

PIPELINERS HALL OF FAME NEWS

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Expanding to Meet Growing Customer Demand



- Concrete coated pipe
- Concrete River weights
- Pipe Sak Geotextile weights
- Buoyancy control engineering/ calculations
- Right-of-way restoration/seeding
- Rock picking
- Sandbags
- Foam Ditch breakers/pillows
- Cast in place pipeline and station concrete work
- Equipment rental

IPS was formed in 1997 by Steve Rooney and acquired in 2006 by Jim Rooney. While initially founded as a buoyancy control company, IPS has, as the industry gathered momentum in recent years, expanded their menu of services to meet growing customer demand. With the general contractors focusing more on the core business of laying pipe they often find themselves challenged by managing numerous sub-contractors on a single project. By offering a greater menu of services IPS has been able to add value by simplifying the project management process.

The hallmark projects of the 2006 season were the Enbridge Southern Access and Southern Lights project. These projects, constructed by Global Pipeline Partners, a consortium of Michels Corp., Precision Pipeline, U.S. Pipeline, and Welded Construction consist of a 321 mile 42" crude oil line and a parallel 20" diluents line stretching from Superior to Delevan Wisconsin. The pipeline route crossed almost 400,000 feet of wetlands and required approximately 40,000 set-on weights and 50,000 feet of concrete coated pipe. Construction of this phase of the project began in late 2006 and will be complete in early 2008. Among the numerous chal-



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lenges faced by IPS were the manufacture of 15,000 weights and 30,000 feet of coated pipe in Wisconsin winter time, coordinating production in 14 different weight yards and simultaneously supplying four different contractors spread over the 321 mile pipeline route.

Indianhead Pipeline Services has also been working all fall on the first phase of the Millennium pipeline project in Southern New York. IPS personnel faced some unique challenges on this project including working in very environmentally sensitive areas and restoration of slopes as steep as 40%. IPS personnel were able to handle these challenges with specialized equipment such as winch tractors, wide wheel base track tractors, and all terrain seeding mulching equipment.

In order to accomplish these tasks, IPS was able to assemble a collection of management personnel with unique and varied backgrounds in pipeline, construction and business management. The company president, Jim

Rooney has over 20 years experience in mainline pipeline and general construction. In addition he has a B.A. in Business Administration and a resume littered with various business management experiences. Jim still has fond memories of his early years on the pipeline working his way up from laborer to operator to foreman.

Mike McGill joined the company as Projects Manager and brings a wealth of experience in the technical components of buoyancy control. He entered the pipeline business in 1984 and has worked all over the U.S. as well as in South America, Africa and Europe. Mike's career has encompassed a broad range of activities ranging from field operations to engineering and design to general management and executive positions within the pipeline industry.

Other key personnel include; Don Thurber, Randy Rubenzer, Eric Doyle, Greg Patrow and Clyde Baier. Don has over 25 years experience in all compo-



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nents of the pipeline industry with a specific emphasis on concrete pipe coating and weight manufacturing. During his career he has worked for most of the major companies in the buoyancy control business. Randy has a lifetime of experience in trucking, rock crushing, aggregates, etc. His background is considerably helpful when it comes to things like re-engineering a sandbagging machine for greater efficiency. Eric Doyle has 18 years in all components of concrete construction. Greg Patrow has over 30 years experience as an operating engineer with much of that time spent on the management side. Clyde Baier has 15 years experience in restoration and aggregates. He has experience with numerous pipeline, power line, and road right-of-way restoration projects.

Indian Pipeline Services LLC has been privileged to work on projects for the following pipeline owning companies and contractors. The growth in the industry promises many more unique opportunities for IPS and they cherish the opportunity to meet growing customer demand. As everyone in the pipeline industry can attest, the industry is full of colorful personalities and that is undoubtedly the most enjoyable part of the business.

Job History

- **Enbridge Energy**
- **Northern Natural**
- **Millennium**
- **Lakehead Pipeline**
- **Great Lakes Gas**
- **Kinder Morgan**
- **Alliance Project**
- **Vector Project**
- **Guardian Pipeline**
- **Colorado Interstate Gas**
- **Williams Pipeline**
- **Welded Construction**
- **H. L. Crouse**
- **Barnard Pipeline**
- **Global Pipeline Partners**
- **Michels Corporation**
- **Latex**
- **Murphy Bros.**
- **Big Inch Fabricators**
- **U.S. Pipeline**
- **Henkels & McCoy**
- **Precision Pipeline**
- **H.C. Price Co.**

