

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

November 20, 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.

Emergency Action Plan – Jessica Burlett. Mrs. Burlett also read the mission statement.

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Attendance:

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| 1. Mike Tom | 9. Mike Wine | 17. Andy Watters |
| 2. Al Tonetti | 10. Bradley Hegwood | 18. Adam Stevens |
| 3. Josh Kleemeyer | 11. Jenna Eaves | 19. Jacqueline Kelley |
| 4. Corey Taylor | 12. Blake Ross | 20. Eric Morris |
| 5. Kevin Baxter | 13. Alex McCann | 21. Andrea Davis |
| 6. Aaron Hunt | 14. Frank Riegler | 22. Jessica Burlett |
| 7. Matt Reinhart | 15. Adam M Ryan | 23. Steve Buskirk |
| 8. Steve Buskirk | 16. Brain Tschanen | 24. Russ Bowerman |
| | | 25. Todd Hills |
| | | 26. Joel Johnson |

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Joel Johnson

- Joel Johnson made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Steve Buskirk seconded the motion. October meeting minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker – Round Table discussions with Brian Tschanen with Vaughn Industries and Alex McCann and Andy Watters with Shelly and Sands; “What makes an attractive plan set?” – A Contractors Point of View.

DPC Committees

- Newsletter -
 - please send in your pictures that you think are best to reflect the year to Liz
- By-Laws – *Steve Buskirk spoke about the progress the by-laws committee has made and where the committee is currently at, in regards to new language. Mr. Buskirk let the council know the committee went through the document line by line and updated certain*

language. Mr. Buskirk notified the council changes have been made and recommended. Joel Johnson will send out the current changes to the council for comments. The comments and changes will be discussed in the December meeting and we will try to finalize the language in the January meeting with a vote.

Old Business

- Christmas Party meeting – please bring SWAG, door prizes. Liz Pyles mentioned that the Christmas party will be next month and asked the council to bring some swag to raffle off.

New Business

- Carbon Monoxide (CO) safety moment. Lori Wade supplied a safety write up on CO awareness. The safety sheet is attached.
- Officer Elections – Liz Pyles notified the council about the upcoming elections and asked for all nominations get sent to Frank Riegler in a timely manner.
 - during December in-person only meeting
 - **please provide all officer nominations to Frank Riegler no later than 12-13-2024**
- Meeting Locations 2025
 - BX: *January, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September*
The council in attendance would like to keep the open dates open for now. Some people spoke up and liked the “field trip” type meetings.
- Marking Standard Committee 2025
 - Need two member representatives – *Joel Johnson, Liz Pyles & Lori Wade as an alternate.*

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates

a. Stats - Ohio811 Stats - Ticket Volume

Total YTD - October 1,354,174 -.71%

Oct 151,074 +11.35% over last year

October was the 2nd highest ticket Volume of the year largest was May 153,541

b. Excavator Seminars – Dates coming in near future

2. OUDPC/Coalition

a. Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition: Will be held from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 1313 Dublin Road, Columbus.

i. January 16, 2025, April 17, 2025, July 17, 2025, October 16, 2025

b. Utility Coordination Subcommittee Meetings: Will be held from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm via Microsoft Teams

- i. March 18, 2025, June 17, 2025, September 16, 2025, December 16, 2025
 - c. Abandoned Lines Subcommittee Meetings: Will be held from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm via Microsoft Teams
 - i. January 14, 2025, April 8, 2025, July 8, 2025, October 14, 2025
- 3. UTC/PUCO
 - a. Next meeting will be on January 9th (tentative) virtual only 2025

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – Lori Wade notified the council that Utilquest will no longer be locating Columbia Gas lines beginning in January 2025. If any issues arise, please call Lori Wade and she will try to help out in any way. Gridhawk will be the locating group taking over the locates for Columbia Gas.

Next Meeting: **December 18, 2024 in-person only**
Builder's Exchange

