MISS DIG 811/Gold Shovel Standard

Meeting Minutes

2/6/18

Bruce Campbell, Kyle Kremer, Dave Mauerman, Jim Moskal, Catherine Stafford, Tim Davidek, Bill Fisher. On Phone: Rhonda Smith, Bob Madison, Jacob Bahri, Chris Jensen

Catherine opened with welcoming, and began discussing our accomplishments from this past year.

In 2017:

* Three committee members became certified, three are currently working on it.
* There are 140 certified contractors in Michigan doing business, and 26 new Michigan based contractors.
* Some of the facility owners have included GSS certification in bidding contracts, DTE and Consumer’s Energy have, Barton Malow has been looking into it.
* Bruce mentioned that anyone on the committee that is working in Detroit, that we are looking for additions to our asset management pilot program, Barton Malow and Corby were receptive.
* The Gold Shovel Open House from November was mentioned as well as the metrics pilot program.

Catherine recently communicated with the city of Ecorse in a bid to get them certified.

The previous goals were shown and discussed.

-*30% reduction over 2015 levels in the frequency of damages in Michigan on professional excavation sites by December 31st 2020*. Catherine asked who can get us the data to review, Bruce said MDPB. Catherine believed that 30% is still a feasible number, Jim thought there may be some issues that come up that will make reaching this difficult.

-*More than 100 Michigan municipalities rely on GSS scores when hiring, establishing or renewing franchise rights and offering permits b December 31st 2020*. There are none so far, it has been difficult to get the smaller municipalities on board. Bruce suggesting bringing a handful of municipalities together and offering administrative support by GSS, MD and a local utility. 100 was considered still achievable.

-*More than 15 Gold Shovel Standard Communities have been established throughout Michigan by December 31st 2020*. This goal is still considered possible.

The question was asked, what can be done in the 1st quarter to help committee members make progress towards their goals?

Chris Jensen at Homeworks gave an update. They’ve applied and submitted paperwork their goal is to complete certification by the end of the 1st quarter, MECA hasn’t really made any progress. Kyle from Barton Malow has been working with MISS DIG 811 for education. Tim wasn’t sure where Genesee County was at. The head of engineering was supposed to include Gold Shovel into bidding, however the heads of the drain commission are resistant to adopt for fear of limiting the contractors they can use. Catherine asked if anything can be done to help, Bruce has tried to set up meetings. It was asked if the committee’s strategy should be changed with the approach to water & sewer?

Dave asked if anyone needed help with explaining Gold Shovel Standard. Kyle said he was fine, Catherine and Tim both thought a short little blurb would be beneficial in explaining GSS to people.

The mission statement was used – *Gold Shovel Standard is a nonprofit organization committed to improving workforce and public safety and protecting buried infrastructure.* Three things to focus on; GSS communities, damage prevention metrics (ways to improve), and technology (provide means to see information & analyze).

The Pilot Metrics meeting will take place 2/6 at 3:00pm. It is currently on track to have comments on data by end of 1st quarter.

Dave mentioned how the city of Carmel, Indiana passed an ordinance for Gold Shovel certification.

The frequency of Gold Shovel committee meetings was discussed. Everyone was ok with the current schedule of when the meetings are held.

The next meeting will be tentatively held at the MISS DIG 811 annual meeting in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday 3/15/18a t 10:30am.