

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, August 4, 2020

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee	Eric Bongen	Michael Wood
Alta Schafer	Eric Fullan	Mike Jacobs
Andy Haymart	George Goodman	Nathan Taylor
Anna Kelly	Holt Andron	Nevin McClain
Barb Epstien	Ian Chase	Nick Naramore
Barbra Hanley	Jamey Goodman	Paul Magrone
Bill Haskins	Jeff Wilson	Renee Stapleton
Brad Nanke	Jeremy Lawson	Robert Miller
Braxton Chambers	Jim Anderson	Robert Nichols
Bryon Snapp	Joaquin Diaz	Robirda Lee
Chris Grover	Julie Love	Roy Kroker
Cindy Regeir	Kailyn Tacy	Roy Shwago
Clark Vermillion	Kelton Hague	Ryan Leffel
Dave McLaughlin	Kim Gable	Soren Bjerregaard
Dede Montgomery	Laird Blanchard	Stephen Heaven
Demetra Star	Lane Ellison	Steve Huson
Dennis Barlow	Lisa Pickert	Tony Howard
Dennis Bonin	Lisa Wisler	Tosha Gilpin
Diana Lowe	Marlene Myers	Troy Stroud
Doug Biron	Mary Lou Wilson	
Emily Crews	Matt Kaiser	

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The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

The July meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned:**

Nothing new was shared

**Continuing Business:**

**Status of Rule Making:**

Infectious Disease Rule Making:

Oregon OSHA is in the process of creating an emergency temporary rule and a permanent [rule on Infectious Diseases](#). [Matt Kaiser](#) is the contact person for this rule. It is on a faster timeline than most rulemaking. We will be holding forums with the various industries for input.

[Employer Knowledge](#) and [Penalty Updates](#)-

These have been re-proposed for later dates. The public hearings have been moved to September 2020. Public comment is open until October 30, 2020.

This open comment period will have been open for eight months by the October deadline.

George would like to have a recorded and open conversation about penalties and employer knowledge rule.

Michael added that the rules are now open for public comments.

George said that comments of substance on the employer knowledge rule have been made in the Partnership meetings and other meetings and that there was a noticeable change made to the rule in January, which was not explained.

Michael said that he is not going to talk about that because it is our policy not to talk about substance in rules during the open comment period.

George feels that the changes that were made were not discussed anywhere and that we are being stonewalled, and the employers won't know what questions to ask to change the position of OSHA. George was not aware of prohibition on an agency talking about substance of rules up to promulgation.

Michael added that id his approach, he chooses not to speak about substance of rules while the comment period is open.

## **Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:**

*The following is preliminary information as reported at the time of the accident intake.*

### **Accidents**

1. Corvallis, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Two side-by-side ATVs collided and caused one to roll over and breaking the pelvis of the victim.

2. Eugene, July 24<sup>th</sup>

The victim was stacking doors onto a cart when the doors slid and amputated the victim's pinky finger.

3. Eugene, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Victim was maneuvering 12' long 9" diameter steel pipe on table to position it to be cut. Pipe rolled and pinched middle finger top knuckle. Victim lost tip of finger below nail.

4. Sisters, July 15<sup>th</sup>

The employee was feeding a jointer. The employee's glove is reported to have caught the saw blade and pulling the employee's hand into the blade resulting in the amputation of the tip of the employee's right pinky finger. The employer was not aware if the amputation included bone loss. The employee was contacted on 7/16/20 and it was verified that the amputation included bone loss.

5. Florence, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

An employee was cutting a 2x6 board with a skill saw when the saw bound up and kicked back. The employee was unbalanced and cut across his left shoe. The employee sustained a partial amputation of his left big toe. The employee was treated in the hospital Emergency Department and released.

6. Grants Pass, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Two workers were in lift removing siding from the Drain Fire Department's building when the lift sprung a leak. Hydraulic fluid started to spray both men. The forklift operator stopped the job. . He started moving the levers to try to figure out which hose was leaking so he could get them both down safety. When he moved the jib sideways it started to spray them

again, One worker on the lift then quickly bent over to cover the hole to stop the spraying. This resulted in cuts to the fingers through the glove.

7. Medford, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Employee was ripping a board on a table saw when a piece of wood kicked back and penetrated the inner left thigh. Surgery performed to remove piece of wood from leg. Overnight hospitalization.

8. Grants Pass, July 6<sup>th</sup>

The employee was assembling a wood door holding a wood block against the door with the left hand hitting the block with the steel hammer that he was holding with the right hand the hammer struck his left-hand index fingertip, resulting in an amputation.

9. South Beach, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Employee was cutting trim piece with a table saw and cut his right thumb with the saw. At Samaritan Pacific Hospital in Newport.

10. Estacada, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Employee came into contact with energized power cable (12,400 volts) when preparing to transfer solar power to an electrical system, resulting in electrical shock and burns to both forearms and hands.

## **Fatalities**

1. Winston, July 24<sup>th</sup>

Two employees were at a site location to look at timber that would be cut and logged. One employee walked to an area of the timber to look at it. When he returned he saw the victim sitting down and slumped over. The employee called 911 and started CPR until EMT arrived on site. The employee was pronounced deceased. 60 year old male.

2. Milwaukie, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Employee had been performing construction activity and was walking towards his lunch box when a flagger saw him stumble and collapse. The employer called 911, who arrived in approximately 3 minutes. The employee was transported to Kaiser Sunnyside where he was admitted and stayed overnight. It was determined the accident was most likely heat stress related. 24 year old male.

3. Reedsport, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Empty Log truck left the road, went over a 50 foot embankment, landing in water. The truck was fully submerged under water. Driver of the truck sustained fatal injury. 54 year old male.

4. Wilderville, July 13<sup>th</sup>

An employee working as a choker setter, below a Yoder, running a skyline, set up with a Christy Carriage, was bucking felled trees into lengths that could be skidded uphill. While bucking a felled tree, the employee was thrown over a log and onto the sloped terrain when the tree became unstable and rolled downhill crushing the employee. 26 year old male.

5. McMinnville, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Employee came into work Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6 am, by noon the employee was so sick that he left work and went to the ER where he received a COVID-19 test and

was sent home. The employee passed away Thursday, July 9th in his home. 26 year old male.

6. Clackamas, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Victim was hired by Pappa John's to pump out and maintain their grease trap. The victim arrived at the location at some point in the early morning hours on 7/9/2020. The victim had removed the majority of the contents of the grease trap and scrapped the sides of the trap clean. Towards the end of the job, the victim likely suffered a cardiac event that lead him to go unconscious and fall further into the grease trap. A Papa John's employee found the victim with the majority of his body inside of the grease trap and his boots showing at the floor level. The Papa John employee attempted to get a response from the victim and then proceeded to notify emergency services. Responding medical services pronounced the victim deceased on scene. 68 year old male.

7. Roseburg, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Logging Site Tribal Land out side of Canyonville: Equipment Shovel ran over an employee: Lower half of body sustain injuries. 40 year old male.

8. Winston, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Employee moving a shovel and not authorized to move equipment. Shovel rolled down the mountain resulting in a fatality. Employee pinned into the crushed cab after the equipment rolled down hill approximately 20 times. 54 year old male

9. Vale, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Victim discovered by wife out in the field pinned underneath hay baler. Victim baling personal field and encountered problem with equipment. Victim got under equipment on slight incline to fix and the equipment rolled onto him, pinning him underneath. Victim was extricated and transported via air ambulance to Boise. Was pronounced dead on 7/4/20 due to the extent of the injuries. 80 year old male.

10. Boring, July 30<sup>th</sup>

The victim was found inside the building. It appeared to occur in the electrical room near some electrical conduit the victim may have been working on. Electrocution. 30year old male.

11. PDX, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The victim was a truck Driver. He got into the sleeper cab, lit a cigarette and a fire started. He got out of the cab and had burns over 27% of his body. He was transferred to a local hospital where he died of his injuries. 53 year old male.

### **Anonymous Questions:**

*If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Mark Tobiasson or Nathan Taylor know and they will bring it up for you.* There was a question asked last month about new forklifts being stored with the forks up in the air. Jeff Wilson looked into this and found that the manuals, and talking to companies to find the answer to this, because nothing had changed in the regulations that he could find. Per the manuals, it stated you needed to leave them down. He even looked at the boom lifts to see what they recommended and the manuals stated that boom lifts should be left down, not up. The hydraulics could fail so being down was safer. Andy Collins suggested that they look at the local union rules too.

**Round table:**

Construction Safety Summit is August 25, 2020 and the presentation is on Prevention Through Design, Project Planning. It will be a virtual meeting.

They are still awarding money to training programs. You can apply on their website <http://constructionsafetysummit.com/wayne-thomas-memorial-fund-wtmf.html>

The [Oregon Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation](#) newest report has been finished.

Oregon Health Sciences Institute: Their summer presentation on [total worker health](#) has built a web page on the subject, and trying to keep it updated. They are calling them better practices rather than best practices.

AIHA Construction Committee: Working on [guidance that will help contractors](#) identify and prioritize different exposure factors that could make some tasks more of a risk than others, and thus, help control the spread of the virus on jobsites.

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Mark Tobiasson](#) know.

**Next Meeting:**

September 1, 2020  
Zoom Meeting