

MINUTES
 General Employee Injury Review Board
 Thursday, June 26th, 2014
 Public Meeting Room
 New City Hall
 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bennett at 9:30 am.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Tim Bennett, Chairman
 Don Schaefer, Safety Rep
 Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Officer
 Rusty Whisenhunt, Public Works Safety Officer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Marlon Johnson, Safety Rep
 Bobby Finley, Safety Rep
 James Bearbow, Safety Rep
 Cam Huynh, Safety Rep
 Roy Rodrick, Safety Rep
 Britt Hubbard, Safety Rep
 Tiffani Burk – HR

Excused*

Unexcused**

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes of May 22nd, 2014

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business

A. Robert Williams-Sewer Rehab (4/21/14) Tabled

Mr. Williams was present. Safety Rep Britt Hubbard was also present.

Mr. Williams said he was loading up the street saw. When he got it up on the trailer, it shifted and jerked his whole body. He said it took him to his knees. He said he felt pain in his shoulder and his

chest. For a minute he thought he was having a heart attack. It popped. The doctor said it was a pulled muscle. Still if he lifts his arm, his fingers go numb. He said it was the big saw and it is self-propelled. He said you have to run it up on the ramp. He said everybody said he got loopy and was saying weird stuff. He was asked if it was hot that day. He said it was not that hot. The doctor did an EKG to make sure he didn't have an heart attack. He had a temp working with him that day but he was not helping load it, he was just watching. This was the first time of the day that he loaded the saw. He said he felt like they should have called an ambulance for him. Tim Bennett asked him if he tried several times to load the saw before the injury happened. Mr. Williams said no it was only the one time. He said it is trouble to get it on the trailer. Tim read the statements from the report. It said that he had made several attempts to load the saw. Mr. Williams said no, it was not several attempts.

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

4. New Business

A. Richard Settlemier-Water Distribution (5/5/14)

Mr. Settlemier was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was also present.

Mr. Settlemier said they were doing a pipe job at Baltimore Circle. He was new to the City of Lawton. He was working for Bobby Finley. Bobby was the Principal that day. Mr. Settlemier was down in the ditch and was trying to learn what to do in the ditch. He is an Operator too. He said he needs to know what is going on in the ditch. He said he started getting hot a little bit after lunch. Bobby told him to get out of the ditch and go take a break. He had just gotten out of the hole when Mike Spencer showed up and he wanted him to learn some things. Mike had him start pulling meters. Then Mike sent him back in the ditch. Mr. Settlemier said he did what he was told. Then he got overheated. It was a 100 degree day. Don Schaefer gave him a flyer about heat exhaustion. Mr. Settlemier said he has since watched the tapes and is aware what to look for.

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

B. Steven Adams-Water Distribution (5/15/14)

Mr. Adams was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was also present.

Mr. Adams said they were doing a main break and came back to the shop to get bands. He was loading them up and he felt something on his hand and he just brushed it away. He was wearing jersey gloves. That night when he got home, he noticed what he thought was a pimple on his left little finger. The next morning it was bigger. When he went to put his gloves on to start working on a fire hydrant, it popped inside of his glove. Judy said it was a spider bite and sent him to the doctor. The doctor scrapped a black head out of it, put an ointment on it, wrapped it up and gave him antibiotics. The doctor didn't know what kind of spider it was. The doctor told him to watch the purple swelling around it and if it got bigger to come back in. It all went away and now he just has a little scar.

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

C. Bobby Finley-Water Distribution (3/28/14)

Mr. Finley was present.

Mr. Finley was driving unit 7803 east on Rogers Lane; he slowed down for traffic and was rear-ended by a privately owned truck. He hurt his neck, back, right hand & arm.

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. Gregory Manson-Water Distribution (5/29/14)

Mr. Manson was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was also present. Mr. Manson's testimony was not needed. Mr. Manson was the passenger in Bobby Finley's vehicle accident where they were rear-ended. He hurt his neck and back.

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

E. Gary Ellis-Streets (4/25/14)

Mr. Ellis was not present. Safety Rep James Bearbow was present. Mr. Ellis is no longer a City of Lawton employee. Mr. Ellis was helping Doug Stamper move a hand packer from a 1-ton to the back of a pickup. He had one foot on the 1-ton's bumper and one on the tail gate of the pickup. The foot on the bumper slipped off the bumper and he fell and hit the bumper on his left side, hurting his ribs. Mr. Bearbow said he thought he lost his footing.

Motion was made by Whisenhunt with second by Brown to rule this as Preventable with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

F. Robin Dale- Streets (6/3/14)

Mr. Dale was not present. Safety Rep James Bearbow was present.

Mr. Dale was getting out of the truck and felt a sharp pain in his back. He was in a six wheeler. Mr. Bearbow said that may be about 2 1/2 to 3 feet from the ground to the bottom of the cab.

Motion was made by Brown with second by Schaefer to rule this as Preventable with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

G. Weston Owens-Traffic (5/29/14)

Mr. Owens was present. Safety Rep James Bearbow was also present.

Mr. Owens said he was on east 45th. He was pole pounding a sign with a sledge hammer. He does it every day. After he got finished, he loaded up everything in the truck. He went to stretch and move and instantly he got a sharp pain in his back. Don asked if they have a tool for pounding poles. Mr. Bearbow said we do have a nomadic pole pounder and we have a gas powered one. Candy asked at the time of his injury was the pole pounder available. Mr. Bearbow said yes, it was. It was in the building and they have access to it. Mr. Owens said that thing is old and you are taking a chance that it will work

or not. He is not back to work and he has restrictions.

Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Whisenhunt to rule this as Preventable with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

H. Christopher Devine-Drainage (5/12/14)

Mr. Devine was present. Safety Rep Cam Huynh was also present.

Mr. Devine said he was down in a creek and he knew there was poison ivy down there but he had to guide the operator because there are blind spots. He was real cautious that day and put his clothes in a bag. Monday morning he didn't think and took the clothes out and he guessed he got it on him. He said he can get it real easy. If he gets it, he has to go get a shot. He tried to fight it off with calamine lotion. It got real bad. He is real cautious around poison ivy because he can get it real easy. Sometimes he can fight it off if he catches it early enough. This time he couldn't.

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

I. Jesus Velazquez-Animal Welfare (5/16/14)

Mr. Velazquez was present. Safety Rep Roy Rodrick was also present.

Mr. Velazquez said he was responding to a call in reference to the welfare of some animals at a house. They decided to take the animals based on their condition. They got one of the dogs, the other one got away and he was pursuing it. He got in his truck and was following it. A police officer was out there helping him. Mr. Velazquez got out of his truck. He started running and saw a 1 to 1 1/2 foot tall bush. He decided to clear it to get to the other side. The level of the other side was higher than the side he was on and he didn't expect that. He sprained his ankle. He tried to walk on it to see if it was broken. He sat down and it started swelling.

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

J. Gerald Hanley-SWC (5/30/14)

Mr. Hanley was present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was also present.

Mr. Hanley said he was headed west on Gore Blvd just past the Highway Patrol Station. There were 4 cars in front of him. 2 cars made a sudden stop. He said he was on the railroad tracks and had no traction while he was bouncing around on the tracks. If he would have been before the tracks or after the tracks then he might could have avoided hitting the car in front of him. He said he was going about 35 or 40 mph. He said the car was not very far in front of him. He was issued a citation from LPD for following to close. He said he turned at the last minute to try to avoid it but he hit the ladies bumper with the driver's side of the truck. When he hit the car in front of him, he jammed both of his knees into the dash. He said he was wearing his seatbelt. There is not much room for your knees for a tall guy in this truck. This caused a chain reaction. Three vehicles were involved. He could not walk so they called an ambulance. He said he was approximately 7 to 10 feet from the car in front of him. He said he does have a good driving record. He said this is the first accident in 30 years that has been his fault.

Motion was made by Whisenhunt with second by Schaefer to rule this as Chargeable with three (3) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

K. Carlton Lewis Clark-Cemetery (4/28/14)

Mr. Clark was not present.

Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Bennett to table this injury.

AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

5. Consider any other injuries reported: None

6. Communication/Discussion: None

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am.