

# **Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting 22 May 2013**

## **1. Call to Order & Reading of Minutes**

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting for the Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP) was called to order by Mr. Tom Tadsen, Community Co-Chair, at 6:07 p.m. at the Windham Township Hall, Windham Ohio.

Mr. Tom Tadsen introduced Rebecca Haney to the board members. She is the new RAB Administrator replacing Debbie Dillon.

Mr. George Tompkins made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Becky Carter. 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 13 members present, 4 excused and 8 unexcused (Mr. James DiPaola, Mr. James Mayer, Mr. Richard Poots, Mr. Thomas Smith, Mr. Bill Steiner, Ms. Nancy Taylor, Mr. Roy Martin, and Mr. Bill Miller.)

## **2. General Business**

The first order of general business - Tom Tadsen addressed the frequency of RAB meetings. The board has discussed the topic in the past and at that time it was decided to continue at the current frequency. There has been a decrease in agenda items and recent meetings have been postponed so Tom Tadsen suggested the board move to 3 meetings a year.

Jay Abercrombie agreed it was decided in the past to keep meeting frequency as quarterly and postpone if not needed. At this point he believes the board should consider meeting 3 times a year or less frequent.

Tom Tadsen suggested the board discuss and vote on the topic, he has made his opinion known.

George Tompkins agreed that meeting 3 times a year would be adequate as long as there was an option for Tom Tadsen to call a meeting if additional topics/issues arise.

Tom Tadsen asked for a formal motion.

Jay Abercrombie – If the board only meets 3 times a year that is every 4<sup>th</sup> month. So would meetings occur the 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> month of the year (April, August and December)?

Tom Tadsen – The date of the upcoming meetings would be determined at the current meeting, hopefully 4 months apart but no necessarily in those months.

George Tompkins – I would hesitate to have a meeting in December or January because people might be too busy that time of year.

Jay Abercrombie – I agree, many people are busy and traveling at that time of year.

Tom Tadsen agreed and asked the board for other ideas.

George Tompkins – The reason for giving Tom Tadsen the authority to call a meeting is I don't want to read something in the paper about RVAAP and not know about it. (He gave an article from the Record Courier as an example.) I feel the board should have a clarification meeting in this case.

Tom Tadsen – As a reminder, the function of the board is in the clean-up aspect of the facility. What the Ohio Army National Guard does is separate from the restoration efforts. Down the road when the RAB is over it will be up to the Ohio Army National Guard to have the appropriate board.

George Tompkins agreed.

Tom Tadsen asked the board members again for a formal motion.

Becky Carter made a motion for the RAB to meet every 4 months and not specify certain months for the meetings.

George Tompkins seconded the motion.

Tom Tadsen called the motion to question... “All those in favor please say ‘Aye’. “All those opposed?” The motion was carried with all in favor, none opposed and Eileen Mohr abstained.

Tom Tadsen – It has been brought to my attention there is not a quorum so all previous action is nil.

Tom Tadsen – We can have the next meeting in January, available dates are 15 or 22 January.

George Tompkins – Will there be a meeting between now and January?

Tom Tadsen – Would the board like a meeting between now and January.

George Tompkins – Yes.

Tom Tadsen – There will be a site tour. The tentative date for the tour is 25 September because the first part of September is usually busy with people returning from vacations and kids going back to school. The plan currently is to have the tour on 25 September. If the board feels a meeting is needed between the tour in September and January one can be added. Eileen is there any activity on the IRP?

Eileen Mohr – There are issues with Risk Assessment and Land Use that need to be resolved before there is any movement on the IRP.

George Tompkins – Will there will be a short meeting after the tour?

Tom Tadsen – The limiting factor that time of year is going to be daylight. A short meeting could be held after the tour in building 1037.

A short meeting after the tour followed by a meeting in January was agreeable to the board. \

Tom Tadsen – Will the meeting in January be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>?

The board agreed by a show of hands on 15 January 2014 for the date of the next meeting.

Tom Tadsen – Are there any suggestions on a location for the meeting?

Howard Furl – Here (the Windham Township Hall, Windham Ohio).

Tom Tadsen – Does Windham have a snow plow?

Howard Furl – Yes.

Tom Tadsen – Does the board agree on the location for the next meeting at Windham Township Hall.

The board agreed by a show of hands.

Tom Tadsen – Is there any other general business to discuss before the presentations?

There were no responses from RAB members.

Tom Tadsen – The first presenter is LTC Meade from the Ohio Army National Guard. He is going to give an update on the MPMG Range.

### **3. Presentation by OHARNG, LTC William (Ed) Meade**

LTC Meade gave the board a progress update on the Multi-Purpose Machine Gun (MPMG) Range.

Following the formal presentation, Tom Tadsen asked the RAB members to proceed with questions. (To request a copy of the formal presentation please contact the undersigned).

Tom Tadsen – Is the number of targets listed in the presentation the total for all lanes, including the MK19 lanes currently in place.

LTC Meade – Yes this is the total for the entire range.

Dorene Spicer – Is the MPMG range to the left or the right of the current Mark 19 range?

LTC Meade – Lanes 2, 3 and 4 are the current MK19 lanes. In the original construction there were problems with Lane 1 so it was not finished. These issues were resolved but construction was already completed. The current plan for the MPMG range is to complete Lane 1 and add the rest of the lanes to the Southeast.

Tom Tadsen – Based on experience with the MK19 range and the issues with MEC and asbestos do you foresee any bumps in the road?

LTC Meade – We don't know. We don't think there will be but until we get out there we won't truly know until we start moving dirt. As always there will be UXO support on site at all times.

Katie Tait – I would like to add to that point. There has been a process of additional sampling and we are currently waiting on results. There will need to be a Decision Document before any construction begins. There are a couple steps needed to complete the restoration items for the range.

Tom Tadsen – Is there preliminary data? Does the A&E design layout overlay onto the current data on MEC?

Katie Tait – Yes, and we have ground water data. There are ricochet hazards with the wells on the range. The A&E firm is looking at constructing berms, lowering profile, etc. They are coordinating with the rest of the team to design and fit the wells into the range.

LTC Meade – There are 2 bunkers that need removed because of ricochet hazard but these are direct fire, not with the MK19 range.

Katie Tait – There were also buildings with asbestos in constructing the MK19 Range.

Delbert Woloski – Will training on the MK19 range cease during construction? Will training be held elsewhere?

LTC Meade – This is a very good question. Training will have to be held elsewhere for Ohio Army National Guard, for outside states the Guard might have to turn away some training opportunities. We do not want to do that, but it might be necessary.

Tom Tadsen – Eileen do you have anything to add?

Eileen Mohr – There are concerns with MEC and UXO. The survey done by MKM only looked at the current lanes for the MK19 range. The whole area was not covered. As for the wells, we will have to work on it. Some were put in place due to the DFFO's, RCRA requirements and within Winklepeck Burning Grounds for a long period of time. There will be items that need to be discussed.

Tom Tadsen – Are there any further questions?

No further questions were posed by the board.

Tom Tadsen – Our next presenters will be Ann Wood and Brett Merckel of the Army National Guard. They are going to give an update on the property transition.

#### **4. Presentation by Army National Guard Directorate, Ann Wood and Brett Merckel**

Ann Wood of the Army National Guard gave an update on the property transfer from Army Base Realignment and Closure Division (BRAC-D) to Army National Guard (ARNG).

Following the formal presentation, Tom Tadsen asked the RAB members to proceed with questions.

LTC Meade added he is confident the transition documents will be ready and signed by 30 June 2013.

Jay Abercrombie – I am not sure if this is the time or place to ask, but is the correct current name Camp Ravenna? Will this change with the transition?

LTC Meade – The name will stay Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP) through the transition. Then it will be known as Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center (CRJMTC).

Ann Wood – It is recognized by the Army as Camp Ravenna. I am not sure who has the authority to change the name of the RAB. We can look into it.

Tom Tadsen – Christy do you know?

Christy Esler – I am not sure but we will look into it.

Tom Tadsen – We will have to look into this down the line. It will be a good question. The name RVAAP is historic.

Katie Tait – One thing to consider is the name is linked to the RVAAP database.

Tom Tadsen – Unless there is a compelling reason to change the name we should keep it the same.

LTC Meade – Agreed

Joe Beutler – The remaining 12,000 acres, does this include the igloos?

LTC Meade – Most of the igloos have already transferred.

Sarah Lock – First I agree it is known as the Ravenna Arsenal and there is a strong history with the community. Second, I think it keeps it clear of when the pollution happened. It is important that the Ohio National Guard does not get a stigma of causing the pollution.

LTC Meade – This is a good point.

Tom Tadsen – Thank you to Ann and Brett. We will revisit the name issue down the road.

#### **5. Other items**

Tom Tadsen – Since the next meeting and the tour have been scheduled are there any areas the board wants to see on the tour. At the Dry Run the stream restoration at ODA2 (Rocket Ridge) was suggested so the board could see a project through the Work Plan to reclamation. Eileen, would it be possible for the Ohio EPA to bring in a surface water specialist for added expertise.

Eileen Mohr – I will ask, but if not Todd and I will be available.

Tom Tadsen – 3 additional site suggestions are the live Hand Grenade Range, Demolition range, and the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site. Is there any input from the board?

The board agreed to the sites suggested for the tour.

Tom Tadsen – Daylight will be the limiting factor at that time of year. The tour can conclude in Building 1037 to discuss any issues. Are there any other sites related to the IRP? Eileen?

Eileen Mohr – I can't think of any off the top of my head.

George Tompkins – Can we have a couple weeks to think about it and get back to you?

Tom Tadsen – Yes, that brings me to my next point. There is a new formal process for communication regarding the RAB. I have had Becky pass out a letter as an example. Who should be the point of contact?

LTC Meade – I will be the point of contact.

Tom Tadsen – Can we give your information to the board?

LTC Meade – Yes. Email is [William.e.meade.mil@mail.mil](mailto:William.e.meade.mil@mail.mil). Please ensure you have the correct address, these were changed about a month ago. Phone number is 614-336-6560.

Tom Tadsen – LTC Meade will take additional information for the onsite tour and agenda topics/items for the next RAB meeting. Please have items for the tour submitted by 1 September 2013 and recommendations meeting agenda items by 1 January 2014. I will have Becky mail out a reminder 1 month prior to these deadlines. Are there any other items from the board?

There were no items from the board.

Tom Tadsen – Additional items from the audience?

There were no additional items from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned by Tom Tadsen at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Haney  
RVAAP RAB Administrator