



OUDDPC Coalition Meeting

Ohio Contractors Association

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10:00AM

***Attendance:** Kevin Campbell, Jason Broyles, Shawn Hudgel, Brad Shoemaker, James Mander, Roger Lipscomb, Al Tonetti, Drew Williams, Mike Burroguhs, Jason Harvey, Mary Logan So, April Mitchell, Dave Coniglio, Jim Wooten, Josh Bowmen, Greg Vergamini, Jim Collins, Pat Murphy, Lori Wade, Stephen Thomas, Alex McCann, Jamie Gillen, Kyle McCloud, Kara Arnold, James Fanucan, Jim Mander, Scott Mergler, Brett Thomas, Blake Ross, Griffen Weasel, Elizabeth Pyles, Jimmy Stewart, Davy Meyers, Collin Crigger, Brian Holden, Justin Freudeman, Deron large, Shawn Hudgel, Johnny Henson, Chirstina Polesovsky, Dave Koren, mark Armstrong, Brian Hickman, Michele Holdgreve, Mike Wilson, Greg first, Steven Neilson, Plus 4 for head count. (Attendance taken through QR code)*

Greg First opened the meeting at 10:07am

Greg asked everyone at the meeting to scan the QR code to sign in.

Greg reviewed the emergency action plan.

Greg reviewed the guidelines of engagement for the group.

Greg asked the group to introduce themselves.

Greg asked for a review of the previous meeting minutes,

Motion, Partrick Murphy seconded Brad Shoemaker

Minutes passed unanimously.

Roger Lipscomb- working with ODOT, they have a couple of things to bring to the coalition, wants to create a subcommittee to discuss some things. May have something working already that representative Klopfenstein is wanting as well. Things above ground also

applies to things above ground. This will be about the above ground things that are attached to the underground as well. Roger turned it over to Josh to explain.

Josh Bowman- ODOT- what we want to do, through this coalition possibly, to collaborate and work together on relocation on highways, (poles moved, utilities relocated in an appropriate time.)

Roger- Klopfenstein is concerned about BEAD money coming in, and with poles that need removed, double poles, etc. A lot of this fits in to what ODOT is running into. In Right of ways how do we get this addressed? Will keep coalition informed as it moves forward with the representative. ODOT has pledged to be a partner in the coalition.

Josh Bowman- We do some great things with relocations and probably do better than most states but do have some things that make it challenging. Just want to collaborate in some fashion to figure out a better way.

Roger- if we feel like at some point it will be beneficial to form a subcommittee we will, but not going to do that at this point. Representative Klopfenstein has been frustrated with things in the field, double poles for years, broken poles tied to other poles. We started talking a couple months ago, how do you coordinate that and hold the right people accountable. If it doesn't work out then we will get a committee formed to discuss it. Working on draft language the representative has, and we will address the power and commination companies, and ODOT, and try to get some alignment on that. Then bring it to the coalition and have them review to push it across the finish line. Even though it's aerial, it still involves the coalition.

Stephen- Some abandoned line language as well in the proposed language as well.

Roger- trying to do the aerial and underground in one bill may be a bit much. Representative Klopfenstein has agreed to work on aerial first, then let the coalition discuss the underground portion. Representative Klopfenstein ran into a crew doing underground fiber, no one spoke English, and had no markings on their vehicles. As OHIO811 we are trying to get in front of it and mitigate the impact of it. Stay tuned as this progresses, we will keep you updated.

Josh Bowman- Also, congratulations on HB227 as well!

Roger Lipscomb- Next meeting, Jason and I are going to have a surprise for everyone in the group as a thank you for the effort to get that passed. For those new to the coalition, when this was formed In Feb 2011, it has proven to be the right vehicle to address legislation in the state of Ohio, it is by the industry, for the industry. HB227 we were very focused on that. Inadvertently, we created some confusion when we created the new committees because

they were not names correctly. Example, the mapping, is it maps at the center, or utility maps? We think we need to regroup at this meeting today, go through the committees we have working, go through the co-chairs, and the original purpose of the committees. Want to stay to the core purpose of the committee, if it starts to wonder off to far, it may merit a new discussion group. Getting everyone on the same page with what that committee is for, and also to name them correctly so the intention is clear of the committee. We were counterproductive because of the confusion. The Damage reporting committee should really be about data collection of the damage. It's a data collection and analytics committee. Get meaningful data around those incidents to make best practices and write better legislation going forward. Less about mandatory damage reporting, and more about data collection and analytics. Even near misses could be included in that. Asked the group if they agree or disagree.

Christina- I think the committee felt like we needed to see what was passing in the bill because things were progressing quickly, then come back to the language to see if there si anything that needs addressed to revise the ORC. Think its up to the subcommittee and the coalition to determine what that group needs to do. The data informs the policy. If there are things we think need adjusted we can look at that, or step back and see how it works for a couple years and then take a look at it.

Roger- In the mandatory damage reporting language. It is very basic. There is a lot of data that needs to be collected that is not required right now. So maybe taking a look at what data points we want to collect is, beyond what is required currently. How do we begin to collect other meaningful data surrounding that? Want to make sure we are on the same page. Want everyone on the same page for the purpose of these committees and reduce confusion.

Dave Coniglio and Mark Armstrong- co chairs over the UTC language. What are we calling it? Not a name to it yet.

The purpose of this committee is to look at deficiencies that have come to light since its existence in 2016. Time to flush out some of the language that isn't working. Its an 18 member group. Talked to various members that think the language that needs looked at. Maybe be called the UTC review committee. Looking at the rules and regulations of the UTC and its purpose and try to work all that out. If someone gets appointed and doesn't show up, what mechanism is there to have that person replaced. Once you get your appointment for 4 years, you are there whether you are doing what they are required to or not. The idea is to look at the UTC language, improve it, revise it, fix it, or any new things that need to be addressed.

Mark Armstrong- Look forward to getting it together, opportunity for improvement, will gain input from everyone, everyone is busy, but look forward to diving in.

Scott Mergler- The more cases we get, the more loopholes and cracks in the foundation that need to be addressed/cleaned up.

Roger- One of the biggest problems I see is the way the ethics laws in Ohio are written, someone may have to recuse themselves because of affiliation, so if someone has to recuse themselves on almost every case, then they can't add their industry expertise. Need to make it so they can add their expertise but just recuse themselves from the vote. Some of the complaints also don't have enough information submitted. Need to give legislative cover to turn back complaints until a sufficient amount of information is given to be able to hear the case.

Everyone good with the UTC review committee?

Encourage everyone who has been involved in the process in anyway to get involved.

Jason Broyles- Does the language in red make sense to everyone as far as what the purpose of the committee is?

No complaints.

Roger Lipscomb- The next committee, Duties of an excavator. This is really broad. Co-chairs are Jim Mander and Mike Wartko. This committee was formed for a specific purpose. In 458 we put language around nondestructive manner, and about potholing, when you have to pothole and when you don't have to. Some municipalities determine cutting pavement to pothole is destructive and are not issuing permits to be able to pothole and work safely. One concern is do we have all the right people at the table? What I don't want as a leadership group, we don't want one-sided committees. It took a lot of effort because there were concerns coming from groups at the 11th hour. Want to mitigate having things come up at the last minute because they weren't involved in the subcommittee. If we have balance on these committees if we can get well rounded representation, and getting the right organizations involved in those conversations that are going to be directly affected. For example, the Ohio Boring Contractors should be at the table for this conversation in order to mitigate issues later since they are directly affected by any change in this language. Met with Jim and Mike this morning to work through those issues. What would we like to call this committee

Jim Mander- What we are discussing falls under duties of an excavator, don't care what it is named.

Mary Logan So- have to know that it isn't worth the time or not to get on, so if it is just about drilling, then those who don't drill don't need to be on it.

Roger Lipscomb- Have to know if it affects you are not. Should it be potholing requirement?

Jim Mandera- Like what Jason has up now (Horizontal Directional Drilling Requirements) .

Roger Lipscomb- In 458, when horizontal drilling became a thing, that's when all this came about. Its time to fix the issues around this, and fix the definition of nondestructive manner.

Lori Wade- Could you put in there horizontal directional drilling requirements and potholing?

Roger Lipscom- How do the laws we have in place now working? If things don't fit, then we need to clean that up. I like how it is set up now because it pertains to a certain type of potholing. With more congestion in the right of way, more work is being done with drills.

Mike- it is the standard, only open cut if we have to.

Roger- its so widely used now, that we have to make sure existing utilities are safe and things are being done in a safe manner. Jim and Mike, are you comfortable with this name?

Christina Polesovsky- Event the definition of horizontal direction drilling could be more specific.

Roger Lipscomb- We will make sure that we clear that up during the committee discussions.

The next one, Updating mapping/records in a timely manner. Collins Crammer and Deron Large.

Deron Large- I will have to step down, I won't have time to be able to do it.

Roger Lipscomb- Will be looking for an additional co-chair for this committee.

This is an important one, if something gets built today, how soon does that get into the records and the locators hands, and the centers hands to make sure that line is getting protected. If it doesn't show up for 12 months, that could be an issue. How do we compel the utilities to keep their records up to date. Or getting the information on a new build on their, and to make sure the center gets the update so that utility can get the notification. In talking with some excavators that have had some damages, they are newer facilities that never got added to the records, and the locators don't know its there. This mapping committee is really about making sure we find some way to hold utilities accountable to keep things up to date and more current, or how to make it available so people can dig safely. With the BEAD money coming, there is a bunch of stuff going in thr ground now that

isn't in the system yet. The records of the build may not be turned in until the job is completed, and we need to get that process fixed. Will need to find another co chair to fill Deron's spot. Is everyone ok with what we have here for the purpose?

Jim Mandera- Yes, this was the original intent.

Jim Wooten- nominate Mike Burroughs to co-chair.

Jason Broyles- Does that make it seem as two contractors leading it, or would mike be considered utility since he marks for gas?

Roger Lipscomb- That's a good point, we always try to make sure we have representation from different entities.

Scott Mergler- Think mike would be a good one for that.

Roger Lipscomb- Anyone have any issues with mike co-chairing?

Group was good with Mike being the co-chair.

Jason Broyles- Need a name for it as well.

Roger Lipscomb- Utility mapping updates or utility mapping updates. Make it short so it can be remembered.

Utility mapping/Records update is the name that the group settled on.

Roger Lipscomb- Next one, Misuse of the 811 system- co chairs Chris Russ and Alex McCann are the co-chairs.

Defining what is miss use? A city called, said there was a bogus emergency ticket that got called in for a water line repair. Ended up that it was a bogus ticket. There is a locator that works for a contract locator company. He is a neighbor, had a ticket faked to paint the front yard to upset his neighbor even though there was no real work. That situation, they should be able to be brought before the UTC and held accountable. These are the types of things we can define as misuse of the system. In this instance, everyone had to respond to this because neighbors can't get along.

Jim Wooten- should it be misuse and abuse?

Roger Lipscomb- Misuse is needing to be taught how to use it properly, abuse means someone is purposely doing something.

Patrick Murphy- calling in a ticket, and then calling a ticket again every 10 days for months, and then never showing up to do the work?

Mary Logan So- Need to put yourself in other people shoes and come together. If the law is forcing someone to do something to cover themselves, then we need to get the law fixed.

Roger Lipscomb- What Mary is referring to is there are a number of companies, say a drop needs buried, 4 different contractors call them in, and whoever gets their first and gets it done get paid. That hurts the system when 4 different excavators call in the same tickets in case they can get there. Need to look at how we fix that. Maybe we allow that ticket to be duplicated, or piggybacking, a tickets gets called in and the contractors are listed on the ticket so any of those 4 can go out and do the work. But those things need to be identified so it can be fixed on our end. Everyone agreed on the new name (Misuse/Abuse of the 811 System)

Roger Lipscomb- Onto the next one, Mandatory Damage Reporting.

Christina Polesovsky- Do we still need this committee?

Roger Lipscomb- I think we do, all the stuff we have in their now, we need to make sure we are looking at this. What was put in HB227 isn't going to be enough the next time we are asked to provide meaningful data when asked for it.

Mary Logan So- Need to figure out what the UTC and the PUCO wants. Feels like are spinning our wheels.

Roger Lipscomb- The PUCO will probably not engage in this, had Senator Wilkin's language stayed, it would have been reported to the PUCO, but it will be much better with OHIO811 collecting that data. This committee needs to discuss how we collect these data points, and what data we collect. The UTC was at the center last week and talked to a number of the members and asked them to get involved in this committee. As well as being on the UTC review committee. Need to define in law what is required, much how we did with the training language. The group needs to decide if they support having this committee.

Mike Wilson- We got people comfortable with the language on reporting.

Roger Lipscomb- When this went in with HB227, it is very basic information, and we need to expand upon that.

Christina Polesovsky- I think the question I have is, is this a legislative change, or how OHIO811 does their business. We want OHIO811 to be successful of course but is it something that needs done legislatively.

Roger Lipscomb- I would say keep the committee but maybe look at giving OHIO811 the authority to be able to get that information.

Michele Holdgreve- Giving OHIO811 the authority is a completely different thing.

Roger Lipscomb- This type of criteria will be submitted to the center for collection. Christina is right, we can continue to do it voluntarily, but it doesn't generally work.

Michele Holgreve- But the law has changed, maybe we should let the law work and see what we get, if there are non-compliance issues, then we can look at opening it up again to get those issues fixed.

Roger Lipscomb- Don't disagree, but we have done that before and it took a long time to go back to it. The information required now is very basic, good, but limited. If the coalition doesn't support this right now, I will stand down and see how things shake out. In conversations with Senator Wilkin, I do feel like it won't be enough.

Jim Wooten- The law change isn't for the utilities to report, it's about whoever damages the facility.

Roger Lipscomb- Need to be able to collect information. The call gets made and they report it, but want to get more information.

Mary Logan So- The reporting is happening live, this may be a follow up thing, like a DIRT report.

Roger Lipscomb- I'll stand down on this because there doesn't seem to be support. I will try to figure some things out and bring it back to the coalition.

Greg First- Question, Senator Wilkin is under the impression that we have a subcommittee working on this, will it be an issue if we disband that committee.

Roger Lipscomb- Stephen and I will talk to the Senator and explain it to him as far as what is happening.

Scott Mergler- In a year or two, if the data isn't matching up, then we can come back and see what we need to do.

Stephen Neilson- Think the Senator will feel the same way, let's see how this works and revisit later.

Greg First- Just didn't want to give the impression we aren't taking this seriously. Will be taking a call to officially disband this committee.

Christina Polesovsky- I think we need to see how the current language works.

Greg First- Called for a motion to disband this subcommittee- Greg First motioned, Mary Logan so seconded.

Disbanding this subcommittee passes unanimously.

Jason Broyles- also have two other subcommittees that we are going to ask for the same thing.

Roger Lipscomb- Have we discussed all the other subcommittees?

Jason- Except for the large complex project yes.

Greg First- Brad shoemaker made a motion, Jim Wooten seconded to disbanding the training subcommittee.

Motion passes unanimously

Greg First- Exemptions Subcommittee, Jim Collins motioned to disband the exemptions subcommittee, Scott Mergler seconded.

Motion passes unanimously

Jason Broyles- Do we want to have the large complex project discussion?

Brad Shoemaker- Make a motion to disband the enforcement subcommittee, Jim Manderla seconded.

Greg First- Asked what that was pertaining to again?

Jason Broyles- Training and OHIO811 providing notices to the full membership.

Roger Lipscomb- yes, they have completed their work.

Jason Broyles- Any discussion?

Motion passes unanimously

Jason Broyles- Do we want to discuss the complex large project subcommittee? To start having conversations,

Jim Manderla- I think we had discussed lumping that in with another committee?

Jim Wooten- Yes, will talk about that on the committee update.

Roger Lipscomb- We have had the process in the law for this already, and that if you do this process the 48 hours doesn't apply. The process is simple, but the problem is the process isn't enforceable.

Mary Logan So- the concept of delays contributes to things getting in the way. Those who don't show up don't get the benefits, but if you show up you get the benefit.

Roger Lipscomb- It should be mandatory for a utility to attend that meeting. Once the marking schedule is agreed upon, everyone should get a copy of it, and the center should

probably have a copy as well as a neutral party. Pennsylvania does coordinate PA, we tried to do it in Ohio as well, but it was expensive. They have seen damages significantly reduced with this process. The closest we have to it is what we have in the law currently, which could work, but people have to be held accountable to it. The ones that don't show up to the meeting are the first ones to have issues when the tickets are called in. It has to start with the definition though. What a large project is defined as now is subjective. Needs to be less of a large project, and be a complex project. I think it's important considering a subcommittee to take a look at this to make it something where everyone can be held accountable. When everyone follows it, things go much smoother, and damages are reduced.

Mary Logan So- I was on the committee before, need to understand everyone's perspective. Understanding the number of conflicts that are going to be on a project. Have had meetings, exchange contacts, and it works very effectively.

Bret Thomas- These folks are calling in 20, 40, 50 square miles, marking hundreds of miles or phone lines, but the reality is they aren't near it.

Mary Logan So- We define that we won't be in certain areas all at once, but then when working in certain areas, we call in separate tickets for certain areas.

Roger Lipscomb- Have a committee to look at the framework already in the law, and less of a large project, and more of a utility coordination committee.

Jim Wooten- Wasn't Jennifer Reams the co-chair on that committee?

Roger Lipscomb- Yes and we aren't disbanding it but trying to define what the objective is.

Jim Mandera- Agree that it needs to continue.

Roger Lipscomb- Big issues is what would trigger this process, it needs to be defined. The CSR's will tell someone that is probably would fit this process, but if the contractor says no, then they can't tell them no. If there is a definition, then that process would have to be followed. That would give us a huge advantage to make sure those projects are getting communication.

Mary Logan So- limiting size and scope is just going to have more tickets called in and the same amount of work will be done.

Roger Lipscomb- If you do that, then if we have the definition of a complex project, then it can be a complex project ticket instead of multiple smaller tickets. If you follow the large/complex project process, then you aren't bound by the size and scope requirements.

It suspends that, and it suspends the 2 working days not including the day of notification requirement. All of those things will still apply to all the other types or notifications.

Brad Shoemaker- If we get that definition, then that can trigger conversations on what is important to everyone.

Greg First- We know this subcommittee is important, and it needs to be discussed, but more so at a subcommittee level.

Roger Lipscomb- Will regroup with the co-chairs and get this launched. Jason Broyles will send out a notice that the meetings will be starting.

Jason Broyles- Jennifer Reams and Johnny Henson are the co-chairs for that committee.

Broke for lunch at 11:55am

Reconvened from lunch at 12:30,

Greg First recognized Shelly and Sands, thank you for sponsoring lunch

Greg First- As we move into the second portion of this meeting, lets not rehash the titles of the subcommittee's, the new names will not be on the agenda today, but it will be changed for our 3rd quarter meeting. Will turn the meeting over the Mike Wilson.

Subcommittee report outs.

Jim Wooten and Clayton Heitz,

Jim Wooten- White lining group did not meet yet, were waiting on the Center Logix switch over.

Size and scope, had a meeting on Monday. Sent this out for our 45 day review a while ago, we got back 3 responses. Want to show the group what the responses were.

Jim Mandera- When it was sent out for review, what do you use as the distribution list?

Jim Wooten- Jason Broyles sends those out.

Jason Broyles- Showed the group he distribution list that the language gets sent out to via email for review.

Jim Wooten- Mary Logan So had a question, if you have a ticket that exceeds what the requirement would be, how long do you have to fix it. There would be a 90 day grace period.

Mary Logan So- Don't mind how its done, but just need to know in order to make sure we stay compliant, and all people who call in tickets would need to know.

Jim Wooten- Would need to be some education, and at the end of the day the excavator would be responsible for knowing the new regulation.

Mary Logan So- That would be for new tickets only, the old tickets could exceed the required footage.

Jim Wooten- Any ticket prior to that, they would still be good until that ticket is no longer valid I would think.

Also a questions around learning the reason for including “within the public utility right of way”

Went back for several meetings to find out where it came from. The purpose was for linear feet, which pertains to the right of way. If you call in for 500 or 1,000 foot back off the road, that wouldn't count on the max distance area. Its just going to be linear feet on the lublic utility right of way. Didn't see a reason as a group to remove it.

Roger Lipscomb- I think its important that you do leave tha tin there. What about a property that is 1,000 ft back off the road. There is the public way, roads, bridges, ect... and public rights of way which is the area off of the road. Maybe want to consider utility easements, because that is one thing that was a concern is capturing distance off of the road. If you're talking about linear feet, you may have a linear run outside of the public right of way.

Stephen Thomas- What if I am calling in a ticket in the road, can that ticket be 5,000 feet long? If its not the public right of way, can the ticket be longer?

Roger Lipscomb- The question would be with LSC, with the two definitions, how can one statement cover both of those definitions.

Stephen Thomas- Even if I am up in the yard, then I could call in a larger ticket since I'm not in the public right of way.

Roger Lipscomb- If you think of where most utilities reside, they are mostly in the public rights of way. The questions I don't know is, is that distinction of public rights of way and public way make a difference with this? This may only apply to the right of way. If there is a guaranteed utility easement may be something to talk about as well.

Stephen Thomas- Could it be as something measured against it. Not so specific with it being in the public rights of way.

Mary Logan So- Agreed, and we agreed to the linear footage because we could call in back further off of the road.

Jim Wooten- A homeowner has a ½ mile long property, he would have to call it in on two separate notifications, but could go back as far back off the road as needed.

Roger Lipscomb- When Klopfenstein brought the poles and aerial things to me, that's when the two different definitions with public way and public rights of way. For years, the industry has always used public rights of way to cover the area off the road and the road. This nuance now has brought some questions on if we need to use both public rights of way and public way in our language.

Brad Shoemaker- And when measure parallel to the public rights of way.

Shawn Hudgel- people are confusing public rights of way with the utility easements. Need to distinguish between the two. The easement may be outside the rights of way of that road.

Jim Wooten- We could just strike that out possibly, but can discuss at committee.

When this was sent out for review, we didn't get any response back about 1, 2, and 3, covering the types of roadways. Interstate highways we agree the length could be 5,280 linear feet. Multi lane divided roadway systems and multilane undivided high way systems are also included. There was some disagreement with that as well in our last meeting. This could have a situation where a congested area could have a mile long ticket. May look at doing incorporated and unincorporated areas to help alleviate that issue. Also talked about putting the complex project and the size and scope committee as one. It didn't work out before, but had further discussions, and have decided to not combine them back again. We will come up with some definitions for the roadways in order to keep those tickets from being called in for a mile in the city limit areas.

Roger Lipscomb- Where did the definitions come from?

Michele Holgreve- I don't know that we ever came across a definition to be used for this.

Dave Coniglio- Don't know if they used ODOT definition.

Roger Lipscomb- Instead of coming up with a new definition, see if there are existing definitions and use that as a framework so we don't have to redefine anything.

Jim Wooten- We will do the research and come back together, encourage you all to come to the meetings and we can discuss.

Jason Broyles- I think it came back from the ODOT spec book.

Drew Willaims- It was either the ODOT spec book or federal DOT.

Michele Holgreve-4511.01 traffic motor vehicle, has definitions and rights of way definitions.

Shawn Hudgel- In HB227, it says when performed in the public rights of way, may be good to use that.

Jim Wooten- Will take a look at that. We will meet again, and would like to get this all presented to everyone at the next coalition meeting.

Abandoned Lines subcommittee

Mary Logan So- Haven't sent the meeting minutes yet, working on getting language we can agree to. 5 parts of language, close on 4, a little far off on one.

A through D have good alignment

We have added definitions, have had a lot of involvement on the gas side, some information from other entities.

These definitions don't necessarily have to be in the law, but we did it to help everyone get on the same page. Seamus provided the definitions list.

The facility owner would be responsible for maintaining their records from a point forward basis, that way, when that line gets abandoned in the future, there is information that can be provided to the center. If you have information you would like to volunteer, that is encouraged, but not required.

Facility owners have a one year period from following the signed legislation to develop a format to transmit the information to OHIO811 for transmission to the excavator.

The information reporting to OHIO811, type of facility, size of utility, material type (if known) colors, and additional information to assist the excavator such as year of installation, depth/elevation at time of installation etc.. if known.

We know each utility has different types of information they keep, color of the utility isn't important to everyone, but material, size, type of utility can be kept.

All facilities are deemed the responsibility of the facility owner unless transfer of ownership is completed. Once it gets transferred to OHIO811 for abandoned lines data base, or the line is sold, you no longer are responsible for putting paint on that line. Excavators shall be furnished records by OHIO811 of such potential conflicts during the submittal of a utility locate request.

The last piece here does not have much alignment.

Duties of an excavator subcommittee

Jim Mander- A lot of this we touched on before, the goal is to clean up this section under the law. Within the existing law, the non destructive manner needs defined in the law. Want to clarify it doesn't include the road per say, it wasn't the intent. So want to add language around that. The big one we are working through, when potholing is required when installing a facility when running parallel. If we are running 100' away from something, why do we have to pothole that. As well, if it is inside the tolerance zone you have to pothole at beginning, end, and every 100'. Looking to revise footages for potholing requirements.

Some new language we have put together, if you are crossing a gravity sewer in the road, why break up the road that you know that gravity sewer is not going to be in conflict. Think it doesn't add to the safety of that excavation. If you can pop manhole lids, and verify depth of that gravity sewer, and can guarantee at least 5 foot of clearance, then you don't have to pothole that. People are questioning are we allowed to pop sewer lids? At Enbridge, we always pop those lids and camera the sewers to mitigate cross bores. If anyone knows if you are allowed to do that, I would like to hear that feedback. Would like to have the people who own the roads also get involved in these conversations as well. Really looking for more input, Roget is also worried about not having enough representation in these minutes. Also going to talk about how we directionally drill. Jason, have you sent this to everyone to review?

Jason Broyles- Yes, the modifications from the last meeting have.

Jim Mander- The popping of the sewer lids would be the only thing I see as potentially problematic, the rest is very beneficial.

Jim Collins- They want to be notified you are in their sewer system, not sure if it would be the same for just doing it to take a measurement.

Dominic Belsar- Is that limited to sewer lids?

Jim Mander- Just gravity sewer main lines. Take a measurement at upstream and downstream.

Dominick Belsar- just want to make sure someone isn't doing that to try to get depth on electric that would be in a manhole.

Have lids labeled whether its electric or telecom or sewer.

Mandatory Reporting- No longer applicable.

Misuse of 811

Alex McCann- will have our next meeting the 18th, looked at some different states to see what they are doing. Not on board with some of the language that other states have. Wanted to see what we really want to focus on. If there is an obvious bogus ticket, the center still has to take that ticket, and it has to be treated as though it is real by everyone. If we can come up with some language, then the center doesn't have to take that ticket, for example, bogus emergency tickets. That's where we want to start at, get some obvious issues and move forward from there. Not starting work in the 10 days, companies calling in tickets, and not having the work yet. And unnecessarily updating tickets. Looking at things as either misuse, or abuse. There will be some discussion at CGA regarding this as well, so may be some things we can take from that.

Roger Lipscomb- With it being a discussion at CGA, it shows that it is not something that is unique to Ohio. It has risen to a national level thing, which will help with the discussion for us as well.

Alex McCann- Want to focus on the big issues first to give us a good starting point.

Mapping/Records

Jason Broyles- First meeting was mostly discussing the intent of the committee, specifically looking at the newly installed records released to the locators so excavators won't run into utilities that are not marked, and they aren't on the maps yet even though they have been installed for months.

Talked about Columbia gas procedures with back flagging, and the timeline for getting that released to the contractor locators. Also, adding the proposed lines, the line hasn't been installed yet, but it has been engineered and knows that it is going to be built, and it shows up on the prints before it has even been installed. And that line is updated as the project progresses. Looking to find where the breakdown in communication is now with these processes in place, and what do we need to do to bridge the gap there so those utilities are not at risk, and it doesn't hold up the excavator.

Patrick Murphy- We update our own maps, other locators who work in the area like USIC, Benchmark, do they get updated maps from the other utilities?

Roger Lipscomb- Yes, but they can't always guarantee that those maps are accurate.

Brett Thomas- Usually that's an automatic update, they can't decline it.

Jim Wooten- They aren't all that way, each work different ways.

Jason Broyles- Having talked with the contract locators, utilities, and excavators, we are working to find out what the actual issue is and how to work that out moving forward.

UTC Review

That committee did not meet yet.

Roundtable and next steps

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