

MINUTES
General Employee Injury Review Board
Thursday, February 23rd, 2012
City Council Conference Room
Wayne Gilley City Hall
9:30 am

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vu at 9:32 am.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Ha Vu, Chairperson
Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Manager
Don Schaefer, Safety Rep

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Carl Dentler, PWA
Tiffani Burk – HR

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes of January 26th, 2012

Motion to approve minutes by Brown with a second by Vu. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business

A. Donald Alston-SWC (1/3/12)

Mr. Alston was not present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was present. This is the second time that this incident had been tabled. The Board needed additional information and Candy Brown asked Carl Dentler if he could require Mr. Alston to be present at the next meeting. Motion was made by Dentler with second by Schaefer to table this incident. AYES: All, NAYS: None, Motion carried.

B. Edwin Marx-SWC (1/17/12)

Mr. Marx was not present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was present.
Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Dentler to uphold the initial ruling as preventable with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All, NAYS: None, Motion carried.

4. New Business

A. Ishmael Garcia-SWC (12/22/11)

Mr. Garcia was not present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was present. Mr. Garcia wanted to be present but his wife was having surgery so he was unable to attend. Motion was made by Brown with second by Dentler to table this incident. AYES: All, NAYS: None, Motion carried.

B. Dennis Jensen-SWC (2/6/12)

Mr. Jensen was present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was also present. Mr. Jensen said he went to the maintenance shop to get the heater worked on in his truck. When he went to get out of the truck he lost his footing and landed on his elbow. He said he turned and grabbed the steering wheel to get out. He thinks he slipped because of what was on the floor board of his truck. He was asked what was on the floor board and he said he thought it was diesel fuel. He said it was not there on Friday when he filled his truck up. Candy Brown asked how diesel would be inside the cab. He guessed that when it got filled up last that they pulled the fuel hose through the cab to fill the other tank. Brown asked if this is how they always fill up the tanks by bringing the hose through the cab. Mr. Dentler said they have been told not to do that. He said the reason that they do that is because when they have to take time to turn the truck around, the pump will shut down and they will have to re-key the pump and set it up again. Schaefer asked him how he got out of the truck. Mr. Jensen said he turned and grabbed the steering wheel and normally he then grabs the door but before he could grab the door he slipped. It happened that quickly. There is no handle on the outside of the truck to grab. This is a rear load commercial truck. Carl Dentler said the way he got out of the truck is the normal procedure for getting out of that particular truck. Schaefer asked Mr. Jensen if this could have been prevented, how it could have been. Mr. Jensen said without out having diesel on the floor and having handles on the truck. Dentler said that handles can be added. He has to go to the Orthopedic Surgeon on Monday in OKC. He has a torn rotator cuff. Mr. Dentler said this has brought some attention. Steps are being taken right now so that this never happens again. They are shutting off the other fuel tank so there won't be any reason to take the hose through the cab of the truck. Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Dentler to rule this as non-preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

C. Tomas Garcia-Arroyo-WWC (2/10/12)

Mr. Garcia-Arroyo was present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was also present. Tomas said that they went to go assist the camera crew to flush out a manhole. The manhole was in an easement and it is fenced off. On the south side there is no gate so you have to jump the fence to get to it. He climbed over the fence a couple of times and nothing happened. The last time when he climbed over the fence he felt his rib crack. He said he stepped on the bottom railing and then laid his stomach on the railing to roll over the fence. He said he felt it and heard it crack. Then he told his co-workers that he hurt his ribs. It got worse over the weekend. He went to the hospital and they x-rayed it and his ribs were cracked. That was the only way to get to the manhole. There are not ladders on the router trucks. Mr. Dentler said it would be a good idea for them to put ladders on those trucks. Tomas said many times it is hard to get to some manholes because of different obstacles. He described another incident when a dog came after them. Ha suggested to Mr. Dentler that he might get the guys a dazer (Revenue services guys use them) to carry for those incidents. Mr. Dentler would like the Board to make a recommendation that they buy ladders for those vehicles. A 5 or 6 foot ladder would be great. They need to be lightweight. The Board agreed with the recommendation. Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Brown to rule this as Non-preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None. Motion carried.

D. Michael McCollum-SWD (2/15/12)

Mr. McCollum was present. PW Safety & Risk Officer Carl Dentler was also present. Mr. McCollum said it was on a Wednesday and he was on a workplace pad moving some dirt around with the D6 dozer. He noticed the temperature gauge was getting hot. He decided to take the dozer down and blow the radiator out. When he was getting down from the dozer, he had his 3 points of contact. He put his left foot down, it slipped off and he fell backwards and hit his back and knee. He told Jayson and they filled out the report and he went back to work. There was nothing on his knee at that time. At lunch time he noticed he had a knot on his knee. Jayson said he needed to go have it checked. He only missed one day of work. He said he is better. It was a light mist that day. He has been back to work and the Doctor released him. He said they are very careful out there. He said he is cautious because he is one of the older guys. Motion was made by Dentler to rule as Preventable with two (2) points with no second. Dentler recanted his motion. Motion was made by Dentler with a second by Schaefer to rule this as non-preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Consider any other injuries reported: None

Communication/Discussion: None

Motion by Brown with second by VU to adjourn meeting at 10:40 am.