



Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

Meeting Notes

December 4, 2012

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Smeltz.

II. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. **Workforce Development/Education Committee** – Ms. Shannon Tyson reported that there will be a Gas Production Overview Course on Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The following report was provided by Bruce Jones, CareerLink:

Workforce Update

PA CareerLink-Clinton County

UC/Employment Data: October 2012

Monthly Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment data in Clinton County, PA for October, 2012

Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Report
21,200	19,400	1,800	8.5	Time

Comparison to last October 2011

Monthly Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment data in Clinton County, PA for October, 2011

Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Report
20,000	18,400	1,600	8.0	Time

Source: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis

Central Workforce Investment Area-Regional Data

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

Unemployment Rates (based on October 2012 data):

Central WIA 7.5% (October 2012) vs. (October 2011=7.4%)

This represents no change since September 2012 (last month)* and an increase of +0.1% since October 2011 (last year)**. There are currently 23,800 unemployed individuals in the region who are actively seeking work.

Even though individuals found employment within a growing labor force during the past month, it was not enough to alter the unemployment rate.

- *A monthly increase in the employed population (+800) and a smaller decrease in the unemployed population (-200) caused the labor force to increase (+600), which ultimately caused the unemployment rate to remain the same.

During the past year, the unemployment rate increased within a growing labor force. Even though individuals found employment, there was a higher rate of jobseekers returning to the workforce, thus causing a higher unemployment rate.

- **Both the employed (+10,800) and unemployed (+1,000) populations increased, resulting in a larger labor force (+11,800) and also a higher unemployment rate (+0.1%).

(Source: CPWDC Research Dept.)

Pennsylvania 8.1% (October 2012) vs. (October 2011=7.9%)

United States 7.9% (October 2012) vs. (October 2011=8.9%)

*November 2012 data is scheduled to be released on or after January 3, 2013.

PA CareerLink-Clinton County: New Hires

October & November New Hires = 81

Natural Gas Hires = 2

- b. Public Safety Committee** – Kevin Fanning reported that the committee organized a number of well tours through Range Resources. November 13, 2012 was their last meeting. In the future they plan to visit different industries and business in Clinton County. Attendance has dropped at the meetings due to a lack of Marcellus activity in Clinton County. The goals of the committee are to recruit more involvement for the committee and to develop a hands on exercise with a couple of fire organizations. Ms. Julie Brennan recommended making all gas task force members aware of tours and presentations.
- c. Economic Development Committee** – Mike Flanagan reported that the committee continues to keep a list of possible areas for natural gas interests and they plan to update this list soon. He estimates that 700 direct jobs are a direct result of the gas industry. There were 1,000 more Clinton County residents

working this October as opposed to October 2011. Baker Hughes is officially moving into its new facility in Lamar Township over the next couple of weeks.

- d. Public Education Committee** - Mitzi Gallagher reported that the committee continues to have lunch meetings. The committee will host Brian Swistock, a water expert from the Penn State Cooperative Extension on January 18th. Convertpa.net will display a natural gas converted small vehicle before the Gas Task Force meeting on January 29th.
- e. Environmental Committee** –Mary Ann Bower reported that the committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM at Ulmer Hall at LHUP. At the November 13th meeting, National Trout Unlimited provided a presentation on the use of abandoned acid mine drainage water in the gas industry. The next meeting is December 11th. DEP will provide a presentation.
- f. Transportation** – PennDot would entertain a flagger controlled passage of traffic on the Hyner Road if a gas company is interested, however, there has not been any interest to date. There will be a transportation meeting at the Economic Partnership on December 18th. Mr. Rich Musser, Tri M, reported that they have technology that could handle the traffic issue on Hyner Mountain and are working with Anadarko.

III. Old Business:

- a.** Mr. Smeltz provided a provided a Fact Sheet regarding the Act 13 Chapter 27 Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program.
- b.** Mr. Smeltz reported that the Wayne Township Landfill is close to completing a grant application for a natural gas filling station. Ms. Tyson reported that LHUP is purchasing a third trolley which will be a bi-fuel vehicle. Mr. Smeltz reported that SEDA Cog is putting together a three county authority. The three counties will be contributing \$20,000 to develop a feasibility study for expanding natural gas infrastructure. Mr. Musser stated that it would be beneficial to lay fiber and other utilities when ditches are open.

IV. Agency Reports: No Reports

V. Industry Reports - None

- a.** Ms. Mary Wolf, Anadarko, reported via email, that their operations are steady and there are no rigs in Clinton County.

VI. New Business:

- a.** There is an effort being funded by PA to plug abandoned wells. Mr. Smeltz provided a handout regarding this effort.

- b. PSU provided a performance called Community Conservations on October 25th. A handout was distributed.
- c. Mr. Smeltz reported that \$2,000,000 in Act 13 funds was distributed in Clinton County. \$1.2 million was given to the municipalities and the County of Clinton received \$739,000.
- d. There was a discussion regarding municipalities pooling their Act 13 money to complete larger projects.

VII. Open Discussion:

- a. Mr. Smeltz asked members to review the Gas Task Force objectives and send suggestions and changes to Amy. He would like members to include how often they would like to meet, length of meetings, dates, and time.
- b. Mr. Tim Holladay, Planning Department, announced that Step, Inc. submitted a PHARE Grant for \$425,000 for their owner occupied housing rehabilitation program in Clinton County.

The next Gas Task Force meeting will be January 29, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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