



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for August 26, 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 9:39 AM. There were thirty-three (33) attendees onsite and twenty-five (25) virtual attendees.

NATIONAL 811 DAY

Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) noted National 811 Day by sharing pictures and news clips of Miss Utility’s annual 811-Day Cake Drop Event. Multiple Excavator Cakes were dropped off at local TV and Radio stations throughout Baltimore and DC to encourage local personalities to spread the Dig Safe Message.

In addition, CGA’s Sarah Magruder Lyle teamed with WGL’s Rosemary Langowski to do a live interview on WUSA Channel 9 DC and WGL’s Scott Brown along with Rosemary Langowski, did a live interview with WTTG Fox 5. DJ Chepe, from El Zol and 98 Rock also did extended shout outs. Miss Utility appreciates everyone’s safety minded partnership!



In addition to the Annual Cake Drop Event, Miss Utility also hosted its Annual Touch A Truck event at the Chesapeake Baysox Stadium to commemorate National 811 Day. This community event drew hundreds of participants to explore a number of excavator type vehicles, a US Coast Guard boat, utility vehicles, gear and machinery, locate tools and more. Free giveaways, face painting, and a live DJ made the annual event one that many look forward to year after year.

Following the Touch a Truck Event, Miss Utility sponsored the Chesapeake Baysox game with \$8.11 tickets and at the conclusion of the game, a fantastic fireworks show. Miss Utility recognizes the following volunteers who made the day successful along with a special shout out to Anna Trim and Nabeela Asif Tringali of MGH who make both 811 Day events run without a hitch.

Badger Daylighting BF Joy Comcast CW & Sons MD SHA NPL	OCCLS Pepco Holdings Reliable Contracting Company Inc. U.S. Coast Guard UtiliQuest Washington Gas WSSC Water
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the July 22, 2025, minutes was made by Ryan Reese (WGL) and seconded by Mary Hill (Ferguson) The motion carried by approval.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Satish Patel (WSSC) expressed concern about emergency tickets not being completed on time per Title 12 Law. Kevin Woolbright encouraged Satish to contact locate supervisors directly with his concerns. He also encouraged Satish to communicate with David Wilkins (Board Member) for his assistance.

Scott Moore (Colonial Pipeline) reminded excavators that if they add *excavation area is white lined* to the ticket to be sure it's white lined on the ground.

Scott Brown (WGL) asked if there were any utilities who mark their own underground infrastructure when they are doing their own work, especially emergency work. WSSC, SMECO, Columbia Gas and WGL responded with a yes. With that, Scott explained that he would like to discuss with the PSC, the ability for utility owner members to mark their own underground infrastructure when the operator is working on their own facilities.

OLD BUSINESS

The September Damage Prevention Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to September 30.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

➤ Virtual ITICnxt Training

- Upcoming training: September 4 | October 10 | November 6
- Please visit <http://missutility.tryitic.com/> for multiple ITICnxt resources and a link to all 2025 Virtual ITICnxt training dates and preregistration links.

- Dashboard Reporting: Jennifer Arroyo provided ticket volume data for the month of July 2025.
 - Western Shore MD compared to 2024
 - Inbound ticket volume: 73,529 a monthly increase of 1.797%
 - Year-to-date volume 458,917 a decrease of 2.384%
 - Outbound ticket volume: 361,922 monthly increase of 0.471%
 - Year-to-date volume: 2,239,285 a decrease of 3.265%
 - Washington, D.C. compared to 2024
 - Inbound ticket volume: 12,188 a monthly increase of 16.509%
 - Year-to-date volume 74,939 an increase of 3.788%
 - Outbound ticket volume: 95,413 monthly increase of 37.980%
 - Year-to-date volume: 529,183 a decrease of 2.956%

- Damage Reporting: Susan Sullivan provided YTD data through July 2025 of reported damages in MD/DC.
 - 700 utility damages (169 mains and 531 services)
 - 21.86% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 30.432% due to hitting a marked line
 - 34.29% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 13.43% due to other root causes

MARYLAND AUTHORITY | Michael Jewell, Executive Director

There was an Open Meeting and Closed Executive Session of the Authority on July 9, 2025.

- The Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2025, and the financials for the 2nd Quarter 2025 were approved.
- There are currently fifty-two (52) NPV's that need to be investigated and reviewed by the Authority.
- We revised an old NPV that was reviewed in the June Meeting.
- We reviewed eight (8) NPV's and issued a number of fines.
- Deputy Director, Susan Stroud, brought us up to date on the Case Management System, our Social Media presence, and proposed changes to our website.
- The PHMSA State Damage Prevention Grant request was submitted on June 20th. A responses is due sometime in September.
- Letters were sent out for two Formal Hearings to be held at September 10th meeting.
- The Authority still needs to come up with at least two (2) Public Members to submit to the Governor's Appointment Office to replace James Dudley.
- Outgoing Executive Director, Jim Barron and Deputy Director, Susan Stroud, worked the MML and the MACo Summer Conferences.
- We approved a Golf Cart Sponsorship for the 2025 Miss Utility Construction Angels Golf Tournament in October.

The next Open Meeting and Closed Executive Session of the Authority will be held on September 10, 2025.

Title-12 Re-Write:

No plans for the current legislative session at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- GCDPTC | Matt Ruddo | Chairman
 - When: Tuesday, October 21 - Friday, October 24
 - Where: Ashore Resort & Beach Club
 - Current Registration Number: 224
 - Sponsors/Exhibitors: All 2024 sponsors and exhibitors have been contacted to renew their contracts for 2025. Exhibitor booths are currently full and we have a waitlist.
 - Last Exclusive Sponsorship Package Available:
 - Conference App Sponsor - NEW THIS YEAR
- Trade Show Updates.
 - In August, Miss Utility participated in the MACo Summer Conference.
 - In September, Miss Utility will participate in the Chesapeake Region Safety Council Conference & Expo on Sept. 25.
- 2025 Dig Smart Awards | Kevin Woolbright- Chair
 - The 2024-2025 Dig Smart Awards received 23 submissions.
 - Committee will review and select winners on September 8.
 - Winning companies will be recognized at the 2025 GCDPTC in October.
- Annual Touch a Truck Day
 - Another successful event with more than 23 vehicles in attendance
 - Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made this event possible!
- Damage Prevention and Safety Committee | Kevin Woolbright | Chairman
 - DPT Upcoming:
 - Aug 27: WSSC
 - Sept 5: Calvert County DPW
 - Sept 9: Baltimore Tree Trust
 - Sept 12: ODPT @ Miss Utility
 - DPT Completed:
 - July 23: WSSC Laurel
 - July 24: Blue Water Baltimore
 - Aug 4: Frederick County
 - Aug 6: WSSC Anacostia Depot
 - Aug 8: Virtual DPT

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/>.

➤ Miss Utility Facebook

Please visit www.facebook.com/missutilityofmd/ for dig safe posts, holiday announcements, call center notices/information and current events. Please like or share posts to show your support for Miss Utility and the dig safe message.



How it started



How it's going



CONSTRUCTION ANGELS | Kevin Woolbright | Board Representative for MD/DC

- Miss Utility/Construction Angels annual Golf Tournament
 - Friday, October 3rd
 - Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Ashton, Md.
- CREW Baltimore Bingo Night
 - October 16th @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 - Checkerspot Brewing 1421 Ridgely St., Baltimore, MD, United States

There being no further business brought before the committee; the meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Upcoming 2025 Hybrid MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings

- September 30 | No meeting in Oct | November 25

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