

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2025

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. – read by Blake Ross

Emergency Action Plan – Frank Riegler

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Guest Speakers: Brad Leonard (Field Leader – Corrosion) and Todd Flowers (Manager – Corrosion) with Columbia Gas on Cathodic Protection Systems

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Jessica Burlett reviewed the December meeting minutes; Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes. Lori Wade seconded the motion. All voted and the minutes were approved.

DPC Committees

- Newsletter
- By-Laws
 - Brad made a motion to approve the bylaw changes as written in the document prepared by the By-Laws Committee. Lori Wade seconded the motion. The group discussed wording around the membership attendance requirements and felt the wording did not reflect the intention. A vote was taken for the motion, in favor: 1, not in favor: majority of those present. The motion failed.
 - It was discussed the group would like to meeting one more time to review the wording around the attendance requirements. Liz also mentioned there was discussion on if succession needed to be reviewed for positions that it doesn't mention what occurs.

Old Business

New Business

Home and Garden Show February 15-23, 2025

Contact Frank should you wish to help volunteer for this event

Marking Standards Committee

Discussed the idea the Southwest council has brought up, should a delineation marking be made between a line being marked by record or by field locate; it was suggested to review the marking standards and bring up to the council if you see anything that should be modified

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates

- a. Stats
- b. Excavator Seminars
- c. Paradigm meetings

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

ii. Active subcommittees:

1. Training
2. Utility Coordination
 - a. White Lining Focus Group
 - b. Size/Scope Focus group
 - c. Life of Ticket Focus Group
3. Abandoned Lines

3. UTC/PUCO

a. Virtual meeting January 9, 2025; next meeting is Thursday February 20, 2025 at 9 a.m. Virtual

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – N/A

Next Meeting: **February 19, 2025**

Franklin County Engineer's Office

970 Dublin Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Meeting Locations 2025

- BX: January, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September
- Franklin County Engineer's Office: February
- GPD Group: October, November, December