

MINUTES
 General Employee Injury Review Board
 Thursday, October 27, 2016
 Public Meeting Room #3
 City Hall
 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bennett at 9:29 am.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Tim Bennett, Chairman
 Don Schaefer, Vice Safety Rep
 Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Officer

Members Absent:

Others Present: Rusty Whisenhunt, Safety Rep
 Lyna Neal, Safety Rep
 James Bearbow, Safety Rep
 Marlon Johnson, Safety Rep
 Bobby Finley, Safety Rep
 George Kroboth, Safety Rep
 Jeffery Mowry, Safety Rep
 Roy Rodrick, Safety Rep
 Jamie Smith- HR

Excused*

Unexcused**

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes of September 22, 2016.

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

AYES: Bennett, Schaefer, Brown NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

A. Scott Ringener– Waster Distribution (9/22/16)

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

Ringener said that they were digging up a main leak at the edge of a driveway. He got out of the back hoe to get a better view and when he was standing there the driveway broke and he fell through. Bennett asked how far and Ringener replied about 4 feet. Brown asked if it was witnessed and Ringener replied that it was. Schaefer asked how his ankle is doing now, Ringener replied that it is better now. Schaefer stated that this is cut and dry; many Lawton driveways have no steel in it causing it to crumble easily. Finley stated that Ringener had no control over the situation, with a main break it can just wash away.

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. James Pierce – Water Distribution (10/10/16)

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

Pierce said that they were working on a broken main in the daylight but by the time they got it fixed it was dark out. Bennett stated that it sounds like there was limited light available. Schaefer asked if they had flashlights, Pierce replied that they did have flashlights but they were in the hole. Finley stated that it was an unfamiliar yard so you can never know what pot holes are there. Brown asked if they will start issuing more flashlights and Neal replied that she will send an email to make sure they have more flashlights available.

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

C. Wade Lewis – SEWTP (9/22/16)

Mr. Lewis was present. Safety Rep George Kroboth was also present.

Bennett asked if Mr. Lewis saw the poison ivy. Lewis explained that they were at Ellsworth Dam and they needed to get to the electric disconnects but they were covered in poison ivy so they sprayed round up to try and kill it off. When they went back later that week they used a pallet to lay on the existing poison ivy to try and prevent exposure as they got into the area they needed to be at. Kroboth stated that they have plans to get all of it torn out and that this was only the second time they have had to go to that unit. Lewis said that they are also trying to get paper suits to use to limit their contact with the poison ivy.

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

D. Enrique Cintora – Equipment Maintenance (9/26/16)

Mr. Cintora was present. Safety Rep Jeff Mowry was also present.

Cintora stated that he was working on a bridgeport trash truck and that inside there is a hydraulic line that he was working on when the wrench lost grip causing his arm to hit the frame of the truck. Bennett stated that it sounds like there was nothing he could do to prevent this, he was working in a small space and it just let loose all of a sudden. Mowry stated that there was nothing he could have done to change that and that he did what he needed to do to get the job done.

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.

E. Lloyd Scott – SSC (9/27/16)

Mr. Scott was not present. Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Whisenhunt stated that Mr. Scott is no longer an employee with the City of Lawton. Mr. Scott and a coworker were moving a generator off the bed of a 1-ton truck and the individual working with Mr. Scott stated that he did not complain of any injuries at that time. Brown asked if there were any safety precautions not being used. Whisenhunt replied that he did not know what lifting technique Scott used, but less than three weeks before the incident they watched videos on proper lifting techniques and Scott signed off on it. Brown stated that there is not enough information to make a ruling without being able to ask these vital questions. Brown requested that it be reflected that a ruling could not be made due to the lack of information available and that Mr. Scott is no longer employed with the City of Lawton.

Motion was made by Whisenhunt with second by Brown to not make a ruling on this injury due to the lack of information available at this time since Mr. Scott is no longer an employee. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

F. Rodger Miller – Streets (9/29/16)

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

Whisenhunt stated that this injury was caused by the concrete company. Miller stated that they poured the curb and were putting in a header board when his coworker asked the driver of the concrete truck to move closer so it would reach. His coworker told the driver to wait so that he could get in position to guide him back. Miller said that the driver took it upon himself to move the truck forward to get in position and that is when the truck ran over his foot. Miller stated that he never heard the truck moving and that it missed his leg so it was only his ankle and foot that were caught. Schaefer stated that there was nothing he could have done since he was turned away and did not see the truck coming.

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

G. David Simmons – WWC (10/12/16)

Mr. Simmons was not present. Safety Rep Chew Allen was not present.

Whisenhunt stated that Simmons does not come back to work until Sunday.

Motion was made by Whisenhunt with second by Brown to table this injury until the next meeting when Simmons can attend and the board can receive more information. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

H. Jonathan O'Reilly – SWC (10/10/16)

Mr. O'Reilly was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was present.

Whisenhunt stated that O'Reilly was working on a truck and since it is a tilt over it is an awkward position to get in and out of which caused him to injure his back in the process. Whisenhunt stated that Jason Mansel put on the report to make sure the cab is lowered before trying to start the vehicle. Johnson stated that the cab was tilted while the mechanic was working on the truck under the engine and when they need to test it they have to start it up. O'Reilly had to do this about three times so that the mechanic could maintain visual contact under the truck.

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

I. Kevin Adams – Animal Welfare (9/23/16)
Mr. Adams was present. Safety Rep Roy Rodrick was also present.

Adams said that he got a call about a dog chained up in the backyard but when he got there the dog was not chained up. The dog came around the house and Adams started running through the easement to catch the dog he tripped over a wire that he did not see. Schaefer asked what kind of wire it was and Adams replied that it was a wire going from the fence post to the ground. Rodrick stated that it is one of the hazards of the job to be in easements that are overgrown.

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.

5. Consider any other injuries reported: None

6. Communication/Discussion:

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Bennett with second by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.