



Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

Meeting Notes

May 29, 2013

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Smeltz. Mr. Smeltz thanked Mr. Snyder and Mr. Long for covering for him while he was out and thanked Jim Watson for providing a presentation on land use.

I. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. **Workforce Development/Education Committee** – The unemployment rate is currently 8.1%; 1,600 are unemployed. Mike Flanagan reported that Baker Hughes has hired 180 people.
- b. **Public Safety Committee** – Kevin Fanning reported Jim Watson provided his land use presentation at their last committee meeting. Their next meeting is in September.
- c. **Economic Development Committee** –Mike Flanagan reported that the Partnership is in the process of reprinting a sheet that will list possible locations in the county for the natural gas industry. He attended the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston earlier this month and met with many energy related businesses. There were 2,700 exhibitors. Approximately 60 acres of land remains available at the Lamar Township Business Park and they continue to have businesses show interest.
- d. **Public Education Committee** – Mitzi Gallagher reported that she is trying to reschedule a presentation by O-Rig for an upcoming committee meeting.
- e. **Environmental Committee** – Jerry Lacy reported that Susan Hannegan from the Centre County Planning office provided an update on the Centre County Gas Task Force at their last committee meeting.
- f. **Transportation** – Damon Wagner, PennDot, reported that the project on 144 is being finalized. Little Plum Run is being paved.

- II. **Goals and Objectives** – The updated list of goals and objectives was distributed. There was a brief discussion on injection wells.

III. Agency Reports:

- a. DEP** – Dan Vilello reported that the first round of natural gas conversion grants was awarded. The landfill did not receive a grant. The second round of grants is now available.
- b. DCNR** – Mr. Doug D’Amore provided an update on the Whiskey Springs remediation process project. The cost of the project is approximately \$10 million.

IV. New Business:

- a.** Those going on the Sproul State forest tour will meet at the Bald Eagle State Park at 8:30 AM.

V. Agency Reports:

- a.** Daria Fish, Anadarko, provided Anadarko’s 2013 Fact sheets. They currently employ 115 in Williamsport. She provided an update on activities they have been involved in such as the Hyner Challenge and Sproul State tree planting. They have four drilling rigs in operation; however, they are all in Lycoming County.

VI. Open Discussion:

- a.** Jeff Snyder shared the Shale Play magazine. He reported that Senator Scarnetti is developing a thirteen member panel to discuss health issues and benefits related to the gas industry.
- b.** Pete Smeltz provided a recap of the Penn State gas education class that he and Jeff Snyder attended. They felt it was very worthwhile.
- c.** Pete Smeltz explained that the gas infrastructure exploration effort is being moved from the Task Force to the Economic Partnership, Planning Department, and legislators. Julie Brennan stated the folks interested in utilizing natural gas should call UGI’s 800 number. They are tracking inquiries.

The next Gas Task Force meeting will be July 30, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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