

MINUTES
General Employee Injury Review Board
Thursday, February 28th, 2013
City Council Conference Room
Wayne Gilley City Hall
9:30 am

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vu at 9:30 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, Public Works Safety Officer
Bobby Finley, Safety Rep
Joe Ramirez, Safety Rep
Tiffani Burk – HR

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes of January 24th, 2013

Motion to approve minutes by Brown with a second by Schaefer.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business
None

4. New Business

A. Raymundo Quiroga-SWC (1/30/13)

Mr. Quiroga was not present. Mr. Quiroga's neck, shoulders, elbows, wrists & hands have been hurting for a while. It is believed that it is from repetitive motion. He has been throwing thrash for years.

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.

B. Lantus Stevenson-SWC (1/31/13)

Mr. Stevenson was not present. Mr. Stevenson's hand has been cramping up and hurting after a while of pushing the buttons. Sometimes he gets a tingling feeling in his finger tips.

Motion was made by Brown with second by Schaefer to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

C. Vernon Young-SWC (2/15/13)

Mr. Young was not present. Mr. Young has bilateral shoulder pain in both shoulders. It is believed to be from repetitive motion. He has been moving dumpsters for years.

Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Vu to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

D. Jeremy Zamanski-Water Distribution (1/21/13)

Mr. Zamanski was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was also present. Mr. Zamanski said he was working on a 24" inch main and he was climbing over it in the mud. The mud was almost waist deep. Trying to pull himself back and forth over it he guessed he pulled a muscle in his lower back. He told them about it and they said he needed to go get it checked out. He said his back is normal now. The doctor put him on light duty for 3 or 4 days to make sure it healed up. Then when he went back to the doctor, he put him back on regular duty. The injury was from being in the deep mud and having to throw his legs over the main.

Motion was made by Finley with second by Vu to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

E. Christopher Devine-Drainage Maint. (1/17/13)

Mr. Devine was present. Safety Rep Joe Ramirez was also present. Mr. Devine said we were loading a trackhoe onto the trailer. The ramps are kind of tricky. If you don't pull the trackhoe all the way up then the weight is on the ramps. He went to lift the ramps up and he pulled his back. The doctor said he pulled a muscle. He said he didn't notice that the weight was on the ramps. He didn't report it until the 24th. He thought he would tuff it out and work through it. It is the first time he hurt himself at work and didn't know any better. It got worse and it scared him so he told them about it. He said Gene was there and could have helped him but he is an older gentleman. Now they have an easier way to pop the ramps up. They use the tractor now. Joe explained how it can be hard to pull the ramps up and how they are doing it now. Chris said they are a crew of only 6 guys. He said he was working and thinking of the things he needed and he didn't notice that the weight was on the ramps. Joe said they have now modified this to help prevent injuries like this.

Motion was made by Ramirez with second by Brown to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: Brown & Ramirez NAYS: Schaefer & Vu, Motion carried.

5. Consider any other injuries reported:
None

6. Communication/Discussion:
None

7. Adjournment:
Motion by Schaefer with second by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 am.