

OAR/ORS Committee Minutes -
Thursday, Feb.4, 2021
Conference Call In

Members called in: Micah Brown, Scott Gallegos, Scott Clement, Don Moore, Paul Schmidt, Melanie Lewis, Mitch Burghlea and Kitty O'Keefe.
Guests: Greg Ford/Avista and Lynsay Demko/CNG

1. Announcements and Introductions

- a. Micah Brown called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and introductions were made.
- b. A motion from Scott C. was made to approve minutes from 8/20/20 and 10/30/20 and 2nd by Don Moore. Kitty to post on website.
- c. Micah discussed the importance of participation moving forward and thanked members and guest for attending. He'd like to have a regular scheduled meeting prior to board meetings and use doodle poll.

2. OAR Committee Items

- a. Discuss 'Ticket Length' language-
 - i) Micah shared that OCC has provided data at the last meeting they reviewed and was important to look at but felt it was too broad.
 - ii) Micah asked – Thoughts on new language? Micah's recommendation – limit at the most, 750 feet max.
 - iii) Discussion followed with members asking:
 - Is there any difference worth noting from city to rural?
 - Would a 'ticket type' help locators?
 - iv) Micah will follow up a call with Greg at OCC for discussion.
 - v) Micah asked members to do some homework; talk with supervisors and or locators to get their insight on footage. Report back at next committee meeting.
- b. Discuss Mandatory White Paint-
 - i) Micah drafted a statement that the OAR Committee is exploring two options for requiring excavation to be clearly field marked in white paint.
 - ii) Kitty worked with creative and developed a Survey Monkey that was emailed to the full board to participate on 2.2.21.
 - iii) Micah shared a Docket he's following that concerns a purported violation of rule. This incident could have been avoided in the case if white paint was mandatory.
 - iv) Survey Monkey has some results that Micah shared and discussion followed:
 - In WA it's the law and contractors have some push back.

- Pre survey is the exception to white marks.
- Huge burdensome with larger companies that have thousands of locates per year.
- Virtual white lining is highly suggested.
- Would mandatory white paint change our rule? Yes, it would over rule current language if we added 'mandatory.'
- Excavators having communication with operators in writing if we went mandatory.

c. Discuss Design Locate Parameters-

- Micah reminded the group from last committee meeting that Frank shared with members that Washington has in place mandatory white marks. They use the DIR (design information request), which is online only. This has contact information and a list of the utilities. Once that is in place, they use the DLR (design locate request) that can only be done with the DIR. Example: the gas company can be asked to locate where the facility lines are. You can't dig on this request. Once excavation is to start, you'd have to call in for that locate.
- Kitty to invite Greg and Frank to next committee meeting for further discussion.

d. Discuss Mandatory Damage Reporting

- Micah asked members for their input and discussion followed:
 - Require operator to report (not excavators)
 - At a state level; data driven. Next step to make damage reporting mandatory.
 - DIRT Report now due twice a year (not quarterly). First report this year by 2nd week of April.
 - Is there an exception to who reports? No, all operators; large and small companies.
 - Micah will bring this subject to the full board.

3. Old Business-

- 'Large Area' definition Revision to Include Survey Design Language to include 952-001-0080.

- Keep this action item.

4. New Business – none

5. For the Good of the Order – none

6. Next Meeting – tbd

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am

Minutes submitted by Kitty O'Keefe on February 5, 2021