

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety
Meeting Minutes
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98504
May 8, 2019

Present members:

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

Absent members:

Randy Tarter
Patrick Davis

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
Lynda Holloway, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Steve Davidson, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Megan Loy, MDU
Sam Hamilton, Cascade Natural Gas
Scott Zimmerman, Department of Ecology

Agenda Items:

1) **Welcome, Meeting Protocols, Introduction and Adoption of March 20, 2019 Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order by Greg Baruso. In a unanimous vote, the Committee adopted the March 20, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

2) **Status Update on the Application for the Technical Assistance Grant**

Upon the approval of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Technical Assistance Grant, the members plan to coordinate and present 10-15 minute presentations. Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety (CCOPS) members are expecting to hear back about the application status from PHMSA in fall. Greg Baruso suggested that the members start with their local government entities to present this report to.

The members will start brainstorming the type of presentations that they want to deliver. Sean Mayo recommended building a presentation that is sustainable, organic, and can be adjusted easily for future presentations.

3) **The Committee Accepts the Final CCOPS Brochure**

Ron Bowen presented the final draft of the Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety brochure. Jerome Delvin made a motion to accept the CCOPS brochure with the changes outlined during their discussion. Ron Bowen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4) **Committee Members Review Vacant Positions and Term Expirations**

The committee currently has 3 vacant positions. Sean Mayo informed the committee that the Governor's office is currently in receipt of 3 application submissions. Both, Karen Cash and Jerome Delvin, submitted their reapplication packet for their 2nd term. Greg Baruso recommended members put more of an effort on recruiting and educating people about the Citizens Committee and what they do. Rebecca Sexton-Kelly raised a possible concern regarding recruitment being related to the committee's meeting times. Sean Mayo will look into the bylaws of changing meeting times and report back.

5) **Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Presentation**

Jerome Delvin met with the Executive Director of WSAC. He assured Jerome that there will be time for a presentation and the dates of the WSAC meeting will be November 20-22.

6) **Presentation of McChord Pipeline Leak Detection System**

Nick Peelo gave a presentation on McChord Pipeline Leak Detection System. *The presentation is posted on the CCOPS website and can be found [here](#).*

7) **Department of Ecology Update**

The document is posted on the CCOPS website and can be found [here](#). Scott Zimmerman of Ecology presented the scheduled 2019 Spill Drills, and invited the CCOPS members to witness the tabletop drills.

8) **UTC Update**

Sean Mayo gave an update on PHMSA activities and presented sample visuals of charts and graphs for displaying potential indicators.

- Sean Mayo presented the capabilities of QuickBase and the charts and graphs it could create. Committee members will think about and discuss what potential indicators and data they want to see and have distributed.
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) is focused on the reauthorization of the Pipeline Safety Act.
- PHMSA announced that Dustin Hubbard is now the Western Region Director.

- Sean Mayo and David Danner will be going to Washington DC in June to discuss the gathering line portion of the mega rule.
- PHMSA Rulemaking –
 - The plastic pipe rule was rolled out in November with an implementation date of January 22nd. The AGA petitioned PHMSA, and PHMSA has responded to the petition by allowing more time.
 - PHMSA expects a final ruling on the Hazardous Liquid rule soon, possibly this month.
 - A notice of proposed rulemaking regarding rupture detection and shut-off valves, expected this fall.
 - The gas transmission rule and underground storage have an expected publication of July 2019.
- Dig Law Task Group – Stakeholder groups introduced a piece of Legislation to make some additions and changes to our Washington Dig Law. As a result, there is some language and budget for a task group to be created to discuss the Dig Law. A report will be due to the Legislature in December.
- PHMSA Audit – PHMSA will be coming to the UTC to audit the Pipeline Safety Program from September 16-20. In August, they will spend a week with the UTC Inspectors in the field, conducting an inspection.
- The next CCOPS Meeting will be held at the new building in Lacey. UTC staff will provide maps and directions prior to the September meeting.

9) **Damage Prevention Update**

Lynda Holloway gave an update on the damage prevention program.

- Scheduled additional safe digging classes for September.
- In 2018 \$73,000 in penalty funds paid for 15 trainings. To date in 2019, 14 trainings have been held between January and April.
- Dozer Days is happening in Puyallup from June 1-2, Lynda Holloway and Investigator, Steve Davidson, will be attending.
- Short notice tickets will no longer be a choice on June 1.
- The next Dig Law Safety Committee Review will be on June 11.

10) **Election of the Vice-Chair**

Ron Bowen nominated Jerome Delvin for Vice-Chair.
The nomination was seconded by Greg Baruso.

11) **Public Comments**

Chair, Greg Baruso, asked if anyone was interested in providing public comments. No one requested time or provided comments.

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

Ron Bowen will finalize the tri-fold and send the finished version to Rell Koizumi.

The members will brainstorm potential indicators that they would like to discuss at the next meeting.

If any members are interested in attending the tabletop drills, contact Scott Zimmerman.

The next meeting will be held at the UTC's new building in Lacey and members will be provided a tour.

Karen Cash will give a presentation on GridX5 at the September meeting. GridX5 will take place on November 13 in Spokane Valley.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.