



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman
George Daffan, Vice Chairman
Susan Sullivan, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting for February 25, 2025
Hybrid Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Susan Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:32 AM. There were thirty-four (34) attendees onsite and thirteen (13) virtual attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 28, 2025, minutes was made by Julie Martin (Cossentino) and seconded by Diane Kershaw (WSSC). The motion carried by approval.

The approved meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>.

OPEN DISCUSSION

April Bradley (BGE) thanked excavators for waiting for tickets to clear during the recent spate of inclement weather. She also encouraged all users of Miss Utility to only update as necessary to eliminate unnecessary workload spikes to our region's locators.

Kevin Woolbright (DPC Chair) thanked all members of the Miss Utility Damage Prevention Training Team for taking time out of their workdays to support damage prevention training throughout the Miss Utility service territory.

Jim Barron (MD Authority) stressed the need to provide accurate information when filing an NPV as all input must be verified. Incorrect information can slow or prohibit the process from moving forward. When asked, Jim stated that 'no ticket' and various marking violations still trend the highest reasons for NPV filings.

Susan Stroud (MD Authority) reminded attendees that the Maryland Authority is a complaint driven organization and not real time. They are quasi-governmental and quasi-judicial and are funded by Miss Utility subscribers at 5 cents per outgoing ticket.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Wen Liang | Rockie Paras | Jorge Lagares | Edison Bracho | Mouad Alqasiri | Anchor Construction

Wen Liang started the presentation by introducing his team as noted above. They then spoke in detail about the following:

- Their Site Walk Down Procedure which aims to identify both known and potentially unknown underground utilities.
- The Utility Crossing Form which confirms test pitting underground facilities and includes pictures, dates, and other relevant information.
- A Utility Crossing Check List which tracks all crews and assigned foremen who will be crossing underground utilities at a given construction site and provides real-time oversight of all utility crossings.
- iSITE Ticketing System and Coordination which is used for project coordination, communication, and compliance.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

- Virtual ITICnxt Training
 - Upcoming trainings: March 6 | April 10 | May 1
 - Please visit <http://missutility.tryitic.com/> for multiple ITICnxt resources and a link to all 2024 Virtual ITICnxt training dates and preregistration links.
- Dashboard Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided ticket volume data for the month of January 2025.
 - Inbound ticket volume: 65,551 a monthly decrease of 8.389% compared to 2024
 - Outbound volume: 351,648 a year-to-date decrease of 12.611% compared to 2024
- Damage Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided YTD data through January 2025 of reported damages in MD/DC.
 - 95 utility damages (28 mains and 67 services)
 - 13.68% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 30.35% due to hitting a marked line
 - 45.26% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 10.53% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Jim Barron, Executive Director

There was a face-to-face Open Meeting and a Closed Executive Session of the Authority on February 12, 2025. A quorum was established, and the Authority conducted the following business in Open Meeting:

- We had the Election of Officers that was postponed from the January meeting.
 - Chair – David Wilkins from WSSC, Subscriber’s Seat
 - Vice-Chair - Jennifer Arroyo from One Call Concepts, One Call Seat
 - Treasurer –Tim Kaptein from the AUC of MD, Contractor’s Seat
 - Secretary – Bahareh Inanloo from Montgomery County, MACo Seat
- There are 62 NPV’s that need to be investigated and reviewed by the Authority.
- Deputy Director, Susan Stroud updated the Authority on the development of the Case Management System.
- She also took the Authority through a review of the Annual Report which is available on our website at www.mddpa.org.
- The Authority renewed their CGA Government Membership.

- The four members that will receive CGA e-mails are Executive Director -Jim Barron, Deputy Director - Susan Stroud, Chair - David Wilkins and Member - Keith Dill.
- The Authority approved a \$30,000 donation to the Miss Utility Media Campaign out of our Education and Outreach Account.
- The Authority approved the expenses to send Jim Barron and Susan Stroud to the CGA 25th Anniversary Conference in Orlando, FL the 2nd week of April.
- The next meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, to accommodate our Attorney, Paul Finamore to go over the dos and don'ts of Formal Hearings. Formal Hearings will then be scheduled starting in May.
- In the Closed Executive Session, the Authority reviewed five NPV's.

Title-12 Re-Write:

No plans for legislation at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo, Chairman
 - When: Tuesday, October 21 - Friday, October 24
 - Where: Ashore Resort & Beach Club
 - Registration: GCDPTC Early Bird registration will open on April 29
 - Sponsors/Exhibitors: Outreach to last year's sponsors/exhibitors will begin in late March
- Trade Show Updates
 - In March, Miss Utility will be participating in the:
 - Washington County Home Builders Home Show (March 1&2)
 - Maryland Spring Home & Garden Show (March 1 & 2 & 7-9)
 - Maryland Asphalt Association & Maryland State Highway Administration Annual Paving Conference (March 12)
- 2025 Scholarship Program | Scott Brown, Chair
 - The 2025 Miss Utility of Maryland/D.C. scholarship opened Jan. 27
 - The deadline for applying is Friday, May 23 at 11:59 p.m.
 - Awards Committee Kevin Woolbright - Chair
 - Please visit missutility.net and click on the Calendar Events tab for more information and online application
 - Currently we have 44 submissions.
- Awards Committee | Kevin Woolbright - Chair
 - 2025 Locator Achievement Awards nominations now open.
 - The deadline to apply was Thursday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m.
 - Please visit missutility.net and click on the Calendar Events tab for more information as well as the nomination form.
 - Winning locators and their families will be recognized at a Chesapeake Baysox game at Prince George's Stadium on Friday, May 16.
- Damage Prevention and Safety Committee | Kevin Woolbright, Chairman
 - DPT Upcoming:
 - Feb 28: Concrete General
 - March 3: Howard County DPW
 - March 07: Spanish VDPT

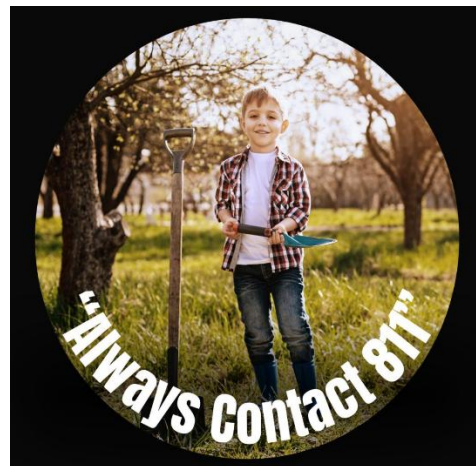


- March 14: ODPT
- March 18: P Flanigan
- March 31: Montgomery County Public Schools
- DPT Completed:
 - Feb 04: Montgomery County Public Schools
 - Feb 07: VDPT
 - Feb 18 19 20: Gray N Son

For information about the various training platforms available, as well as, upcoming training dates and pre-registration links, please visit <https://www.missutility.net/damage-prevention-training/>.

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CONSTRUCTION ANGELS | Kevin Woolbright | Board Representative for MD/DC Construction Angels, Inc., a 501(c)3, is a non-profit organization that provides immediate financial assistance and grief counseling to the children and spouse left behind when a construction worker is involved in an accidental work-related fatality. They offer construction scholarship opportunities to qualified applicants, and additional scholarships to surviving children of fallen workers.

- Construction Angels scholarship program is now open. Please visit <https://www.constructionangels.us/> for more information.
- Funds are raised locally through donations and the Miss Utility/Construction Angels annual Golf Tournament which generally takes place in October. Details to come.

There being no further business brought before the committee; the meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Upcoming 2025 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- March 25 | April 22 | May 27

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