

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety
Meeting Minutes
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98504
March 20, 2019

Present members:

Greg Baruso, Chair
Rebecca Sexton-Kelly, Vice-Chair
Jerome Delvin
Ron Bowen
Nick Peelo (via conference bridge line)
Randy Tarter
Leanne Guier
Karen Cash
Patrick Davis
Janet Alderton

Absent members:**Other attendees:**

Sean Mayo, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Joe Subsits, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Debbie Becker, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Rell Koizumi, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Steve Davidson, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Scott Zimmerman, Dept. of Ecology
Megan Loy, Cascade Natural Gas
Carl Weimer, Pipeline Safety Trust (via conference bridge line)

Agenda Items:

- 1) **Welcome, Meeting Protocols, Introduction and Adoption of November 15, 2018 Minutes**
The meeting was brought to order by Gregory Baruso who welcomed all attendees. In a unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the November 15, 2018 meeting minutes as written.
The committee welcomed the newest member, Leanne Guier, Cities Representative.
- 2) **Review the list of Open Action Items**
The committee reviewed the list of Open Action Items from previous meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEM: Janet Alderton will provide Greg Baruso with contact information for the Tribes.

ACTION ITEM: Jerome Delvin will contact WSAC about doing a presentation with them in November.

3) **Pipeline Safety in Washington State Report**

Greg Baruso: Presented his cover letter to go with the Safety Report that will be given to the members of the Legislature and other state officials.

ACTION ITEM: Rell Koizumi, pipeline staff, will add the CCOPS letterhead to the letter and send an electronic copy to all CCOPS members for distribution.

Janet Alderton: Requested that someone with expertise talk about different types of leak detection technology used in Washington state. Nick Peelo offered to give a presentation on McChord's Leak Detection System.

PHMSA Technical Assistance Grant

Carl Weimer joined the meeting and recommended CCOPS consider applying for the PHMSA Technical Assistance Grant.

The due date of the grant application is prior to the next CCOPS meeting, therefore Jerome Delvin made a motion to authorize the Chair, Greg Baruso, to work with the Pipeline Safety Trust to create a proposal to submit to PHMSA for consideration. The motion was seconded by Janet Alderton. Greg Baruso requested a friendly amendment to the motion, to add Vice Chair, Rebecca Sexton-Kelly, to assist in creating the grant proposal.

The motion passed.

Carl Weimer recommended clarification on what they would like to do with the grant. After discussion, the committee has decided they would use the PHMSA Grant money to develop presentations targeting the planning and land use professionals.

4) **CCOPS Tri-fold**

Ron Bowen presented the draft tri-fold brochure that can be used for describing the Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety (CCOPS).

ACTION ITEM: Ron Bowen will present the final brochure at the May 8 meeting.

5) **Department of Ecology Update**

Document is posted on the CCOPS website. Scott Zimmerman of Ecology reported that all pipeline operators under their jurisdiction have completed plan updates to comply with both phase-in dates of the pipeline rule. The pipeline rule is now fully implemented.

6) **WSAC Presentation Update**

Jerome Delvin will contact WSAC to schedule a presentation for November 2019.

7) **UTC Update**

Sean Mayo reviewed the activities conducted by the Pipeline Safety Program since the last meeting and provided an update on PHMSA activities.

- New building update - The UTC is moving to a new location in Lacey in June 2019.
- The inspectors completed 114 random crew inspections and 230 field days since the last CCOPS meeting in November.
- Joe Subsits will be going with NARUC to Tanzania on April 29th. He will be a part of a 3-day workshop to work with the local government to help improve its pipeline safety program.
- PHMSA announced that Kim West is no longer the Western Region Director and Chris Hoidal is now the Interim Western Region Director.
- Staff continues to take part in several national level workgroups and committees.
- NAPSRS focused on getting state funding levels increased. The federal statute calls for reimbursement up to 80% of eligible costs. The reimbursement rate has been as low as 50% and is currently 60%. NAPSRS would like to have the level increased to the 80% as allowed by statute.
- PHMSA Rulemaking - The plastic pipe rule was rolled out in November with an implementation date of January 22nd. The AGA petitioned PHMSA for more time. Since then, PHMSA has extended some of the dates to allow more time for pipeline operators to update their policies and procedures. There are multiple phased implementation deadlines, with the final deadline of January 2020. The state will match implementation dates with PHMSA's dates.
- PHMSA rulemaking – Chairman Danner and Sean Mayo will visit PHMSA headquarters in June to discuss the gathering line portion of the mega rule.
- PHMSA rulemaking - A publication from PHMSA is expected this month, regarding the final rule regarding emergency orders authority.
- PHMSA rulemaking –Expect a final rule on the Hazardous Liquid rule in July, which will expand integrity management principals.
- PHMSA rulemaking - A notice of proposed rulemaking regarding rupture detection and shut-off valves.
- Sean Mayo reviewed a list of potential pipeline safety indicators.

ACTION ITEM: The next meeting, staff will provide members with a series of visual data indicators on pipeline safety inspection results and activities.

8) **Damage Prevention Program Update**

Debbie Becker gave an update on the damage prevention program.

- A calendar of events for damage prevention activities through April 2019.
- A review of recent penalties and the training program it supports and how training locations are determined.

9) **Nominating Committee**

CCOP election of officers will occur during the May meeting. Members were asked to serve on a nominating committee. Ron Bowen and Rebecca Sexton-Kelly volunteered to serve on the committee and Ron Bowen will serve as chair.

10) **Public Comments**

Chair Baruso asked for anyone interested in providing public comments. No one requested time or provided comments.

11) **Review of Action Items, Topics for Next Meeting and Other Business**

- Janet Alderton will provide Greg Baruso with contact information for the tribes.
- Rell Koizumi will make the recommended edits on the letter to the Legislators and send it to the members.
- Jerome Delvin will contact WSAC about doing a presentation in November.
- Ron Bowen will provide a final draft of the CCOPS brochure for review at the May 8 meeting.
- Staff will provide members with a series of visual data indicators on pipeline safety inspection results and activities .
- Sean Mayo will send members the application packet to apply for consideration to share with interested parties.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.