

Safety Committee Regular Meeting
February 4, 2014

Meeting called to order at 8:27 a.m.

Present: Becky Vales, Sharon Jelinek, Bruce Filipi, Marv Kohout, Daryl Fikar, Tim McDermott, Russ Kalkwarf, Kara Burda, Dan Johnson, Rick Korbelik, Debbie Spanyers and Phyllis Niebuhr

Kohout reminded those present of the open meetings law posted at the back of the room.

Filipi moved to approve the agenda, seconded by McDermott. Voting aye: all, nays: none, motion carried.

Fikar read the minutes of the November 26, 2013 regular meeting. Filipi moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jelinek. Voting aye: all, nays: none, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Quarterly Workers Comp Claims:

1). Employee scratched an eye while using chain saw to cut trees. Since safety glasses were in use, the Committee recommended that employees wear goggles that fit over their glasses while using chain saws.

2). Employee had sore knees from a fall after missing a step on stairway. The Committee recommends that all employees use the handrails on stairs.

3). Employee suffered a strain to their right index finger while installing a brake spring with a pair of vise grips. The Committee recommends that the proper tool be used for the job.

4). Employee cut his right middle finger while using a hammer to straighten a piece of metal. The Committee suggested that the employee use more care when using heavy tools.

5). Employee cut their left index finger and left thumb while removing the hose from a sprayer. The Committee recommends that, when cutting any material, always cut away from any body parts.

NIRMA Assist Grant Status:

McDermott reports that the grant for the healthy snack vending machine has been denied. However, two other grants, one for assistance with the county health fair and one for assistance with workwell dues have both been approved. Filipi informed the Committee that the grant to help pay for employee safety vests and coats has also been approved.

Chairlift:

Johnson informed the Committee that the county spent \$3,400 to for troubleshooting the chairlift and to install a previously purchased cable. He said that the maintenance people commented that our chairlift has been used many more hours than average.

Courthouse Addition:

Kohout updated the Committee on the planned courthouse addition. He reports that Jerry Berggren of Berggren Architects will return on February 25 with new plans. He stated that, at the last

Commissioner meeting, Berggren informed the Commissioners that he believes that the addition will have to be larger than originally planned.

Spring training thoughts:

Burda informed the Committee that our CPR certification expired in January (2014). That said, it was decided that Kohout would contact Chad Engel at NIRMA to see when his schedule would allow him to give CPR classes to Saline County employees.

Filipi will contact Lyle Weber to ask him to check with his contact at the State Patrol about giving the meth lab recognition class, also in the spring. The dates discussed were the middle of April, 2014.

Other New Business:

Johnson told the Committee that he had checked the panic alarms on Monday the 3rd and that all work. He also noted that during a recent power outage, some of the emergency lights did not work, so they will need their batteries replaced.

Burda mentioned that she was informed during conversation that the judge's bench in the County Court room has a hole in it and the steps leading to the bench has a weak step. Johnson said that he would check into it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the Saline County Safety Committee will be Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. in the courthouse assembly room.

NOTE:

The Wellness Committee updates/projects listed on the agenda was inadvertently left out of the discussion during this meeting. This item will be listed on the May 7 meeting agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Daryl Fikar, Secretary