

## **Herington, KS Safety meeting minutes January 9, 2019**

Meeting was held at the Herington depot at 9 a.m. Presided over by MOP Ullery.

### Attendees:

MOP J. Ullery  
SMTO T.A. Hanken  
MOP A.W. Burks  
MSM Brian Qualls  
Mike Porter- MOW  
Travis Bishop- Track Inspector  
BLET LC- Gary Kickhaefer  
BLET Pres. -Alex Decker  
Mike Trapp- Mechanical  
SMART-TD Legislative Representative-Chad Henton

### **Old Business:**

#### **BLET/SMART-TD:**

- 1. Yard Drainage; some roads have been graded, but drainage remains a safety issue in the west yard roads.**  
\*per Travis Bishop maintenance is ongoing battle with drainage, new rock on the roads only compounds the issue preventing water from running away from the tracks.
- 2. East end Maple Hill and Volland: No safe place to give roll bys when stopped at these locations, this remains an issue with no current resolution given.**
- 3. Seating in Herington Depot:**  
\*TA Hanken will be look into doing away with the current picnic table and possible replacement with chairs with back support. The picnic tables were a Northern region standard at one time, but have possibly been relaxed.
- 4. Clearance markings at road crossings we frequently stop at:**  
\*Per Travis Bishop ties should be painted white, but they are not permitted by UP Track standards to put any thing protruding upwards at these locations ei: reflectors, cones
- 5. Excess rock on Hwy 4 overpass:**  
\*has been remediated by bridge dept.
- 6. Display of eastbound signals at Pratt and Gateway, with Gateway lighting up before East Pratt:**  
\*per MSM Qualls all possible fixes by the signal Dept have been put in place, the switches are requested at the same time by the DS in the system and are radio controlled, so it is possible for the Gateway signal to receive and act on its command a split second before the East Pratt. If you have an issue please immediately contact MOP Burks or SMTO Hanken with exact time and date so signal logs and the other info from TIR can be obtained in a timely manner.

**7. Radio Traffic on channel 19-19:**

\*MOP Ullery is to address with Andrew Fraker about rescinding the requirements to call out signals and stops while required to be on channel 19. Awaiting instructions.

**8. Pot signals @ Inman:**

\*Per MSM Qualls the new signals are currently being installed at both ends of Inman.

**9. AWRR board requirement of Conductors with AWRR personnel;**

\*Per Ullery to be treated as a student per with regard to any work being done, not used as a Brakeman.

\* Talked about them being qualified employees and not needing direct (held hand) supervision to line switch or other duties. MOP Ullery was adamant that conductor must be within an arms length of the AWRR person. He referenced rule 1.47.2 in the SSI.

**10. Need for yard cleaner to come to Herington:**

\*Still has not happened

\*Bishop said he thought they could possibly get the VAC truck to come in and suck up the large piles of commodity in the bowl tracks.

**NEW BUSINESS: January 9, 2019**

Kickhaefer:

- 1. Yard van maintenance, Seats are very worn and uncomfortable; noted that the big yard van currently being used has spare tire, tool box, road flare kit and numerous unsecured items in the back end with barely room for crews to put their belonging in.**

Ullery to contact HALCON to remedy this issue.

- 2. New activity at sand plant crossing at MP 95.5 on the Topeka Sub. Whistle boards and crossbucks need checked out. It will be necessary to stop back of this crossing to prevent blocking it causing issues at the State Park Boat ramp crossing. Be aware of your train length and be mindful of blocking these crossings.**

Alex Decker:

- 1. Alex brought up the Issue of Engineers being recalled to Engine Service not being familiar with Switching cars and other tasks such as shoving cars. Also being familiar with the territory in which this is taking place, such as East end of Neff Yard, or at the NS as they don't ever see these areas while working as trainmen since they are on the ground performing the work.**

\*It was discussed having a familiarization board for people near being recalled to Engine service, the MOP's are to discuss with senior management for possibilities for training

Chad Henton:

- 1. Mud thrown into the toe path on the Dodger lead when the switches were cleaned out.**

\*Travis Bishop said they would get it cleaned up in the next day or so.

**2. Walking conditions in the bowl tracks at Herington with metal bands, lots of scrap iron, tiebutts, and spilled commodities prevalent.**

\*Porter and Bishop said they will try to get truck to vac up what can be.

\*talk of a Clean up day with the next safety meeting with Management providing lunch for all participants.

**3. Trash east of the depot along trees. Lots of trash is being dumped presumably by employees along east side of parking lot.**

\* management will be vigilant looking for the person(s) dumping here.

\* clean up day to include this area at next meeting

\* Bishop said trees with painted marks in this area will be removed in the near future by a contractor.

**4. The red flags being used by the fuel contractor in the 600 yard and the Terry spur at Neff yard are very beat up and hard to see.**

\* MOP Burks called Mike Buttrey while in meeting and advised him of the issue for him to handle with the contractor immediately.

Meeting was adjourned by MOP Ullery with next meeting set for **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of April.**

As always be safe; you may report any safety issues to your representative and report them on the safety hotline.

Minutes prepared by SMART-TD Legislative Representative Henton