



Board Meeting Called to order at 8:45

Present:

Lisa Ulrich, Tim Eggers, Steve Teeter, Scott Meierotto, Tom Bolin, Jeremy Freeman
Officer Elections

Nominations from the group for 2007/2008 officers were:

Tim for President, Tom for VP, Debbie for Conference Coordinator and Scott for Sec. Treas.
There were unanimous seconds and approval.

Jeremy will assist Debbie, Steve will generally handle the Lake meeting sessions.

We will schedule a conference call the first week of December to review the proposal for 2010-12 meetings and work on the 2008 meeting

Consider increasing conference rate to \$80/person and potentially increase table fees in 2009.

After discussion it was decided that the Vendor Representative will be Don Olson of Corrpro. Steve will contact him and give him the good news. It was suggested that Don talk to Jeff Hoffman (retiring vendor rep) to get a feel for the position prior to our Conference Call in December.

Public Awareness Committee Report

A brief description of the program was given by Pam Meyer. Letters are ready to be sent out. Included will be a letter from MANGO, support memo from Bob, the Agreement and the summary page from Learfield.

The committee had an Attorney prepare the agreement between operators and MANGO. Funds to be sent to Scott Meierotto. After operators sign the agreement and return it to me, if a check is not enclosed, an Invoice will be sent.

Now looking for member participation. Radio advertisements will start next week. Have 3 spots prepared or in progress: 1) 811, 2) Gas leak and what to do 3) Appliance safety.

Second half of program will be targeted to 811 and Damage prevention

Tag lines at the end of the radio spots, or the "Missouri Sports Reports" will direct listeners to the website. These hits can be tracked to measure effectiveness.

Bob stated that commission will be applying for a grant \$20-30 K.

Current requirements call for 2 newspaper ads, unfortunately the effectiveness is probably not what it once was. Operators who participate, may be able to cease these ads. Would potentially be a rule change.

There are going to be two websites:

MANGOWP.org Website

Developing MOSAFEGAS.COM Website

The areas of coverage were discussed and it was stated that if stations are missing in a particular area companies could use our spots and buy time on appropriate stations. Potentially MANGO could purchase additional time.

Even if companies do not participate, we want contact information to be included on the website.

Operator Qualification Report

Great turn out in August at the session in Columbia. 22 attended the first day 19 the second day. So far feed back has been very positive. Next session in December has been cut to a maximum of 15 attendees to facilitate closer one-on-one contact. Depending on response, may move to other areas of state and develop different courses. Have received some interest from larger contractors.

Anticipate doing sessions on a quarterly basis.

Welder Qualification – Protocol for Submission of Forms

The current protocol has the contractor who receives the required training submits the necessary forms to the operator who in turn submits the forms to the web site host (City Utilities) to post on the web-site. This process has not been followed. Forms have not been submitted to the web-site host. The welder is responsible for carrying their updated forms and it is the operators' responsibility to ask for the forms. The procedure is on the web-site and will be reviewed/updated.

DIMP Status

NPRM now not until April 2008 with an effective date of 2009.

EFV Status

Required for all installations that meet appropriate requirements effective June 1 2008.

Staff will probably send out a letter to remind operators. Specific application requirements may change in the NPRM, however until that has been published, operators should follow the guidelines for services where notification was required under the current rules.

Bob pointed out that operators' should review their tariff with regard to EFVs to see if a change is required.

Changes to Chapter 319 – Jim Riese

MO One-Call has been approached by a number of contractors to change law. This is being driven by two main issues:

1. MODOT's refusal to participate. They feel they are not required to be a member, because they "own the ROW".
2. Membership requirements based upon counties. City of St. Louis is not in a county and is not a member of MO- One Call.

Jim Riese will be following on behalf of MANGO, but member companies are encouraged to have their representatives follow the progress.

At an Oct 9th meeting the issue was discussed with several items under consideration:

1. Provision that states that underground facility owners are responsible for not marking or miss marking their facilities. (Telecoms)
2. Inclusion of MODOT
3. Push idea of mandatory use of safety or caution tape. Backfill 6" then place tape and complete backfill.
4. Problems with companies submitting claims for damages years after the action. Want time something less than the current 5 yrs.

MO-One Call has two items

1. Two working day requirement. Change so that the day the locate is requested does not count as time. Result is that locates must be completion by the COB of second day. In order to compensate for the additional time to complete the locate, it may be that the time allowed for "No response calls" will be lessened to ½ day or less.
2. Want to put a "Life of ticket" on routine locate requests. 30 days? Contractors are calling in relocates every 10 days whether they are needed or not. Others are using the same locate request for 9 months or more. Could have special tickets with a life longer than 30 days for special projects.

MOCS intends to get back together sometime in early November to settle on items that will be included in draft legislation. Draft may be out sometime in December with legislation this session.

New Business/Other

Staff Issues

1. All Operators Letter dated October 16, 2007.
 - Announced today's meeting.
 - Reported that Commission Advisory was sent to electric and telephone companies on October 12, and a copy of the Advisory was attached to the letter.

Discussion: It was noted that there are some differences between the advisory and the agreement with Laclede.

2. All Operators Letter dated October 29, 2007. (Staff has extra copies.)
Announced Natural Gas Operator Training/Qualification on December 5 and 6.
(This course was held the first time in August 2007 at MPUA facilities in Columbia)

Discussion: It was noted that the training sessions have been well received and attended. Staff and MPUA are looking for input with regard to content and location for future training.

3. Staff Request to form a MANGO ad-hoc group to revisit the MANGO Boring Guidelines.
 - See handout with item from All Operators Letter dated February 13, 2007.
 - See next topic and draft All Operators Letter item regarding burial depth.

Discussion: This item was tabled from the February meeting.

The guidelines were originally put together several years ago generally with regard to sewers and boring activities. Since that time there is much more information available and the guidelines should probably be updated. Vermeer and Ditchwitch are good sources for new information.

Tim and Tom will try to find a few volunteers to work with the Staff on this topic in the next couple of weeks.

4. Future All Operators Letter to discuss burial depth and contractor inspections. See handout with draft All Operators Letter.

Discussion: Staff submitted the handout for review and comment before it is sent as an "All Operators Letter". Operators expressed appreciation at having this opportunity. Bob asked if companies had any comments to contact him.

5. Amendment of State Regulations to adopt Federal Amendments.

PSC approved proposed amendments to be published in November 15 Missouri Register.

Discussion: This went to the SOS Office October 15. There will be a period for comments and then a Hearing. An informal poll of attendees showed that no one anticipated submitting comments.

6. Older mechanical couplings and joints.

Incidents in other states have caused attention and NTSB considering a special report.

Discussion: NTSB has been researching the issue of mechanical fitting failures, both historical and more recent such as the ongoing issues in Ohio and Texas. This may be the first “drum beat” telegraphing future rule changes (similar to the development of rules regarding EFVs).

Bob suggested that operators review past practices to determine if they have issues that may need to be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm

MANGO General Meeting

November 1, 2007

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