

Boiler Performance Review Meeting October 21, 2014 at 10:00

Minutes

Attending: Andy Frazier, Cliff Dautrich, Dean Strickland and Allison Jay

Absent: Art Britt, Don Kinney, Jack Brinson and Adrienne McLean

Scribe: Allison Jay

The meeting began at 10:10.

Cliff began the meeting by reviewing the strategic plan. The bureau has met each goal that has become due. The combined state overdue objects are at 1.1%, which is below the allowable 1.5%. The back log for state inspectors is .6%. Violation follow-up inspections by state inspectors are greater than 95%. These percentages are really good because there are two vacant territories. Bailey's number of new location visits is below the standard. Hutchens and Kirkman haven't generated enough income to cover their salary and expenses.

Hartford Steam Boiler is over the target of 1.5% overdue inspections. Starr Indemnity has a high percentage for overdue objects; however, the number of objects isn't large. Cliff plans to meet with the insurance companies to discuss options for inspecting overdue objects.

There are approximately 91,000 objects registered in North Carolina. The data shows approximately 400 objects being registered each month. Objects are removed from service and added at a fairly steady pace, so the numbers do not fluctuate greatly in a short period of time.

Entry of paper reports within five days by the office staff remains at 100%. The office staff runs several print jobs during a month. Certificates are always the largest of the print jobs and first invoices usually equates to approximately one third of the certificate total. Penalty worksheets are sent out by the staff to our inspectors based on upcoming inspections. During the last fiscal year there were 131 penalty sheets delivered. We were able to collect \$1,175 on 24 of those. We have been working with Legal Affairs to change our penalty process.

The numbers for shop inspections represent five months of this fiscal year. Based on the figures from fiscal year 13/14, we are behind on shop income. The largest income producers this year have been Buckeye, GE Hitachi, and Morris. Our bureau has conducted six audits thus far.

The report from budget shows that we are currently in the black.

Cliff gave a brief overview of incidents that were investigated by our office since June 17, 2017. Of the four incidents only one had reported injuries.

Jeremy Smith will both begin working with our bureau on October 27. . Smith has an Associate's Degree in Engineering and will be attending the Boiler Inspector program at Ivy Tech in Terre Haute shortly after his start date.

The Western Inspectors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and the Eastern Inspectors will meet on Thursday.

Cliff is still looking into the requirement for physicals. He will be speaking with Tom Chambers, Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau, about the process they use for physicals.

Planned training for spring of 2015 is high pressure boiler inspection and operation presented by the National Board. We plan to have certified weld inspection training during the fall.

The bureau is requesting a fee increase. A time table of the filing process was provided by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The earliest that anything could take effect would be March of 2015.

The Historical Boiler Program has been delivered to Communications Bureau for review prior to putting it on the web. This program includes guidelines, a body of knowledge and care and maintenance of historical boilers. A gentleman at Tweetsie Railroad wrote the 'How to Fire a Historical Boiler' document. Ray Payne wrote guidelines for qualifying welders on historical boilers. Also included in this program is a to document hours for qualification purposes.

Andy would like comments that are posted on the web to be noted as pertaining to a state or insurance inspector.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Januray20, 2015 at 10 a.m. in the 6th floor conference room.

Adjourn: 10:45