

MINUTES
 General Employee Injury Review Board
 Thursday, November 17, 2016
 Public Meeting Room #3
 City Hall
 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bennett at 9:31 am.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Tim Bennett, Chairman
 Britt Hubbard, Interim Vice Safety Rep
 Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Officer

Members Absent:

Others Present: Rusty Whisenhunt, Safety Rep
 Lyna Neal, Safety Rep
 Chew Allen, Safety Rep
 Bobby Finley, Safety Rep
 Jamie Smith- HR

Excused*
 Unexcused**

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes of October 27, 2016.
Motion to approve minutes by Candy Brown with a second by Tim Bennett.
 AYES: Bennett, Hubbard, Brown NAYS: None Motion carried.

Board members reviewed 2017 Annual Notice of Meeting and did not have any adjustments to the schedule.

3. Old Business:

A. David Simmons – WWC (10/12/16)
 Mr. Simmons was present. Safety Chew Allen was also present

Simmons said he was rolling up the hose and loading it in the back of the pick up when he started experiencing pain so he took a break. As the day went on the pain continued to get worse. Whisenhunt asked if the pain was from loading or unloading the hose and Simmons replied that it was while loading.

Whisenhunt asked where this was at and Simmons replied that it was near Ft. Sill Boulevard and Ozmun. Whisenhunt asked how they loaded it and Simmons replied that they rolled it and then put it into the back of the truck and that they had the tailgate down. Hubbard asked if there was any equipment available to use. Simmons stated that there was a skid loader that they used later on but it wasn't available at that time. Allen stated that the hose was a six inch one instead of a regular four inch wide hose. Hubbard stated that the hose is hard to handle by itself because it is not a stable load.

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

4. New Business:

A. Seth Simon– WWC (11/04/16)

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

Allen stated that Seth is in DEQ class today so he will not be able to attend. Allen explained that Simon was on a sewer call running sewer rods and there was a concrete lip that the motor was being lifted over when it locked on something and the rods started twisting. Hubbard asked if Simon was still holding onto the rods and Allen replied that he was. Whisenhunt stated that he has to guide the rods into the guide pipe because it does not automatically feed and that this is not the first time an employee has been injured doing that because this is one of the most hazardous and physical jobs the city has. Allen stated that Simon wearing his rod gloves which provides a smoother surface so that you can maneuver the rods. Allen also stated that Simon is back to work full-duty.

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

B. Mohammad Azim – Engineering (10/27/16)

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

Brown asked how deep Azim fell and Neal stated it was about two to three feet and that he did not go under. Neal stated that as soon as he was helped out he was taken directly to the showers. Hubbard stated that the pit looks like a very solid surface. Brown stated that there is no railing or wire for protection. Whisenhunt stated that the pit should never be that full and you should always be able to see the wall. Whisenhunt also stated that you could put a fence up to a certain point but that where he fell in is not required to be fenced. Bennett asked if the caution tape was there before or after the accident and Neal replied that it was there before. Whisenhunt said that it was a construction site and that it is important to always use extra caution when walking a construction site. Whisenhunt stated that the sludge is extremely slick and should never be stepped on. Neal stated that they may need to put up a sign on that side since they could not put up a fence or railing because that is the side they dump from. Whisenhunt stated that engineers are not used to being around that area so it was unfamiliar to him. Bennett asked how long the pit is and Hubbard stated around forty feet. Whisenhunt stated that Azim could have walked around it and that it does not make sense to try and walk across it when there is a caution tape on the other side. Neal stated that she will get with Tommy to get signs made. Neal said that no work was being done at the construction site that day, but the sludge pit has a noticeably different

material then all of the surfaces around it. Brown stated that someone who is not in that area regularly might not have noticed that. Bennett asked how far the caution tape goes and Neal replied that it goes all the way to the edge. Whisenhunt made a ruling of preventable with two points assessed and Hubbard stated that he did not agree with that ruling. Hubbard said that Azim could have thought it was a sturdy surface to walk across as it looks very solid. Whisenhunt modified his ruling to preventable with one point assessed.

Motion was made by Whisenhunt with a second by Brown to rule this as Preventable with one (1) point assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

C. Henry Morales – SSC (11/01/16)

Mr. Morales was present. Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was also present.

Morales said that he was following the oiler when the hose blew off and hit him in the face. Whisenhunt stated that it was a defective new fitting that caused it to blow off; there were miss cut angles on the thread causing the fitting to be defective. Bennett asked if it was the end of the metal hose that hit him and Morales replied that it was and that it broke the safety glasses he was wearing. Hubbard stated that this is non-preventable due to the defective material.

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

D. Timothy Fields – Water Distribution (11/03/16)

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

Fields stated that he had been working for 16 hours that day and was already fatigued. They were at a stopping point and he was anxious to get out of there and go home so he was gathering up tools when he grabbed and slid the water pump into the bucket so Karl could grab it. Brown asked how much it weighed and Fields said it was a four inch pump. Whisenhunt stated that it weighs 100 pounds roughly. Hubbard asked if it had wheels and Fields replied that it did not. Fields said that he woke up that night with his back hurting. Fields stated that he probably should have had someone help him but after working 16 hours he was ready to go home. Bennett asked if it is normal to work 16 hours. Fields stated that they were working on a 30 inch line which takes a lot of time and puts significant stress on your body. Brown asked if Fields thought the injury was from moving the pump or just from working hard all day. Fields replied that he did not feel anything until he moved the pump. Finley stated that moving that pump is a two man job and that he should have had a chain and used the equipment instead. Hubbard asked if they had one available and Finley replied that they should have. Brown stated that there was a second person there so he should have asked for help. Bennett stated that it is listed as preventable on the report's recommendation.

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

E. Aaron Williams – Water Distribution (11/07/16)

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

Williams stated that he was loading up the smaller sections of the 30 inch pipe that had been broken up and when he went to throw one in there was something on the pipe that caught his hand and cut through his glove. Bennett asked if it was just a jagged piece of the pipe and Williams replied that it was. Finley stated that he was wearing his PPE and using all of the right safety precautions. Bennett stated that it sounds like he was being cautious by only loading the smaller more manageable pieces. Neal stated that it was older, used pipe and not new pipe.

Motion was made by Neal with a second by Finley 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 10:58 a.m.