



Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

Meeting Notes

July 30, 2013

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Smeltz. Mr. Smeltz introduced Pat Powers from Anadarko.

I. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. **Workforce Development/Education Committee** – Pete Smeltz stated that Bruce Jones reported at CTA that seven new gas related jobs were created since May. Mike Flanagan reported that the unemployment rate for June was 9.1%. It was 8.3% in May. The increase was probably due to the closing of Fenco.
- b. **Public Safety Committee** – Bill Frantz reported that CGG provided a presentation at their last meeting. They introduced local first responders to seismic activities and how to interact with CGG's emergency staff. Most of the seismic activity is on state forest land. Doug D'Amore said that CGG is offering an award to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest of the arsonist who caused \$600,000.00 in damages to their property.
- c. **Economic Development Committee** –Mike Flanagan reported the Partnership has about 60 acres of land available at the Lamar Township Business Park. The newest vacant building to be added to the potential land/building list is the former Fenco facility in Lock Haven, although that is going through a bankruptcy process. A Congressional natural gas caucus hearing was held last week in Williamsport with Mike, Commissioner Smeltz and Commissioner Snyder in attendance. The event focused on the shale's economic impacts for the region. Baker Hughes held an open house and community appreciation last week, with over 200 people in attendance. The \$40 million facility at the Lamar Township Business Park is now in full operation.
- d. **Public Education Committee** – No report.
- e. **Environmental Committee** – No report.
- f. **Transportation** – Damon Wagner, PennDot, reported that PennDot is completing a paving project south of Renovo on Route 144 to the top of the mountain. Anadarko and XTO are paving from the top of the mountain to the end of 144 in

Centre County. PennDot is patching the bridge on SR 144 over the Susquehanna River as well as the bridge over Young Women's Creek Bridge on SR 120. There is also a paving project on Route 120 from the Hyner Bridge over the river coming east. Doug D'Amore reported that the coal project will start next month. Bill Frantz thanked PennDot for their efforts in Beech Creek after the recent flood.

II. **Old Business:**

- a. Pete Smeltz thanked the Wayne Township Landfill for the use of their van for the tour of the Sproul State Forest. He thanked Doug D'Amore for coordinating the tour. Those in attendance were very impressed with what DCNR does to protect the forest.
- b. Pete provided an overview of a meeting with UGI in June. It was a good meeting and those in attendance were encouraging UGI to extend gas lines in Clinton County. UGI is already in the process of extending lines and the group provided some additional suggestions. Joel Long reported that the Natural Gas Infrastructure Authority is starting to move forward.

III. **Agency Reports:**

- a. **DCNR** – Mr. Doug D'Amore reported that there will be a couple of pads constructed in the forest next year in Centre County. He is hoping the snow mobile road will be built by XTO. XTO completed fracing operations on Dry Run Road. There was a discussion about former Governor Rendell placing a moratorium on leasing additional state land to gas companies. Governor Corbett has not removed the moratorium.

IV. **Industry Reports:**

- a. Pete Smeltz commended Anadarko for their attendance at Gas Task Force meetings. Pat Powers, Anadarko, reported that they are paving Route 144. There is not a long going on currently. They are doing spring maintenance and they have three rigs running and two frac crews in Lycoming County. Anadarko is concerned with the increased level of vandalism they are experiencing.

V. **New Business:**

- a. Jay Alexander, Wayne Township Landfill, announced that they are constructing a CNG station at the end of Fritz Road near the mulch piles. The station will be open to the public 24/7 and will be fleet card operated. They will have a soft start in mid-August and a grand opening in September. UGI will supply the station with natural gas.

- b. Mike Crist, Wayne Township Landfill, reported that the gas industry has provided a positive impact on the waste volume at the landfill. In 2009 the drilling waste was 21,000 tons and grew throughout the years to 500,000 tons to date. The numbers are down currently. The waste is closely monitored for radiation which has never been detected. The Landfill is hosting a household hazardous waste event next weekend. The commissioners thanked the Landfill for the funds provided to the County through the Host Agreement.
- c. Pete Smeltz distributed Fleet Energy Portable filling station information. If anyone needs additional information they can contact him.
- d. Pete Smeltz asked the committee chairs to update their list of committee members and send them to Amy Dicello.
- e. Pete Smeltz explained that there will be a CCAP Gas Task Force Panel discussion at the CCAP Conference in Erie next week which he will be participating in. He is hoping to bring back information to keep the task force alive. He asked if the task force members felt a newsletter would be beneficial. Those in attendance felt a newsletter would be a good idea. Dan Harger mentioned that the Shale Play newspaper is geared towards Lycoming County. Pete Smeltz offered to contact the paper to see if they would be interested in doing some articles on Clinton County and he will invite Morgan Myers to the next Gas Task Force meeting. Pat Powers stated the industry can provide industry experts to provide presentations at GTF meetings. Rich Musser said that the length of meetings should not matter. Those on the task force should be committed and educated. Providing reports every month is not as beneficial as being educated. Roy Darrin recommended a presentation on abandoned wells. The task force discussed developing a press release to publish in the newspaper.

The next Gas Task Force meeting will be September 24, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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