

MINUTES
General Employee Vehicle Accident Review Board
July 11, 2017
Public Meeting Room #3
City Hall
212 SW 9th St.
1:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wright at 1:30 pm.

1. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rusty Wright, Chairman
Dennis Bothell, Equipment Maintenance
Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rusty Whisenhunt, PW/Eng Safety Rep
Marlon Johnson, Safety Rep
James Bearbow, Safety Rep
George Farris, Safety Rep
Sue Smith, HR

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of June 6, 2017

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to approve the minutes of June 6, 2017.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. Justin Lewis- SWC (4/19/17) Appeal

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

Lewis showed a letter given to him by Code Enforcement on his personal goal post and the violation of where it needed to be in his yard. He said that the goal post he hit was in the same place and should not have been partly in the street.

Whisenhunt asked if base of goal was in the grass. Johnson said yes. Whisenhunt said we need to train operators to get out of the truck and move carts or items safely and if management makes the decision to pick up an item then the responsibility is no longer the operators.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to change their initial ruling for this accident to a Non-Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed based on no charge to City and no liability.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

5. New Business:

A. Denny Reid- SWC (5/15/17)

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

Reid said the dumpster rolled and smashed into a POV. Bothell asked if the driver moved the dumpster. Reid said the driver or the truck didn't strike anything. Brown asked if the worker let the dumpster roll. She said the dumpster caused the accident. Reid said the dumpster was emptied and later that day, it rolled and hit a car. Johnson said the parking lot is on a slant. Bothell said this is beyond the scope of the VARB. Bothell said there needs to be a dumpster placed at this location without wheels.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this accident as a Non-Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Dennis Sloniker –SWC (5/15/17)

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

Sloniker was not seen by the board since this incident was the same as Denny Reid.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this accident as a Non-Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. Kevin McRae –SWC (6/20/17)

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

McRae said he picked up a cart in a cul-de-sac. A lady parked her car in front of him while he was there and left the car. He said he backed up to avoid hitting the lady's car and he hit a utility pole.

Motion by Brown with second by Bothell to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Collision with three (3) points minus one (1) point due to low cost of damages with a total of two (2) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

D. Brian Sullivan –SWC (6/16/17)

Mr. Sullivan was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was present.

Sullivan said he was emptying a cart and as he lowered it, the cart hit a mailbox.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

E. Joe D'Agostino –SSC (6/6/17)

Mr. D'Agostino was present. Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was also present.

D'Agostino said he was attempting to move a pickup out of the way and didn't realize how close the backhoe was behind him and he hit it. Brown asked if both vehicles were moving. D'Agostino said both were moving but not being operated. He said there was a drop off and the ground was wet. He also said the backhoe was on an angle and slid down while the truck was being pulled out.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this accident as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

F. Ethan McCracken –SSC (5/31/17)

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

McCracken said he was on a call and he was putting dirt in a sinkhole in an alley. He said there were tree limbs hanging over a gas meter and he backed into it. Brown asked if he did a walk through. McCracken said yes, around the sink hole and nowhere else. D'Agostino said, as the principal operator, he told him to back up straight but he backed up and then turned. He said he told him to watch out for the gas meter but the second time it was too late and he hit it.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this accident as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

G. Tyrone Webb –SSC (6/30/17)

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

Webb said he was backing up in a dump truck next to a parked dump truck. He hit a pole. Webb said he looked in at the side poles but there was one t-post that was in between the side poles. Brown asked about using a ground guide when backing up. Webb said everyone was busy doing other job duties at the time.

Motion by Brown with second by Bothell to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Collision with three (3) points minus one (1) point due to low cost of damages with a total of two (2) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

H. Bryan Duggins –Streets (6/12/17)

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

Duggins said he was backfilling and had some extra dirt. He said he jumped in a dump truck and backed at an angle and hit a mailbox. Duggins said he put it back up. He said the next day, it had fallen over. Brown asked if he reported when it happened. Duggins said no since he had put it back.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Collision with three (3) points minus one (1) point due to low cost of damages with a total of two (2) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

I. Kevin Buttler –Drng (6/23/17)

Mr. Buttler was present. Safety Rep George Farris was also present.

Buttler said he was working with the weed eating crew cutting tall and thick grass. He said they did a walk through and found one gas meter. Buttler said as he was cutting the grass, he heard a noise and he had hit another gas meter. Bothell asked what kind of mower was he driving. Buttler said a walk behind self-propelled lawn mower.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this accident as a Non-Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

5. Consider any other accidents reported:

6. Communication/Discussion:

Brown said she will have the new policy written and will bring next month.

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Brown with second by Bothell to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 pm.