

MINUTES
UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD

Mississippi 811 Board Room

200 Country Place Parkway, Pearl, MS 39208

A meeting of the Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Board was held via Teams and in person at Mississippi 811 on 1/16/2025.

The Chairman, Stefan Lehnerer, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. with the following members present:

Robert Accardo, Mississippi Association of Supervisors	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Earl Glenn, Mississippi Department of Transportation	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ken Goss, Comcast/Xfinity Cable	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Seth Hood, Mississippi Home Builders	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Alan Jones, C-Spire	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input 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"/>
Mike Morgan, Mississippi 811	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Terrell Temple, Engineering Plus	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jermaine Thornton, Mississippi Municipal League	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
*Joyce Beal, MPSC 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"/>
*Cole Fesmire, Mississippi 811, Inc.	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

*Non-voting member

Visitor: Matthew Miller, Benchmark Engineering and Surveying

Public Comments: Matthew Miller spoke to the Board about having difficulties with utility companies locating for planned projects resulting in project overrun, utility damage, and project cost increase. The Board recommends filing as many AVRs as necessary and possibly addressing the regulating utilities.

The notes from November 6, 2024 meeting were sent via email.

Motion: To accept the minutes after the last meeting.

Motion made by: Michael Callahan

Second by: Alan Jones

Approved: All

Executive Committee Update: Roger presented a report with graphs showing the number of AVRs submitted and categories of infractions committed for the second quarter with a year-by-year comparison. Sandy drafted a new standard form for paper hearings. If approved, Roger will send via certified mail at least 45 days prior to the hearing.

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AVRs	2022 – 356	2023 – 406	2024 – 324
	First	Second	Third
Top Stakeholder Groups	Contractors	Telecom	Homeowners
Top Companies	CenterPoint	Atmos	Tri-State Contractors
Top Counties	Desoto	Rankin	Hinds
Alleged Violations	No Ticket – 39%	Did Not Locate – 24%	Dug Within Marks – 20%
Enforcement	Violation – 186	No Violation – 97	Under Investigation – 41
Enforcement Activity	Paper Training	Civil Penalties	Online Training
AVRs due to Damage	2023 – 43%	2024 – 41%	2025 – 48%

Motion: Approval of using the standard form as presented for paper hearings.

Motion made by: Michael Callahan

Second by: Seth Hood

Approved: All

Financial Committee Report: The board unanimously accepted the report from the Financial Committee.

Motion: To accept the Financial Statement as presented.

Motion made by: Seth Hood

Second by: Michael Callahan

Accepted: All

Technical & Training: 2025 training plans were discussed such as damage investigation training. Discussed possibility of looking at Safety City for training. The board will bring it back to the table at the next meeting.

Rules & Regulations Committee Report: Rules have been filed and are in the legislative process.

Old business: Website updates are active. Any changes will be available to talk about and approve at the next board meeting.

New business: Michael Callahan has been reappointed by the Lt. Governor. Officer elections are every two years, with the last one in February 2023. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, (Treasurer has been rolled into the Chairman duties) need to be voted on. Need to replace Alan Jones on the Executive Committee. MDPC has filed legislation for electronic white lining, marine (submerged) excavation, extend ticket life to 17 days, clarify tolerance zone, emergency 2-hour locate time, and large project excavation (voluntary process & decided by the excavator).

Motion: To nominate Stefan Lehnerer for Chairman

Motion made by: Alan Jones

Second by: Billy Cleveland

Approved: All

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Motion: To close nominations

Motion made by: Guy Morgan

Second by: Michael Callahan

Approved: All

Motion: To nominate Michael Callahan for Vice-Chairman

Motion made by: Stefan Lehnerer

Seconded by: Seth Hood

Approved: All

Motion: To close nominations

Motion made by: Guy Morgan

Second by: Michael Callahan

Approved: All

Motion: To nominate Mike Morgan for Secretary

Motion made by: Guy Morgan

Second by: Michael Callahan

Approved: All

Motion: To close nominations

Motion made by: Billy Cleveland

Second by: Michael Callahan

Approved: All

Motion: To nominate Michael Callahan for Executive Committee

Motion made by: Stefan Lehnerer

Second by: Seth Hood

Approved: All

Motion: To close nominations

Motion made by: Seth Hood

Second 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 3/19/2025 in person at Mississippi 811, Inc and/or via Teams.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion made by: Michael Callahan

Seconded by: Seth Hood

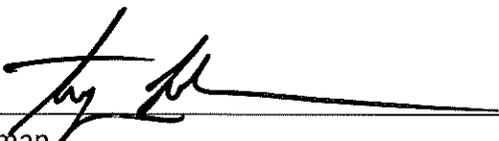
Approved: All

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Meeting was adjourned: at 3:45 pm.


Chairman