



WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY

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Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety
April 13, 2010
Charleston, WV

Emergency Meeting

Minutes

Members Present:

Chris Hamilton
Charles Russell
Dave Ashby

Gary Trout
Ted Hapney
Carl Egnor

Administrator was presiding, after being appoint by Direct Wooten

The Administrator opened the meeting and yielded the floor to Governor Joe Manchin who discussed proposals, suggestions and other news relating to then mine disaster at Upper Big Branch Mine on April 5th 2010.

Board members' discussion (after meeting w/Governor)

First order of business at April 20th/21st meeting, Administrator should write to Director requesting:

Complete briefing on mine itself, as much information as possible.
Request someone from MHS&T who has been involved with disaster to attend.

Invite Mr. McAteer to attend on 20th to discuss his viewpoint; and he and Mr. Wooten could share their ideas.

Board members should e-mail Administrator list of questions need answers to at meeting.

Administrator to request from Director:

Ventilation plan for longwall
Electrical map
Inspection reports
Violations – electrical; rock dust

It was suggested the Board clarify for the Governor the process of violation abatement and court cases.

Motion made by T. Hapney to adjourn; seconded by G. Trout. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned.