



TENNESSEE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD
Meeting on August 12, 2020

MINUTES

The board meeting of the Tennessee Underground Utility Damage Enforcement Board commenced at 10:02 a.m., via WebEx Telephonic Conferencing.

Board Members Present:

Rob Arnold
Earl Bolin
Doug Burgess
Wayne Hastings, Vice-Chairman
Bill Hollin
Eddie Hood
Stephanie Howell
Kevin Kruchinski
Scott Niehaus
Bobby Pitts
Kevin Raley
Steve Raper
Kevin Tubberville, Chairman
Bill Turner

Board Members Absent:

Craig Jensen

TPUC Staff Present:

Stacy Balthrop, Director of the Consumer Services Division
Kelly Cashman-Grams, General Counsel
Aaron Conklin, Legal Advisor to the TPUC staff
Ryan McGehee, Legal Advisor to the TUUDEB
Slayde Warren
Monique Brazelton
Chris Eaton
Tim Schwarz, Director, Communications

Members of the Public Present:

Craig Ingram
Braxton Williams

I. Opening of Meeting and Roll Call

Chair Tubberville opened the meeting and Mr. Ryan McGehee took roll call.

II. Review and Adopt Board Meeting Minutes

The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the last meeting on May 13, 2020.

III. Program Update

A staff update and training program update was discussed. The quarterly report was posted online. Mr. Aaron Conklin provided a report of the ongoing enforcement and show-cause proceedings.

IV. Finances, Legislation, and Elections

Mr. Chris Eaton reported he is working on the closing of the fiscal year. The Board received an “adequate” rating from PHMSA while requesting a response from the Board concerning enforcement policy with respect to the gas industry within sixty days. The Board discussed PHMSA’s questions and concerns and took public comment on the issue.

Mr. Pitts moved to nominate Mr. Tubberville for another two-year term as Chairman of the board which was seconded by Mr. Hood. Mr. Tubberville was reelected through a roll call vote. Mr. Hood nominated Mr. Hastings for Vice Chairman of the board and this nomination was seconded by Mr. Raper. Mr. Hastings was reelected through a roll call vote.

During the Executive Committee elections, Mr. Turner nominated Mr. Pitts which was seconded by Mr. Niehaus. Mr. Pitts was elected to the Executive Committee through a roll call vote. Chairman Tubberville nominated Mr. Hood which was seconded by Mr. Pitts. Mr. Hood was elected to the Executive Committee through a roll call vote.

V. Update of Training Program by Tennessee 811

Mr. Turner reported that so far in 2020, 55 individuals from 45 organizations were trained with 15 pending. The online training has been going very well and they are able to offer more classes at various times. Chairman Tubberville motioned to extend the online training option until the first board meeting in 2021. Mr. Raper seconded the motion and the extension passed through a roll call vote.

VI. General Discussion and Topics for Next Meeting

Mr. Conklin is working on incorporating the feedback he received on the rules draft. Mr. Turner motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Pitts.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.