

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety
Meeting Minutes
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98504
September 21, 2017

Present members:

Greg Baruso, Vice-chair
Janet Alderton
Kate Blystone
Ron Bowen
Juliana Williams
Nick Peelo
Carl Weimer
Dave Taylor
Karen Cash
Patrick Davis

Absent members:

Rebecca Sexton
Randy Tarter
Ron Schmitt

Other attendees:

Sean Mayo, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Denise Crawford, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Darren Tinnerstet, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Scott Zimmerman, Dept. of Ecology
Dave Danner, UTC Chairman
Jay Balasbas, UTC Commissioner
Troy Robey, Williams Northwest Pipeline
Larry West, Williams Northwest Pipeline

Agenda Items:

- 1) **Welcome, Meeting Protocols, Introduction and Adoption of May 18, 2017 Minutes**
The meeting was brought to order by Greg Baruso who welcomed all attendees.
Dave Danner introduced Jay Balasbas, new commissioner at the UTC.
In a unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the May 18, 2017 meeting minutes as written.
- 2) **Review Draft of Pipeline Safety Report**
Carl Weimer reviewed the draft/outline of the Pipeline Safety Report (*This document is posted on the CCOPS website*)
Carl reviewed the table contents, graphics, and CCOPS representation on the report.
Carl asked that comments on the report be emailed to him within the next 30 days.

The Pipeline Safety Trust will be surveying elected officials, first responders, operators, and consumers across the state about public awareness of pipelines.

A discussion about how to break down the different types of operators: gas, hazardous liquid, distribution and transmission. Also discussed was indicating high pressure pipelines and adding the pipeline miles. Carl also talked pipeline incidents and how to determine which ones to include in the report.

Juliana pointed out that we don't want to minimize the risk, instead show how many incidents have occurred during a specified time and how many of them were significant, and define "significant".

Draft is due by next CCOPS meeting. Final draft is due around April 1, 2018.

3) **McChord Incident**

Nick Peelo presented a report on McChord Pipeline's investigation into the incident which occurred on Aug. 2, in Tacoma, WA. *(This document is posted on the CCOPS website)*

4) **Damage Prevention Update**

Darren Tinnerstet provided an update on Damage Prevention penalties assessed to date. *(This document posted on the CCOPS website)*

5) **Dept. of Ecology Update**

Scott Zimmerman presented the Dept. of Ecology update. Scott reviewed the Contingency Plans, Drills and Geographic Response Plan (GRP) Updates. *(This document is posted on the CCOPS website)*

6) **UTC Update**

Sean Mayo provided a brief UTC update. The following items were discussed:

- The sunset clause was removed from RCW 19.122.
- Upcoming stakeholder meetings to discuss changes to RCW 19.122, stakeholder request legislation.
- Three new LPG systems. Staff will be providing technical assistance.
- PSE Tacoma LNG construction. Staff is reviewing the ongoing construction.
- PHMSA is currently auditing the commissions Pipeline Safety Program.
- PHMSA financial audit of program (which is done every three years) is scheduled in October.
- Joe Subsits and Sean Mayo will be attending the NAPSRS conference in Columbus, OH, at the end of September. Kate Blystone will be presenting at the conference.
- PST Conference in November. Janet Alderton, Greg Baruso, Sean Mayo and Joe Subsits will be in attendance.
- Operator meetings are set for January 2018. PHMSA will be in attendance.

7) **2018 NAPSRS Western Region National Meeting – Seattle**

Sean Mayo has been appointed Chair of NAPSRS Western Region.

The commission will be hosting the NAPSRS Western Region National Meeting the week of April 23rd, in Seattle. The venue is the Silver Cloud Inn. Operators are welcome to

attend this event, some of the NAPSRS meetings at this conference will not be open to operators.

8) **Discuss moving the Nov. 16, 2017 meeting date**

In a unanimous vote, the meeting date was changed to Dec. 7, 2017.

9) **Public Comments**

Carl Weimer reported that Alan Rathbun has been appointed to the Pipeline Safety Trust (PST). He will not be participating the preparation of PST's report on the Pipeline Safety Program.

Action Items from last meeting:

Juliana requested a list of the local cities and governments that participated in the last land planning conference.

She would also like a video resource to present to local jurisdictions on land planning.

Denise Crawford sent an email to Heidi Olmstead of AWC, requesting the list of attendees.

10) **Other Business and Next Agenda Items**

Possible Agenda topics to include:

- Report from members on activities since last meeting
- Northwest Natural Training Village
- Karen Cash to report on Grid X mock drill (with focus on Cyber-attack)
- Summary of PHMSA audit
- Cybersecurity – facility security
- Emergency Responder training and how can the Committee support their efforts?

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.