

# **Underground Damage Prevention Safety Commission**

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Date: February 11, 2021

**Location:** Remote Webinar

### Present:

✓	Chris Kampmann	<b>√</b>	Jim Moody	<b>√</b>	Mark Williams -	<b>√</b>	Ted Jensen
✓	Ray Swedfeger	✓	Patricia McKinney-Clark	✓	Dale Kishbaugh		
✓	Jeannette Jones	✓	Dana Bijold	✓	Mark Frasier		
<b>√</b>	Rob Ellis	✓	Lori Warner	✓	Patrick Fitzgerald		

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates arrival after roll call . - indicates technical difficulties during roll call

Note:

The meeting was recorded and started at 12:00 pm. These minutes represent a summary of this meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim document. Audio recordings of the meetings can be obtained by contacting cdle\_safetycommission@state.co.us.

## **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

A Motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 meeting: motion carried and discussion was entered. There was no further discussion, a vote was taken to approve the minutes. It was unanimously approved.

# **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### CO 811 UPDATE:

J.D., Jose, Carla, & Whitney presented:

- Operations update: Comparable information limited this early into the year. January was a busy month, as
  excavation continued and positive trends continued from November and December 2020. Noted goals
  and comparisons to 2019 and 2020. Staffing strategy and after-hours realignment for 2021 Dig Season
  highlighted.
- Member relations: 523,000 available transmissions for automatic positive response re-notifications.
- Public Awareness & Outreach: Positive response notifications, contact updates, invoices and collections, COGCC abandonment notices, Web TMS training migration.
- 11 new owner/operator members in January 2021, all irrigation/ditch facilities.
- Marketing and communications: LMS Excavator contract, updating English language training course and Spanish translation to come.
- Damage Prevention: Spanish voice over of Mock Line Strike Form. Texas 811 collaboration: Establishing
  effective statewide damage prevention. Virtual safety fair events announcements.

 Exec Update: Working on data, Apollo platform accessibility for commissioners featured. Return to work for staff planned July 2021. Esther Williams filled the vacancy left by Eric Kirkpatrick. 811 working to obtain essential worker designation from the State of Colorado.

Commissioners discussed with 811: PHMSA funding: discussed regarding contingency plans. Full PO released. 50% funding acquired. Possibilities to regroup and cover the remainder in future was discussed [if 2nd half of funding not approved]. The Safety Commission requested to obtain 811 slide presentations.

MOU Discussion: MOU review discussion. More information on damages to come. Mandatory reporting
requirements deadlines and excavator information discussed. Stakeholders, such as contract locating
firms, have requested extensions pertaining to deadlines. Annual review will be included in the January
meeting annually.

#### **Election of Officers:**

- Jeannette Jones taking on Marking Best Practice.
- Chris Kampmann volunteered to serve as chairman of the Safety Commission.
- A Motion was made to vote Chris Kampmann as chairman: motion carried and discussion was entered. There was no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed. Chris Kampmann abstained.
- Dana Bjiold volunteered to serve as vice-chair of the Safety Commission.
- A Motion was made to vote Dana Bijold as vice-chairman: motion carried and discussion was entered. There was no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed. Dana Bijold abstained.

#### **COMPLAINT HEARINGS:**

- No further complaints received this year so far; complaint withdrawn pertaining to Feb 4 hearing.
- No final determinations to discuss for today's meeting; March 4 and 25 hearings cancelled and dates cleared.
- Next potential hearing date is April 6, 2021
- Remedial action for all 2020 complaints received; complaints are closed.

# **BEST PRACTICES:**

- Jeannette Jones volunteered to serve as interim chair.
- Next best practice on Large Projects, once Marking complete.
- Road grading legislation may impact and/or delay road grading best practice. To be addressed according
  to the legislative process; encouragement of counties representative on Commission to chair Road
  Grading best practice, when applicable.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS/OPS UPDATE:**

- Spending authority for the damage prevention fund was discussed: Greg Johnson to attend a meeting on clarification on departmental approach; further information forthcoming.
- PHMSA funding for Spanish education and outreach translation discussed; Damage prevention funding not available until at least July 1, 2022 as a back up if needed.
- Confirmation hearings for newly appointed or reappointed Commission members. Explanation of confirmation hearing process. Remote participation opportunities. Scheduling options and details to come.
- Tom Sturmer's replacement: determinations in process.
- Road grading legislation likely to be introduced soon. No fiscal impact on the department.
- Delaying in-depth discussions on Safety Commission regs until updated excavation definition determined with Road Grading legislation. Likely to revisit in the fall.
- Update on CO Springs official ordinance update: structures not in place yet to process complaints.
   Updates to come. The Safety Commission has statewide jurisdiction for damage prevention and will move forward on all complaints until notified otherwise..
- Data dashboard featured: two complaints received year-to-date, one withdrawn.
- Year in Review information now available on Safety Commission website.

• No other entities in Colorado indicating Home Rule proceedings at this time.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Safety Commission members and 811 representatives acknowledged Tom Sturmer's role and service on Commission and work on Best Practices (Tom Sturmer was briefly present at the meeting).
- Safety Commission members acknowledged Erik Kirkpatrick's role and service on Commission. (Erik Kirkpatrick was briefly present at the meeting).
- March 11, 2021 meeting agenda items.
- OPS Reporting tool: visibility of more data types from OPS requested by Safety Commission members. No timeline established as of yet for those updates. Want specifics from Commission to work on.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.