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Minutes of 01/18/2024

Board Members	Julie Maki, Vice-Chair	Division	Amy Lorenzo, Executive Officer
Present:	Stephen Boorman	Staff:	Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
	Scott Spears		Renee Bryant, Board Support Supv.
	Jeff Brooks		Zack Trujillo, Board Support Spec.
	Evan Powers		Tara Hinderliter, Tech. Records Spec. (TRS) 2
	Merril Quayle		Jeannien DeWitt, Education/Training Spec.
	Michael Kimmel		
	Michelle Heskett		

Board Members Jerry Piper, Chair
Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM MT by Vice Chair Julie Maki.

APPROVAL OF 09/21/2023 & 11/09/2023 MINUTES

Vice-Chair Maki stated in the 09/21/2023 minutes, page two, “55-2303(10)” should be changed to, “55-2203(10)”. This change occurs four times throughout page two.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 09/21/2023 meeting minutes as corrected and the 11/09/2023 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Education/Working Group Update: Vice-Chair Maki explained what the working group discussed at their December meeting. A grant application was approved and DOPL received \$97,001 for public education and enforcement. Some suggestions for the use of these funds included a poster education contest, a safe digging marketing campaign, online training sessions, and organizing regional conferences. The grant also requests the hire of a new part-time enforcement specialist. The working group and grantors would like a report on the return on investment for the training & education outreach and a report on the use of the funds received from the grant. The working group also discussed a desire for improvement on DIRT reporting, online module statistics, communication with out-of-state contractors, and the language barrier in the industry.

Data/DIRT Report: Executive Officer (EO) Amy Lorenzo gave an update on the Data/DIRT Report. EO Lorenzo is continuing to gather data for the Board and hopes to share more information on the reports in future meetings.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Training Report – New Coordinator Introduction: EO Lorenzo introduced Jeannien Dewitt, the new training/education specialist for DOPL.

Notice of Violation (NOV) Activity Report: Technical Records Specialist 2 Tara Hinderliter provided the NOV Report and discussed the different types of complaints that are received. The Board wanted to know the difference between DIRT reporting and the complaints. DIRT reporting is required by law and its function is to track trends across the US making sure damages are driven down. The complaint process is to curb that behavior and hand out violations. A Violation Fee Structure is on the DOPL website. EO Lorenzo will do more research and provide updated information on this at the next meeting.

Supreme Court Case: Legal Counsel Lea Kear discussed a recent Supreme Court decision on the Underground Damage Prevention Facilities Act.

ZBR Update: Legal Counsel Kear gave a presentation on the Introduction to Zero Based Regulations. A draft redline will be created and presented to the Board, and ZBR meetings and public hearings will be scheduled. All verbiage must be finalized at the end of May or first part of June 2024.

April Meeting Date Change: The April 18th meeting was moved to April 11, 2024.

Public Comment: A suggestion was made to put more English and Spanish outreach pamphlets into circulation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM. 01/19/2024/zt