

**MINUTES**  
**UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD**

Mississippi 811 Board Room  
200 Country Place Parkway, Pearl, MS 39208

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A meeting of the Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Board was held via Teams and in person at Mississippi 811 on 7/16/2024.

The Chairman, Stefan Lehnerer, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. with the following members present:

Joe Byrd, Joe Byrd and Associates	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Callahan, Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Billy Cleveland, Dynasty Construction Services	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Jason Favre, Mississippi Power Company	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Goss, Comcast/Xfinity	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Seth Hood, Mississippi Home Builders	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Fred Johnson, Mississippi 811	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Alan Jones, C-Spire	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stefan Lehnerer, Atmos	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Kirby Mayfield, Mississippi Rural Water Association	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Guy Morgan, Kinder Morgan	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Terrell Temple, Engineering Plus	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Jermaine Thornton, Mississippi Municipal League	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josh Todd, Mississippi Association of Supervisors	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
???, Mississippi Department of Transportation	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
*Ricky Cotton, Mississippi Pipeline - Safety Division	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
*Joyce Beal, Mississippi Pipeline - Safety Division	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
*Roger Cox, Executive Secretary	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
*Sandy Sanford, Attorney	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

\*Non-voting member

The notes from the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were sent via email.

Motion: To accept the minutes from the last board meeting.

Motion made by: Fred Johnson

Seconded by: Michael Callahan

Approved: All

Under Executive Committee Update: Did not have a quorum, so did not meet today. Members expiring July & September.

Under Technical & Training: \$40k approved for training, looking at dates for scheduling. The workshop will be at no cost for the attendees and lunch will be provided. Safety City might be a good site to add to the schedule. Site set up at the fire academy, Mike Ellis would be the contact. Brought up to the MSNGA board for reorganization.

Financial Committee Report: In the bank is \$334,561.00. Not many fines have come in and \$57,750.00 is outstanding. Money earmarked for locator training and damage investigation training. We have no incoming funds other than civil penalties and MS811 fees collected.

Under Rules & Regulations Committee Report: Sandy is working on specifics for the board to set practical parameters / guidelines, e.g. white lining, false emergencies, directional boring, etc. Set committee members today: Michael Callahan, Chairman, Sandy Sanford, Billy Cleveland, Stefan Lehnerer, Joe Byrd & Jermaine

Thornton. Will schedule a time to meet in the next two months. No updates on hearings. Sandy explained for new board members, how the hearings work and what the hearing guidelines are.

Old business: We have received our Microsoft government license. We have been waiting to update our website for the license so we should be able to move forward now. Any changes to the website will be brought before the board for approval. Total access to One Drive, will move all data from Roger's server to our folders.

New business: Executive committee members to be appointed: Excavator member (Billy Cleveland), Gas (Guy Morgan), State Agency (wait until we have MDOT and Supervisors, can do by email vote if necessary), At Large (Seth Hood). MS Damage Prevention Committee chairpersons met this morning. The whole committee will meet Thursday morning, and then meet monthly after that for the next three months. They are concerned with the subcontractors that are coming into the state and not knowing the excavation law. They are asking the UFDPB to consider dedicating a group to make a short state specific training video available. OSHA consequences were discussed with the possibility of asking the company they are working for to show the video. Investigate with Roger to set up 5-6 (5) minute videos for free on-line viewing. 38% of violations were no ticket called in, 29% were did not locate, 18% were digging within the marks, 86% of violations were these three types. Ricky stated the PSC will have a website geared to pipeline safety going live in the next three months. They want to include Damage Prevention as part of that website. ACTS is updating training for violators to include the new law changes. Also, updating the AVR form to be more robust and more informational, to include the sub-section of the law and connect that to the violation. There has been a 40% decrease in AVR submissions this year over last year. The goal is to keep the AVR program viable and the stakeholders to understand they play a part in making this work. Ricky shared that there was convincing testimony to the power of using the AVR process to reduce damages according to one of the largest gas companies in the state of MS.

Motion: Nominate Billy Cleveland Executive Committee effective 7/16/24.

Motion made by: Michael Callahan

Seconded by: Fred Johnson

Approved: All

Motion: Nominate Guy Morgan Executive Committee effective 7/16/2024.

Motion made by: Stefan Lehnerer

Seconded by: Michael Callahan

Approved: All

Motion: Nominate Seth Hood Executive Committee effective 7/16/2024.

Motion made by: Michael Callahan

Seconded by: Guy Morgan

Approved: All

The executive committee will meet every other month on the same day as the UFDPB at noon.

The next meeting will be on 9/11/2024 at 2:00pm via Teams or in person at Mississippi 811, Inc.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion made by: Michael Callahan

Seconded by: Guy Morgan

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Approved: All

Meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

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Chairman