

Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP)
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2009

1. Call to Order & Reading of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Community Co-Chair Tom Tadsen at 6:03 p.m. at the Paris Township Hall, Paris, Ohio.

Mr. Walter Landor made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. George Tompkins. Tom Tadsen asked the board members if they had any additions or corrections to the minutes. No comment from the RAB members present. Tom Tadsen called the motion to question...."All those in favor please say 'Aye.' All those opposed?" The motion carried, and Tom Tadsen announced the minutes were approved as printed.

Meeting attendance was recorded as 18 members present, 2 excused and 5 absent (Mr. Bill Miller, Trumbull County Commissioners Representative, Mr. James Mayer, Mr. Richard Poots, Mr. Thomas Smith, and Mr. Howard Furl).

2. General Business

The first order of general business, Mark Patterson discussed the Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant's Installation Action Plan (IAP) that is located on the rvaap.org website. Mark asked the RAB members to please review and provide comments within the next two weeks. Please send Christy Esler an email or call her at the office. (Christy.esler@us.army.mil or RVAAP 330-358-7311).

Tom Tadsen asked the RAB Members when they would like to set a date for the RVAAP RAB Member Tour. The dates were either 11 August or 15 Sept. 2009. In a show of hands by the RAB members, the 15 of September was chosen. The 2009 RVAAP RAB Member Tour will be 15 Sept 2009 at 6:00 pm.

Tom Tadsen asked the board members if they had any further general business. No further topics were discussed.

3. Rocket Ridge, Phase 1 Project Update, Brian Stockwell PIKA International

After completion of the formal presentation, the RAB members proceeded with questions directed to Brian Stockwell. (To request a copy of the formal presentation please contact Christy Esler, RAB Administrator).

Tom Tadsen asked Brian Stockwell if the Rocket Ridge area was more dangerous than the Winklepeck Burning Grounds project.

Brian Stockwell- Absolutely it is the unknown.

Tom Tadsen- Asked Brian to explain the down stream issue

Brian- First immediate step was to install barriers to catch debris that could possibly migrate down stream. These barriers are inspected once a month by UXO personnel.

Mark added that the barriers were installed last year around the June or July timeframe.

Tom Tadsen asked Brian if this barrier prevented any fish from moving downstream.

Brian Stockwell- No it does not.

Bill Steiner- What is the timeframe once approval is received and does the weather play a part?

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Brian Stockwell- The removal will take approximately 3 months of preparation and the best time is summer especially due to stream levels.

Mark added that PIKA International has been asked for a proposal for additional work of Phase I then the documents will go thru an approval process. More than likely this work will commence next year around the June or July timeframe and also depending on creek level.

Tom Tadsen asked if they need to get state permits.

Brian Stockwell- Yes, and possibly an engineering plan.

Eileen Mohr- Approximately a month or so ago the Ohio EPA Surface water folks completed a site visit and talked with the US Arm, US Army Corps of Engineers and PIKA.

Bill Steiner- What method will be used to divert the stream?

Brian Stockwell- Divert the stream and pump or divert to the North and dig a channel. We are evaluating methods that would work the best.

Mark also added that the white phosphorus (WP) needs to be kept in water to avoid fire.

Jay Abercrombie asked how much of the stream would be diverted if needed.

Brian Stockwell- Couple hundred feet of stream, and it will be restored to pre existing condition.

No additional questions were fielded from the RAB members.

Julie Smeiles (The Weekly Villager) - Will the magnetic screening take place at different locations.

Brian Stockwell- Yes, two collection points

Julie Smeiles (The Weekly Villager) - In dealing with the WP is there a possibility of explosion or just fire when exposed to air.

Brian Stockwell- WP concern is fire when exposed to air, there is a low risk of explosion but technically yes there is a risk.

Tom Tadsen- asked if WP is encountered what you will do.

Brian Stockwell- Cut off the air, emerge or saturate with water immediately. Mitigation control is water drums.

Rick Wargo- What about the munitions that are already down stream of the barriers.

Brian Stockwell & Mark Patterson answered that the current proposal also asks them to complete a mag sweep and remove debri items if located.

Tom Tadsen reminded everyone that the stream has been walked by UXO Technicians along with Eileen Mohr (Ohio EPA). The barrier was installed at the location of the furthest item found.

No further questions were directed to Brian Stockwell at this time.

4. Performance Based Acquisition (PBA) FY09 Project Overview, Dave Cobb Shaw Environmental

After completion of the formal presentation, the RAB members proceeded with questions directed to Dave Cobb (To request a copy of the formal presentation please contact Christy Esler, RAB Administrator).

Mark Patterson introduced Travis McCoun, US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore Design Center. Travis is a geologist and also provides technical support the USACE Louisville District for this project.

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Tom Tadsen asked if the RAB members had any questions for Dave.

Julie Smeiles (Weekly Villager) asked Dave if previous soil and geology data could be used and still valuable. Dave Cobb- Yes we can use the data gathered thus far.

Tom Tadsen added that the farmers in this area are cursed due to the clay soil however it is an environmental blessing.

Tom Tadsen said that years ago the number of Area's of Concern (AOC's) were 38 now there are 51. What if more areas are uncovered within the MRS investigations?

Travis McCoun (USACE Baltimore) - IRP sites and MMRP sites are managed differently. If a contractor located additional concerns then those sites would be elevated and a preliminary assessment would be conducted. The Army would determine a decision with the findings. Once MRS sites would develop then the net acreage would decrease.

No additional questions were fielded from the members or public participants.

Tom reminded the RAB Members that the tour is September 15, 2009 at 6pm and added that Rocket Ridge Site will be apart of this tour.

The next scheduled RAB meeting will be November 18, 2009 at Windham Township, 6pm.

Since there was no further business or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m Mr. Bill Steiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walter Landor. Tom Tadsen announced the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Esler
Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant
Restoration Advisory Board Administrator