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DAVENPORT WORKS BUSINESS UPDATE:

On Wednesday afternoon the Local 105 bargaining committee met with the Arconic plant leadership for an update on business conditions. Orders continue to weaken, particularly in the aerospace flow path.

The company stated that they still do not have a clear picture to make an informed decision on production / manpower needs for the 3rd quarter.

While the potential for a layoff is real the company is not able to put numbers to that at this time. The company believes that before the end of June, they will have a clearer picture of the customer orders and manpower needs for the 3rd quarter.

We will communicate any news as we get it.

Brad D. Greve

JUN 16, 2020

NLRB Issues Sweeping Complaint against ASARCO for Unfair Labor Practices that Instigated Strike by 2,000 Union Workers

<https://www.usw.org/news/>

The United Steelworkers (USW) today said that Region 28 of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has issued a far-reaching complaint against ASARCO LLC, a subsidiary of mining conglomerate Grupo Mexico, sanctioning the company for its numerous unlawful actions at and away from the bargaining table.

Almost 2,000 members of eight international unions have been on strike at five copper mining and processing facilities in Arizona and Texas since Oct. 13, 2019.

In the complaint, the NLRB outlines ASARCO management's overall failure to bargain in good faith with the unions representing its employees, both before and during the ongoing dispute.

Additional specific allegations include bargaining with no intention of reaching an agreement, failing to provide information needed for bargaining, not having decision makers at the table with adequate authority to negotiate, discriminating against union representatives, and illegally declaring an impasse and unilaterally implementing changes to working conditions.

The NLRB's complaint asserts that the strikers are unfair labor practice strikers, who are protected against permanent replacement under existing U.S. labor law.

USW International President Tom Conway praised the solidarity of the union members at ASARCO and gave credit to the union's former District 12 Director Bob LaVenture, who passed away shortly after the unfair labor practice strike started.

"The courageous unity and solidarity of the union membership to continue their righteous struggle for a fair contract are a tremendous credit to Bob's life's work and leadership," Conway said. "Our fight will continue until we have negotiated the fair and just contract these men and women have earned."

USW District 12 Director Gaylan Prescott said that the unions will continue efforts to engage ASARCO management in good faith negotiations.

"The USW stands ready at all levels to work with the NLRB to bring ASARCO to justice for breaking the law in its drive to avoid bargaining in good faith," Prescott said, "and we hope that the company will take this opportunity finally to bargain in good faith and start showing its workers the respect they deserve."

USW District 13 Director Ruben Garza said that ASARCO must answer the complaint in writing and that the NLRB will schedule a hearing for an administrative law judge to review evidence against ASARCO and to hear testimony in the case.

"Our members, families and communities are standing up to one of the largest and most powerful multinational corporations on the planet," Garza said. "Today, we are one step closer to justice."

Election 2020 – Meet the Candidates

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Marie Gleason, and I am a candidate for Iowa House District 94 here in Bettendorf/Davenport.

A little about me:

- I grew up in a working class family – My mom was a Bookkeeper and Teller at a local bank, and my dad worked in the Parts Department for the hometown construction equipment dealer.
- I recently retired from John Deere after 22 years with the company.
 - I was a Project Manager in the Human Resource area when I retired and had spent most of my career in the Sales & Marketing area.
 - A highlight of my career was receiving the U.S. Department of Transportation 9/11 Ribbon for assistance provided in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.
- I am active in the community, including currently serving on the Board of Directors for Dress for Success Quad Cities, a non-profit organization empowering women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and development tools.

I am running for the Iowa Legislature because I want to create legislation that is:

- Fair and respectful
- Solves real problems
- Matches our values and needs
- Prioritizes what is most important

This past weekend I witnessed legislation being made that did not achieve any of the above. Just Sunday legislation was passed, with my opponent as one of the leaders, that will make it HARDER for Iowans to vote. *I feel very strongly that all of our voices should be heard through our votes.*

This new legislation:

- Will PREVENT the Iowa Secretary of State, who is responsible for the voting process, from sending out Absentee Ballot Request forms without Legislative Council approval going forward.
 - The process of sending out Absentee Ballot Request forms was very successful with the June 2nd primary

election. More Iowans voted in this primary than they had for decades because voting was made easier. That should be considered a positive, right?

- County Auditors are now BLOCKED from using an existing verified voter registration database to correct incomplete or inaccurate information on an Absentee Ballot Request form.
 - For example, if someone writes 3203 Windflower Lane, instead of their actual address of 3302 Windflower Lane, the Auditor cannot fix the error, which they could previously.
- The Secretary of State's budget was cut by \$250,000, thus making it harder for this office to serve voters' needs.

I would not have voted for this legislation, unlike my opponent who was one of the leaders pushing this through to make it harder for you to vote. Everyone's voice needs to be heard. Everyone's vote needs to be counted.

I hope you will join me on this journey so our voices are heard.

Sincerely,
Marie Gleason
Candidate, Iowa HD94

Thanks Received:

"Thanks for the good years of representation and for the hat, watch, and hoodie" – Mike Davids MUC Retiree

Election 2020

Absentee Voting

Monday, July 6, is the first day you can submit a request for an absentee ballot in Iowa to vote in this fall's general election to your county auditor. Republicans have tried this legislative session to create new barriers to voting by mail, but Iowans can overcome those barriers and still vote safely by mail from home.

Here is a link where you can download an absentee ballot request form:
<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html>.

Please print it off, and mail it to your county auditor

Iowa General Election

Nov 3, 2020

Early Voting: Not available

In-Person Absentee Voting: Oct 5, 2020 - Nov 2, 2020

Voter Registration Deadline

Sat Oct 24, 2020 Election Day Registration & Voting
Tue Nov 3, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Fri Oct 30, 2020

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Tue Nov 3, 2020 9:00PM CST