



Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

Meeting Notes

August 26, 2014

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Smeltz.

II. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. **Workforce Development/Education Committee** – Pete Smeltz reported that the unemployment rate is 6.4% in Clinton County. CareerLink is having a job fair in Renovo on September 18th at the Western Clinton Recreation Center.
- b. **Economic Development Committee** –The Partnership continues to maintain a list of properties available to gas companies.
- c. **Public Education Committee** – Mitzi Gallagher reported that they will be taking a tour of the Eureka Water plant at their next meeting.
- d. **Environmental Committee** – No report
- e. **Transportation** – Dan Harger reported that the partnership is proud that they assisted in getting the Leidy Bridge at Trout Run on the TIP. The Auction Road project will be bid out soon. He is hopeful a betterment project will be completed on Paul Mack Blvd through Jay Street to the Jay Street Bridge. Mitzi Gallagher reported that PennDot has it on its list for 2016.

III. Agency Reports:

- a. **DEP** – Dan Vilello reported that the new well drilling permit fee was introduced on June 14, 2014. The revenue from this fee will enable DEP to hire additional staff. There is a lot of permitting with DEP but they are not necessarily gas related permits.
- b. **DCNR** – Doug D’Amore reported that the permits were received for the snowmobile trails. He will be having a pre-job conference with XTO. Endless Mountain is trying to find a contractor. He is hopeful both trails will be completed by fall. The gas companies are quiet. The reclamation project is on target at Whiskey Springs. It is 50% complete. Next summer the State will be doing dam repairs at George B. Stevenson Dam.

IV. Industry Reports:

- a. Patrick Marty, Anadarko, reported that their focus is in Lycoming County but there may be possible activity in Clinton County in early 2015. He forwarded a link to the YouTube video of the dedication of the Long Spring Life Flight Landing Zone to Amy Dicello, who will forward it to all the Gas Task Force members.
- b. XTO – Pete Smeltz read a written report from Amy Dobkin of XTO. XTO has been engaged in horizontal drilling activities in the Clinton County portion of the Sproul State Forest since 2010. Twelve horizontal wells have been completed and are in production. A water system was built in 2011 and expanded in 2012 to reduce truck traffic. XTO has a compressor station at 1360 Dry Run Road in Renovo near the PA Tract A Pad, and its pipeline assets are located in close proximity to its compressor station. Four and a half miles of permanent (30 feet wide) and temporary (20 feet wide) right of way exists between the compressor station and PA Tract E Pad (running parallel to Dry Run Road). Road infrastructure and pipelines are actively maintained; right of way restoration work is ongoing.

The following is a summary of our planned activity in August:

Chapman Township

PA Tract E Pad

Normal operations.

Dry Run Compressor Station

Normal operations.

Pipeline Operations

Conducting routine pipeline maintenance.

V. Old Business/New Business/Open Discussion:

- a. Tim Holladay reported that the Planning Commission is working on updating the County's zoning ordinance to regulate the gas industry. The first rough draft was distributed and they are soliciting public comments. He reported that 80-90% of the wells in Clinton County are on state forest land.

VI. New Business:

- a. Pete Smeltz reported that there was not a lot of natural gas discussion at CCAP.

- b. There is interest in building electric power plants along gas lines which are also close to the northeast power grid lines. One such project is now underway near Muncy in Lycoming County. Perhaps someday that opportunity may come to Clinton County.
- c. Dan Harger stated that his company is highly involved with the gas business which has been a positive for HUC. They are going to have a clay shoot which will benefit wounded warriors. There is an article in Shale Play. He questioned the status of the project being implemented by Don Kiel of SEDA Cog. Pete Smeltz said it is time to follow up and will request a report.
- d. Dan Vilello mentioned that there is a public meeting at City Hall August 26th at 6:30 PM regarding the old Lock Haven Laundry building. He also mentioned that the gas tanks at the gas station on Myrtle Street are being removed.
- e. Pete Smeltz suggested that the Task Force discuss the meeting schedule for 2015 at the October meeting. He reported that on December 31, 2012 the well count was approximately 92 and on December 31, 2013 the count was 97. He stated that with this limited activity it might not be necessary for the Task Force to meet as regularly.
- f. Pete reminded members that Dave Spigelmyer of the Marcellus Shale coalition will be the guest speaker at the Economic Partnership annual dinner on October 15th.

The next Gas Task Force meeting will be October 28, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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