

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Agenda

November 19, 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.

Mission statement was read by Jon Foley

Emergency Action Plan – Jessica Burlett

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Attendance:

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| 1. Dan Parker | 11. Frank Riegler | 21. Alex McCann |
| 2. Eric Morris | 12. Russell Bowerman | 22. Michael Wine |
| 3. Alan Tonetti | 13. Corey Terry | 23. Steve Buskirk |
| 4. Kelly Carpenter | 14. Kevin Baxter | 24. Jessica Burlett |
| 5. Adam Ryan | 15. Mitch Richard | 25. Liz Pyles |
| 6. Jon Foley | 16. Josh Kleeymeyer | 26. Joel Johnson |
| 7. Jacqueline Kelley | 17. Chuck Cunningham | |
| 8. Ian Stipes | 18. Collins Cranmer | |
| 9. Mike Tom | 19. Brad Hegwood | |
| 10. Steve Ryan | 20. Blake Ross | |

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Joel Johnson, Jacque Kelley made a second. October meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Guest Speakers: None

DPC Committees

- Newsletter – No updates yet.

- By-Laws – Brad Hegwood announced new language is being written and will be presented at our next by-laws meeting. Please be on the lookout for the meeting invite. Next meeting date is December 3rd.

Old Business

Officer Elections November: Elizabeth Pyles gave a quick overview of the by-laws, regarding voting and who is allowed to vote.

Vice-Chair – Josh Kleemeyer and Brad Hegwood were nominated by Liz Pyles. Brad did not accept the nomination. Josh Kleemeyer won by acclamation.

Secretary – Jessica Burlett nominated Joel Johnson. Joel Johnson won by acclamation.

New Business

Christmas Breakfast, swag always appreciated from companies for door prizes! Please reach out to the officers if you have any swag or door prizes to donate.

Frank Rielger announced we will be boring a water line at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. We are looking for volunteers to help with the bore and vendors to display setups. April 22nd is the date of our “2nd Annual Utility Showcase”.

Frank Riegler presented an idea on awarding an individual going above and beyond promoting safe digging. Frank asked the council for feedback on this idea.

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates
 - a. Stats – <https://oups.org/stats/>
 - b. Fall Excavator Seminars - All meetings are complete for the year.
2. OUDPC/Coalition - <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb227>
 - a. Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition: Will be held from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 1313 Dublin Road, Columbus.
 - i. 2026 OUDPC Full Coalition meeting dates below:
January 15th, April 16th, July 16th, October 15th.
 - b. All meetings are held at the Ohio Contractors Association building 10am-2pm
3. UTC/PUCO
 - a. December 11, 2025 – Meeting is in person or online. Kevin Baxter spoke about how busy the UTC is getting with complaints.

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues and good things – Josh Kleeymeyer spoke on a trench collapse in Massachusetts that resulted in a death.
- Liz Pyle mentioned that Columbia Gas (Gridhawk) brought in extra help from out of state to help with the volume of dig tickets.

Next Meeting: **December 17, 2025**
 GPD Group

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Meeting Locations 2025

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

