



TENNESSEE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD
Meeting on August 11, 2021

MINUTES

The board meeting of the Tennessee Underground Utility Damage Enforcement Board commenced at 10:13 a.m., in the Ground Floor Conference Room of 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

Board Members Present:

Wayne Hastings, Vice-Chairman
Bill Hollin
Eddie Hood
Scott Niehaus
Bobby Pitts
Kevin Tubberville, Chairman
Bill Turner

Board Member(s) Via Telephone:

Rob Arnold
Doug Burgess
Steve Raper

Board Member(s) Absent:

Earl Bolin
Kevin Kruchinski
Kevin Raley

4 Current Vacancies:

Cable Industry
Large Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers
Cooperative Electric Systems
Natural Gas Distribution Systems

TPUC Staff Present:

Stacy Balthrop, Director of the Consumer Services Division
Aaron Conklin, Legal Advisor to the TPUC staff
Ryan McGehee, Legal Advisor to the TUUDEB
Bryce Keener, Director, Gas Pipeline Safety

Members of the Public Present:

Jason Fryer, Tennessee 811
Milton Henderson, Piedmont Natural Gas
Ed Kelley, Middle Tennessee Natural Gas

I. Opening of Meeting and Roll Call

Chair Tubberville opened the meeting and a physical quorum was present.

II. Review and Adopt Board Meeting Minutes

The Board considered the Minutes of the last meeting on March 10, 2021. The motion to approve the Minutes passed unanimously on a voice vote.

III. Program and Rules Update

The number of complaints received in June, July, and to date in August were discussed. Mr. Aaron Conklin provided an update that the rules have been filed with the Secretary of State's office and are scheduled to become effective on September 6, 2021.

IV. Finances, Scheduling, and Legislation

Mr. Chris Eaton sent out an email update on the fiscal year. Mr. Tim Schwarz sent a reminder about appointment vacancies and he has been in touch with the legislature about filling the vacancies as well as sending the Chairman's letters concerning the same issue to appointing authorities. Mr. Bill Turner made a motion to create a nominating committee to solicit appointee names from the stakeholders and leadership in order to facilitate the filling of vacancies. Mr. Bill Hollin seconded the motion. Mr. Steve Raper, Mr. Bill Turner, and Vice Chairman Hastings were selected to serve on the nominating committee. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Bryce Keener, Director of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission's Gas Pipeline Safety Division spoke about the statistics required by PHMSA and provided an overview of reported information.

V. Executive Committee Elections, and Online Compliance Training

Chairman Tubberville (Seat A), Mr. Eddie Hood (Seat B), and Vice Chairman Hastings (Seat C) were elected to the Executive Committee for three-year terms. Vice Chairman Hastings moved to extend Tennessee 811's permission to provide online electronic compliance training until the first full board meeting in 2022 and, after receiving a proper second from Mr. Pitts, the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Mr. Turner reported that 514 individuals

from 416 organizations have been trained since the inception of the program. At this point in 2021, 60 individuals have been trained and 5 more are scheduled. Additionally, 127 individuals completed online training during the pandemic. Two cancellation fees were charged for cancelling training within 48 hours of the scheduled class and two cancellation fees were waived for extenuating circumstances. As of July 1, 2021, the mandatory reporting law went into effect and 121 damage notices were received in July. Approximately 86% of those calls had also been reported to One Call.

VI. General Discussion and Topics for Next Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021. The invoice will be considered for vote on that day.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.