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Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety

Meeting Minutes

Washington State Investment Board

2100 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, WA 98504

March 24, 2011

Present members:

Ron Schmitt, Chair
Tim Sweeney, Vice-Chair
Bill Rickard
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David Taylor
Terrill Briere
Bob Beaumier
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Jody Morehouse
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Absent members:

Carl Weimer
Andrew Martonick
Ruth Mabrey

Other attendees:

David Lykken, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Joe Subsits, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Alan Lundeen, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Marina Woodard, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Ryan Paulsen, DOE
Kelli Gustaff, DOE
Jim Fraley, Olympic Pipe Line
Gary Scott, Lewis County PUD
Brian Felezak, City of Kent, Emergency Management

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome, Introduction and Adoption of November 10, 2010, January 19, 2011 and March 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order by Ron Schmitt who welcomed all attendees. In an unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the Nov 10, 2010, Jan 19, 2011 and March 14, 2011 meeting minutes as written.

Adoption of 2010 Workplan – After consideration of the amended draft 2010 workplan, members decided to table it as “draft” and consider its contents for the 2011 workplan.

2. **House Bill 1634 (Amending RCW 19.122)**

Alan Lundeen provided an update on the current status of HB 1634. The bill has passed the House of Representatives with amendments, and recently passed the Senate Committee with two additional amendments. The latest amendments include an exemption for agricultural cultivation up to 20 inches (rather than 12 inches) in depth. Additionally, road sign installations and ditch maintenance up to 6 inches in depth would not require a locate. The bill has now moved to the House Rules Committee.

In response to Tim's query, there was considerable discussion about the objection raised by several cities as to requirements for locating sewers and water laterals. Tim moved that the committee submit a letter to legislature stating the committee's support for HB 1634 but also its concern over extending exemptions from locates for:

- Agricultural excavation below 12 inches.
- Ditch maintenance.
- Installation of new road signs.

Dave Taylor seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Action(s):

Tim will email Ron the draft letter for his signature. The letters will be addressed to Representative Dean Takko and Senator Phil Rockefeller. Ron will email signed copies to members and UTC staff.

3. **Problematic Pipes**

Inquiries from members concerning cast iron and other potential problematic pipelines are the purpose of this agenda item. Dave Lykken reported that the last cast iron pipes in Washington were removed in 2009. Approximately 30 miles of uncoated bare steel distribution pipelines still remains and will be removed in the next four years.

Industry members from each respective company outlined for the committee the type of pipes used and how pipe replacement is scheduled.

4. **Discussion of PIPA Recommendations/DIMP**

Bob Beaumier expressed interest in two items that he had researched. One being the DIMP rules which recently became effective, and the other was the PIPA final report.

Dave Lykken responded that PHMSA released the PIPA final report of Recommended Practice on December 16, 2010. The PIPA communications task group met in Washington D.C. in February to develop a communications strategy for promoting the final report and to discuss concepts for keeping the alliance alive in some form going forward. It was Dave's understanding in talking to Carl that there was not much in the way of progress and no clear outcomes.

Having a robust communications plan and committed stakeholders is essential for getting the word out to communities on a national level. It appears though that the effort is going to have to come from local interests such as been demonstrated here in Washington.

Discussion followed including Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) in Washington on land use efforts.

5. **Public Comments**

Jim Fraley of Olympic Pipeline expressed his appreciation for the position the committee took earlier this morning relative to amendments of the proposed Damage Prevention law.

6. **2010 Stakeholder Annual Report**

Ron presented the committee with the draft 2010 Stakeholder Annual Report that he put together for discussion and approval. The contents include CCOPS accomplishments, activities and meetings that occurred in 2010 as well as a list of all members who served on the committee during the year. Changes and edits were made by members during the discussion.

The committee moved to adopt the content subject to proofread of the final layout. Motion passed unanimously.

Action(s):

- The committee agreed to produce the Stakeholder report on a yearly basis.
- The committee decided to produce the report in a single 8 ½ x 11 format rather than trifold.
- Terri will draft some new logos and send to Marina to be forwarded to members for review.
- Final report will be presented to the committee during May 19th meeting.

7. **2011 Workplan**

The following topics were discussed for possible elements to work on during 2011.

- RCW 19.122 and its aftermath
- Continuing development of informed planning and pipeline awareness
 - *UTC Mini-grant and Technical Advisory Grants*
 - *AWC is grant holder and how we assist, maybe bring them to the meeting.*
- PHMSA annual audit of the UTC pipeline safety program
 - *CCOPS Metric of Pipeline Safety Program*
- Education of New Members
 - *Dave Taylor's Pipeline 101 presentation for next meeting*
- CCOPS website accuracy
- Industry/issues/concerns
- NTSB/PHMSA rulings/notifications
 - *Has been delayed due to PHMSA rules/notices*
- Department of Ecology
 - *Ron requested DOE representative to provide updates at every CCOPS meeting.*
- Review of Small Gas Pipeline Study (SGS) – (anything not covered by Utility)
- Education of Smart Piggings (Inline Inspections)

Ron moved to adopt the 2011 Workplan. Tim seconded and motion passed unanimously. In addition, Dave Taylor suggested inviting PHMSA's representative to CCOPS meeting.

Action(s):

- Ron will email the finalized 2011 Workplan to committee members and UTC staff.

8. **UTC Update (David Lykken)**

- UTC filed a complaint against Cascade Natural Gas on March 21, 2011 from inspections conducted at Tri-Cities, Aberdeen, Wenatchee/Moses Lake, Whatcom and Kitsap districts. A total of 364 probable violations were noted and UTC is currently waiting for company's response.
- **Damage Prevention Outreach**
 - Advertisement has been put on the radio through spring.
 - Outreach at multiple home shows throughout Washington.
 - Anna Gill was interviewed on Ciscoe Morris Radio show KIRO FM 97.3, on March 30, 2011.
 - Communication with fire districts.
- 2011 Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Seminar will be held on May 12, 2011 in Olympia, WA.
- Carl recommended the committee try to develop metrics to evaluate the UTC. Dave Lykken distributed the publication of "Making State Gas Pipeline Safety & Reliable" as a sample of data that is available on state pipeline safety programs. (*This document is posted on the [CCOPS website](#)*)
- Joe presented a slide presentation about the UTC Pipeline Program. (*This document is posted on the [CCOPS website](#)*)

9. **Public Comments**

No public comments were provided.

10. **Other Business, Future Agendas and Next Meeting Location**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the UTC.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.