lima – Thursday October 24, 2024, Sandusky – Friday October 25, 2024**
2. OUUDPC/Coalition
  - a. Whole Coalition Meeting: January 16th, 2025, Ohio Contractor Association (1313 Dublin Rd, Columbus, OH 43215)
3. UTC/PUCO
  - a. 10 AM on November 14th. The meeting will be held at 180 E Broad Street, Columbus OH 43215.

## Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – *Lori Wade spoke on the increase of damages to Columbia Gas facilities. Ms. Wade asked for excavators to slow down and put safety first to avoid unnecessary damages.*

**Meeting adjourned at 10:17am.**

Next Meeting:     **November 20, 2024**  
GPD Group  
1801 Watermark Dr #210  
Columbus, OH 43215