

WORKPLACE SAFETY BOARD MINUTES

April 29, 2014

Members Present: Brad Burnett, Clyde Bunch, Tim Krell, Robert Salmon, Brian Schackmann

Members Absent: Tim Krell, Dave Mendenhall, Gray Noll, Paul Palazzolo, Colleen Swaim

Others Present: Bill Bloch, Eric Knowski, Greg Largent, Denise McCrady, Tammy Powell, Angela Sexton, Charlie Stratton, Mike Walton

Bunch called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2014 meeting was made by Krell and seconded by Salmon. Motion carried.

Lt. Tammy Powell was present to discuss Case 14-20 and Case 14-25. In Case 14-20 an employee was moving boxes and bags and injured her right shoulder. It was learned that the boxes are fairly large, about the size of a moving box, and the weight of these boxes vary. The Committee recommended training on proper lifting techniques and to purchase additional carts. Burnett will check on the purchase, and the possible use of Welfare funds to make the purchase. In Case 14-25, an employee was injured by an inmate grabbing him when he attempted to close the inmate's food slot. When asked if additional charges were filed, Powell informed the Committee that no additional charges were filed due to the inmate being a federal inmate. If additional charges are filed, the inmate would need to go through our system before the Feds will take him. Powell stated that she suggested to her superiors that they remove this inmate from the County's jail.

Sgt. Eric Knowski was present to discuss Case 14-23 where an employee was bit by his canine partner when the dog went for his bite toy. Knowski suggested to the employee to use a larger toy. The Committee asked that the policy be checked on the use of gloves.

Mike Walton was present to discuss Case 14-19 where an employee slipped on ice, fell, and injured his right hand. The Committee suggested the purchase of Yak Trax for the employees who serve civil papers, and to recommend that steps be used if available.

Greg Largent was present to discuss Case 14-15 where an employee was injured while capturing an animal with a snappy snare by aggravating a previous should injury. After discussion regarding the number of injuries this specific employee has reported and his statements to the NCM, the Committee suggested additional training for this employee and to review how his job duties should be performed. Stratton will also schedule a meeting with Jim Stone, Largent and himself to review the training manual to see if a revision is warranted.

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Burnett and seconded by Salmon. The meeting was adjourned.