

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
UTAH STATE LPG BOARD**

March 9, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Karl Humphrey
Ellis Willson
Les Whitney
Amanda Clark-Cross

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Don Adams, Chair

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE STAFF

Coy Porter, SFM
Lynda Viti, Assistant Attorney General
Boyd Cook
Robert Erickson
Corey Feece
Annette Garcia

STAFF EXCUSED

Ted Black, Chief Deputy

Item #1 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Karl Humphrey Vice Chair, presiding.

Item #2 Board Member Ellis Wilson made motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2017 Board Meetings with the amend that Karl Humphrey did not second the motion to close the meeting. Board Member Amanda Clark-Cross seconded the motion. All Board Members voted in favor. Board Meeting December 8, 2017 Minutes were approved pending the amendment.

Item#3 Introduction of LPG inspector Cory Feece as well as Lynda Viti, Assistant Attorney General.

Item#4 Report on Transport/ train accident. Boyd Cook reported on the incident, Ryan Loveless with Crestwood Propane attended as representation for the company he is in the safety/ investigative department. The incident took place January 17, 2018. Boyd met with Ryan as per the safety act R 710.6-4. Under licensing, approximately 5:28 a.m. John Walberg was the driver traveling East on 500 South in Salt Lake City. He was driving a Crestwood Tractor Trailer & Pup. Mr. Walberg did not stop at the crossing located at 2330 West 500 South he proceeded through the intersection which resulted in an accident between his vehicle and Union Pacific's Train. The accident type was identified as a vehicle in motion. No injuries have been reported. The driver's status of employment he has been terminated. One concern that Ryan Loveless brought up was that there have been reports of the arms at that crossing tend to come down even when a train is not crossing. He has witnessed cars going around those arms because no train was present. For this reason it contributed to the driver's judgment of crossing without stopping that is no excuse for not stopping regardless, as that should happen at any train track weather the arms are down or not.

Item#5 Legislative report by Fire Marshal Coy Porter; see list attached

Tom Clark with Rocky Mountain Propane Association brought up HB 422 IS THE NATURAL GAS LINE EXPANSION SUBSIDY BILL; this allows dominion to spend hundreds of millions dollars through a general rate increase that will expand the natural gas main line to Kanab, Green River, Bear Lake & Wendover. This bill passed and will affect the propane industry a lot. There will be a lot of tanks picked, moved around up and evacuated. It will take years for the pipeline to be put in. Tom Clark is concerned about tanks being abandoned still being full or having some gas still in them and residents and smaller communities not knowing how to handle these situations. His biggest concern being tanks abandoned underground, not knowing where they are. Boyd Cook clarifying ramifications of what can happen in such a case. The example being that when the gas line was brought to Richfield some tanks where abandoned underground. At a JB's Restaurant when they went to expand their parking lot, a front end loader that was working the ground asked the man in charge about the propane container found; how it should be handled. The man in charge said not to worry and that it was empty, so the man running the front loader scraped across the tank and took off the release valve. There was still 400 gallons of gas remaining in the tank. Boyd Cook heard about it and went down and the situation was secured.

Rich Maughn Freeway propane voiced his concern of if the board or someone could mention to the governor to have every tank identified so that issues of abandoned tanks won't happen. Possibly mention a veto. Abandoned tanks would give this industry and anyone else working in that field a bad reputation.

Coy Porter said that the staff can be reached out to Mike Mower specifically is the one he works with. The veto would be very difficult without a lot of data but we could ask for study be done or identify some way to help utilize some of the cost rate increases to help ID tanks. This issue may not be realized. Most Urban areas have had natural gas for so long they don't think of the industry. A letter will be happily drafted.

Ellis Willson commented that if a tank is going to be left they should have been taught to fill them with sand. Rich Maughn commented a tank should not be left in the ground, home or business owners should not end up being responsible for those tanks. Coy Porter pointed out that when fuel tanks were at gas stations. There was an insurance fund set up to cover any accidents with regards to those tanks. It was mandated to participate in that insurance fund for those who put them underground. So a lot of cities pulled their metal tanks out, now they use poly wrapped tanks instead of the steel tanks because they leak over time. Let us remind them of the importance of indentifying fuel tanks.

Karl Humphrey requested a report by Boyd Cook on the percentage in Richfield where abandoned tanks have been an issue, besides the restaurant. Are there any home owners with this issue? If a tank is left in a yard, what are the steps that should be taken to get it removed. What are the procedures for rural communities.

Karl Humphrey asks if there are there any other questions and turns it over to Coy Porter.

Item#6 Report to the Board by Coy Porter, Utah State Fire Marshal, Concerning the status of open Board Positions. Due to the Legislative Session there has not been an appointment to put the nominations before the governor to make a decision. There are so many boards and commissions that it is difficult to get that appointment made. Coy is hoping to get that appointment made, some movement for the next meeting. Apologies said.

Item#7 No Old Business

Item#8 No New Business

Next meeting date and time: Friday, June 8, 2018 @ 10 a.m. at the Murray City Hall, Council Chambers; 5025 South State Street Murray, Utah 84107.

Ellis Willson motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Les Whitney. All Board Members agreed.

Meeting adjourned by Karl Humphrey.