

International Pipeline Committee Fall Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Las Vegas, NV

Call to Order

D. Anderson

- **Introductions**
- **Review Agenda**
- **Approve Minutes of Fall Meeting**
- **Treasurer's Report** *David Sinclair*
\$11,252.38 in the budget
- **Local Chapter / Region News** *Region Rep.*

International News & Information

D. Anderson

Discussion on IPDC Report and suggestions for Certification and Designations. Those who spoke generally were not in favor of changing the current designations and were strongly opposed to anything that would eliminate or change the SR/WA designation. Comments were given to Joanne and she will pass them on to the IPDC.

Annual Conference

D. Anderson

1. **Indianapolis, Indiana 2009**
2. **Review Presentation Topics**

Case Study: Rex Project, PHMSA/PIPA Presentation, Storage Fields 101 (two parts).

3. **Discussion of Topic Presenters**

There will be no "esoteric chicken plucking" this year.

PIPA Update

Various

See separate documents for the updates. We discussed this model legislation that can be adopted by local agencies. The full materials should be on the IRWA website by February. The Pipeline Committee has commented on the proposed document, but has elected not to come out with an endorsement of it as there are many concerns some of which are as follows:

- A. Conflicts with state and federal laws
- B. Onus of pipeline data on the company and not the developer
- C. Digital data requirements
- D. Will have to notify all of r/w maintenance activities
- E. Location of abandoned lines
- F. Setbacks. Companies would not be able to build pipelines that conflicted with the defined setback requirements.
- G. Proposed consultation zone is w/in 1500 ft of a pipeline. Planning zone is within 400 ft. Requires 12 mitigation efforts. Companies

would have to follow the mitigation requirements on new pipelines and possibly old ones as well.

- H. Taking without compensation?
- I. Manpower issues

Guest Speaker:

One Call System SW Gas

Tad Pistone

Southern Nevada Damage Prevention Program. This presentation discussed how SW Gas made great reductions in the number of incidents causing damage to their facilities. They worked with many entities (contractors, landscapers, engineers, developers, state licensing board, fire departments, etc.) in implementing a training program including a short video, which is also available in Spanish. They joined with other utility companies to pool resources and share advertising and DOT required mailing costs. They got the counties to require proof of one-call service made on any jobs permitted by the counties. They developed a database of what was damaged, who was responsible, time it took to address the problem, costs, trends, etc. They decided to reward safe contractors with BBQ's and "Silver Shovel Awards". Any use of a vac truck requires the utilities okay in order to pothole.

Subcommittee Reports/Special Topics / Old Business

- **Tribal Lands Compensation** ***D. Anderson***
The BIA is coming out with new regulations on right of way grants from tribes and allottees. Upcoming 2 day training in Albuquerque, NM.
- **Federal Projects Course** ***E. Peck***
This went well, but they are asking for more pipeline committee participation next year.
- **PIPA** ***T. Mock***
- **BLM Pipeline Systems Course** is May 4th – 7th and is filling up quickly. This is in Durango, CO.

Guest Speaker:

New Construction Techniques SW Gas

Ken Pollack

Pavement Restoration on Main Replacement Projects, Pipe Splitting, and Keyhole Technology. The new keyhole technology allows for the removal of the "core", restoration of the surface and traffic can be flowing again within 30 minutes. Tools – snake eyes II, camera, self-compaction supervisor with logging capabilities (software); coring rigs, skid steers. Splitting mainstays live, camera insert and can see service taps, etc. Benefits: reduced labor, improved relationship with governmental agencies which may now allow us to cut on "no cut" sites/streets. An example: to open trench 500 feet of PVC with 10 services you would disturb 1900 square feet of pavement. To split/pull/keyhole the same project, you would disturb 250 square feet of pavement.

Get Smart

Bring your impossible issues to the “smartest guys in the room”.

We discussed El Paso’s aggressive approach in requiring agreements from any one who parallel’s their facilities and encroaches on their easements for more than 100 lineal yards. They will send out the document and discuss the problems in getting people to sign it at the next meeting.

We discussed Texas House Bill No. 4 – by Orr. Landowner friendly. I have a copy of this proposed legislation. Please contact me (Rona Sanchez) if you want to read it.

Court ruling on Transwestern Pipeline Co. – Ruling blocks energy firm from taking Buckeye land. Court order is needed before company can complete gas pipeline. This ruling affects pipelines with FERC regulations as it impairs the ability for “quick takes”. I have the notes on this so please contact me if you want to read it.

Pipeline Safety Trust – Two of the pipeline committee members have decided they will no longer participate in this group. Rather than being a cooperative effort to address safety, the group is so anti-pipeline that no progress is being made.

We discussed how some companies are tailoring their agent training to what their clients want. They build their own in-house training and aren’t using IRWA courses. We are going to discuss further to see if we can incorporate the missing information to the IRWA classes.

Members

- 1. “On the Move”**
- 2. New Members**

Faith Roland was approved for membership on the committee.

Upcoming Meeting Dates/Location

- **Spring 2009 PLC Mtg. - Santa Barbara, CA** April 15 & 16
- **Summer 2009 / Annual Conference - Indianapolis, IN**
- **Fall 2009 PLC Mtg. – Chicago, IL**

Adjourn