

Michigan Utility Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2016
1:00 PM
MITA Office

Bruce Campbell – MISS DIG
Mark Loch - OHM
Dirk Dunham – Consumers Energy
Al Dionise – AT&T
Erik Smith – DTE Energy
Adolfo Castillo – DTE Energy

Steve Puuri – CRA & MML
Nick Lefke – MDOT
Scott Greene - MDOT
Rachelle VanDeventer – MITA
Travis Stokes – Rauhorn Electric
Nick King – Rauhorn Electric

1. February 23, 2016 - MUCC Meeting Minutes
 - a. Final minutes have been sent
 - b. No concerns or issues were raised

2. Common Ground Alliance 811 Excavation Safety Conference & Expo (March 8-10, 2016 in Las Vegas - Recap)
 - a. Eric Barden (Spicer) presented MUCC's GUIDE during two breakout sessions, and Bruce Campbell and Dirk Dunham were available for questions.
 - b. Good turnout and amount of interest. People could see value in the fact that GUIDE is broader than just project based.

3. MISS DIG Design Ticket use for MDOT Design-Build (DB) Projects
 - a. Bruce Campbell reported on a recent situation for a locate request for digging in an area for a future DB project.
 - i. The question came up on whether a contractor should be submitting a dig ticket or design ticket prior to contractor award.
 - ii. Supposedly the contractor wanted to specifically locate utilities to help better understand their project design limitations.
 - b. MDOT has been using DB for years and will continue to utilize the DB process for appropriate projects in the future.
 - i. MDOT does a lot of utility coordination pre-design during the procurement phase and gathered utility information is included in advertised documents.
 - ii. There is nothing in the DB RFP that stops proposed bidders from submitting design ticket requests.
 - c. Since DB projects are all unique, and this has not been a consistent issue, the group will continue to monitor if these situations continue to come up and will discuss further then.
 - i. Is there a better model that we would recommend for the DB bidder?
 - d. MISS DIG will continue to promote the Design Ticket process to be sure everyone is aware of that process. In some cases the Design Ticket process may be more appropriate.
 - e. ***After meeting following up: The dig ticket request was for further soil investigation and not for additional utility location information. The proposed contractor had equipment in the area and was granted permission***

to perform open excavation. A dig ticket was placed prior to performing the excavation.

4. Phase II GUIDE Initiative

- a. Nick Lefke provided an overview on what GUIDE is and how it got started
- b. GUIDE has been funded purely through grant money to date
- c. As part of GUIDE Phase II, instructional documentation as well as a collector app is being developed
- d. Nick Lefke applied for SHRP2 Round 7 funding (\$150K) for continued GUIDE advancement
 - i. Should find out if money will be awarded in June
 - ii. Grant would be for proof of implementation
 - i. Would allow for GUIDE to be piloted at a larger scale (a whole MDOT region would be a possibility)
 - ii. Consultant would do the data collection
 - iii. Would help discover how GUIDE works in actual field environment
- e. Resources will be needed for GUIDE implementation
- f. It was suggested that GUIDE be presented to the 21st Century Infrastructure Committee
 - i. ***Rachelle discussed after the meeting with Ron Brenke, who is on the committee***
- g. Discussions on collecting GUIDE data during active construction projects
 - i. At this time, GUIDE is focused on perfecting the data collection, data storage, data retrieval and use in 3D design for permitted underground utility installations. Collecting underground utility data during construction is in the future. However, at this time, the GUIDE fundamentals are not in place to successfully collect and store this data.

5. 2017 MUCC Conference Planning

- a. Will need to begin planning for the 2017 MUCC Conference. Date has been set for Wednesday, January 18 at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant.
- b. The following topics were mentioned as possible topics:
 - i. GUIDE update
 - ii. Design tickets
 - iii. Local agency utility coordination
 - iv. Fundamentals for successful utility coordination
- c. Breakout sessions could be held
 - i. Additional rooms available
 - i. Two additional rooms would be available if breakouts are in the morning
 - ii. Three additional rooms would be available if breakouts are in the afternoon
 - iii. Additional rooms would hold 60 to 70 people

6. Steve Puuri mentioned a telecomm provider requesting to install a 40 inch diameter –

120 feet tall pole, for broadband purposes, within the right-of-way. Inquired if any other agencies had received similar requests. No one present has had a similar request.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 9:00 AM