



**DPA NAME: W Michigan**

Date, Time: Wed., Nov 1, 2017 1:30pm

Location: Plainfield Water Distribution Center

**ATTENDEES:** Ron Cordes, Cordes Trenching  
Bobbi Barile, Cordes Trenching  
Chad Snyder, Grand Rapids City  
Mike Chesher, Grand Rapids City  
Matt Weldon, Plainfield Twp  
Jack Hincks, USIC  
Linda Portelli, MISS DIG 811  
Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811

**ABSENCES:**

**PRESENTATION:** Gold Shovel Standard

**DISCUSSION:** The presentation was met with open-mindedness and also lots of questions. How long has GSS been in operation, how to report damages, the cost and what you get for your money, will this be another ISO 9000?

GSS will give contractors a competitive edge. Some said it seems like it's just more work – one more thing added to what they are already doing. Cordes Trenching is applying for GSS.

Power point for view on our website. Go to [www.goldshovelstandard.com](http://www.goldshovelstandard.com) for more information as well.

**ISSUES:** We talked about the 14-day rule, benefits of having a RTE account, and the SMS Certification Workshops. Grand Rapids City is interested and so it Cordes Trenching.

Matt Weldon had some positive response posing questions and I will help him once he has credentials.

**NEXT MEETING**

*Topic:*

*Date:* Feb 7, 2018

*Time:* 1:30 pm

*Location:* Plainfield Water Distribution Center