

Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting 21 May 2014

1. Call to Order & Reading of Minutes

The Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting for the Installation Restoration Program was called to order by Mr. Tom Tadsen, Community Co-Chair, of Franklin Township at 6:06 p.m. at the Charlestown Township Hall, Charlestown Township Ohio.

Meeting attendance was recorded as 15 members present, 3 excused absent and 5 unexcused absent (Mr. James Mayer, Mr. Richard Poots, Mr. Joe Beutler, Mr. Roy Martin, and Ms. Trish Nuskievicz).

Tom Tadsen addressed the board regarding meeting attendance and absences. If members are unable to attend a scheduled meeting they need to contact Becky Haney, RAB Administrator (330-872-8010), prior to that meeting to ensure their absence is recorded as excused.

Bill Steiner (Randolph TWP) – Is there something in the operating policy that specifies how many absences a member is allowed before dismissal? Is there a dismissal process? Membership is important and should be given to those who have an interest in the restoration program.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Yes, and the chairs will be reviewing the operating policy to determine if any action is necessary at this time.

Sabrina Christian-Bennett (Rootstown TWP) – Sabrina Christian-Bennett took a moment to introduce herself. She is a Portage County Commissioner and will be serving as their representative on the board. She also introduced her alternate representative to the board, Ryan Shackelford, Portage County Emergency Management Office Director.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Has everyone received and had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting?

Mr. Tom Smith of Paris Township made a motion to suspend with the reading of the previous meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Steiner of Randolph Township. Tom Tadsen asked the board members if they had any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were no comments or changes from the RAB members present. Tom Tadsen called the motion to question... "All those in favor please say 'Aye'," "All those opposed." There were no members opposed so the motion carried, and Tom Tadsen announced the minutes were approved as printed.

2. Safety Minute

Kevin Sedlak, (Paris Township) the Army National Guard Restoration Project Manager at Camp Ravenna, gave a safety minute discussion. The safety minute has been added to the meeting agenda as a way to put the focus on safety in everyday situations. Spring has arrived, and with spring comes yard work. Most people do not think about PPE (personal protective equipment) while working in their yard, but it is very important in preventing injuries and illness. PPE such as hearing and eye protection should be used when cutting grass to prevent hearing loss and eye injuries due to flying debris. Working in the yard alone or with no one knowing your location is also very dangerous. Yard work often involves heavy machinery/equipment and high temperatures. If you suffer an injury or heat related illness while alone it may be awhile before you are located and receive treatment.

3. General Business

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – I would like to discuss the frequency of meetings with the board. It has been brought up several times in the past. Currently there is not much environmental restoration activity going on at Camp Ravenna (Former RVAAP) so it is difficult to find adequate topics for

discussion at RAB meetings four times a year. I would like to suggest the board meet 3 times per year, with roughly 4 months between meetings and would like to open to topic for further discussion by the RAB members.

Becky Carter (Randolph) – Would there be an option to submit a request for an extra meeting if needed?

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Yes we would include an option for additional meetings if needed.

George Tompkins (Paris TWP) – I agree with the suggested meeting schedule. With the downturn of activity I see no need to meet 4 times a year instead of 3.

Tom Smith (Paris TWP) – I agree with the schedule. LTC Meade and Mr. Tadsen know when a meeting is needed, we could leave the frequency up to the Co-Chairs. Four, three, two meetings a year, no one knows better than the Co-Chairs.

George Tompkins (Paris TWP) – Tom makes a good point, but I am bothered by not knowing when meetings will be held. Scheduling to attend meetings at random is hard and attendance might go down.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – In the Operating Policy under meeting schedule it specifies meetings would be held at least every quarter. To change the meeting frequency from quarterly we would need to amend the Operating Policy.

Dorene Spicer (Paris TWP) – The meetings could be advertised in the newspapers.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – We currently advertise with local newspapers and other media outlets, but not everyone gets the paper.

Sarah Lock (Paris TWP) – I agree with meeting three times per year, not as needed. This could be perceived as willy-nilly to the public. Meetings should be uniform as expected.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – At this point I don't see restoration activities picking up or changing. There might be a surge in other activities but these are not associated with the RAB or related to the purpose of the board.

Tom Smith (Paris TWP) – I would like to make a dual motion. The first motion is to move to three meetings per year. The second motion is to change the bi-laws (Operating Policy).

Nancy Taylor (Paris TWP) – I will second the motion.

Bill Steiner (Randolph TWP) – Would the bi-laws also include if meetings are moved to three per year and there is nothing going on a meeting can be canceled or postponed?

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Yes

Jay Abercrombie (Suffield TWP) – Is the motion for meetings at random?

Tom Smith (Paris TWP) – The motion is for every 4th month instead of 3rd.

Jay Abercrombie (Suffield TWP) – So the schedule would be April, August and December. Also, these two items should be addressed as separate motions.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – It does not have to be according to a 12 month calendar. You are correct, they will be two separate motions.

George Tompkins (Paris TWP) – The schedule would be similar to what we have been doing all along, just go to three meetings per year instead of four.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – We would have roughly a 4 month stretch between meetings. The schedule is subject to RAB approval. Is there any other input?

No further input from the board.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Becky, can you read the motion before the board?

Becky Haney (Ravenna City) – The first motion is to move RAB meetings to three times per year, with approximately four months between meetings and the ability to call additional meetings as needed.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) - All those in favor please say 'Aye'. All those opposed? (no opposition responses) The motion carried.

Becky Haney (Ravenna City) – The second motion is to amend the Operating Policy meeting schedule section to include the wording stated in the first motion.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) - All those in favor please say 'Aye'. All those opposed? (no opposition responses) The motion carried.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) - Scheduling of the next meeting. Staying in line with the schedule the next meeting would be 17 September 2014, which is the third Wednesday in September.

Dorene Spicer (Paris TWP) – Is there going to be a tour this year?

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Right now we are just scheduling the meeting, we will discuss the tour momentarily.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Are there any conflicts or objections to Wednesday 17 September? (No conflicts were stated by members present) Is there a township that will volunteer to host?

Dorene Spicer (Paris TWP) – Paris Township.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – The next meeting will be Wednesday 17 September 2014 at Paris Township Hall. LTC Meade, would you like to address the facility tour?

LTC Meade (Facility Co-Chair) – We can have a tour this year, and I am not opposed to a tour, but we are limited to restoration related sites. On the OHARNG side there is nothing new to see, the last tour covered everything new on the OHARNG side. Is there still an interest in doing a tour?

George Tompkins (Paris TWP) – I have had lots of questions if there will be another public tour. There is a lot of interest in a public tour.

LTC Meade (Facility Co-Chair) – We do conduct some tours for specific groups. The challenge with this is our dwindling staff. It takes a lot of time and wears on our staff. We love to do it, we just don't have the staff to support it at this time. There may be an increase in interest with the Missile Defense Agency's consideration of Camp Ravenna, so this may cause a push from the public for tours.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Contact your local representatives and officials and let them know there is an interest. If Columbus hears there is enough interest, they will fund tours.

LTC Meade (Facility Co-Chair) – We are supportive of public tours, but there isn't much going on that would be of interest to the RAB. Restoration activity is low so there isn't much content for a tour.

Irene Glavies-Lutz (Newton Falls) – Will there be another disaster training?

LTC Meade (Facility Co-Chair) – Yes, preliminary planning is being conducted for a disaster training event during June or July 2015. It will be a four day exercise.

Irene Glavies-Lutz (Newton Falls) – Will you let the RAB know?

LTC Meade (Facility Co-Chair) – Yes. It should be during the summer 2015.

Bill Steiner (Randolph TWP) – The facility tours are fascinating and it is good to see the restoration going well, but personally I don't want to strap the staff to find something for us to tour. If there is nothing to tour I don't want to waste time.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – There will be a final tour when restoration is completed. This should take a full day, should cover every site, and have before and after pictures of the remediation. If the site could not be totally remediated it will address the Land Use Controls to show what is required for long term management. In the meantime there will be more to discuss. As of now there will be no RAB tour in 2014.

At the conclusion of the general business discussion Tom Tadsen introduced Mr. Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) who would be presenting to the board on the Building 1030 Demolition, a Facility-Wide Groundwater update, and a brief update on the Missile Defense Agency site consideration. He asked that questions be held until the end of each presentation. Questions by RAB members will be addressed first, followed by any from the general audience.

4. Building 1030, Administration Building Demolition Update by Kevin Sedlak, Army National Guard Restoration Project Manager.

Mr. Kevin Sedlak gave the board a presentation on the Demolition of Building 1030, Administration Building. To request a copy of the formal presentation please contact Becky Haney at rebecca.m.haney.ctr@us.army.mil or visit www.rvaap.org.

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

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Were the wastes generated at different sites?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – No, all wastes listed were from the Building 1030 site.

Kevin Palombo (Ohio EPA) – Did the asbestos waste listed cover the roof material?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – No. The Building previously had the asbestos roofing materials removed and was re-roofed with all asphalt-containing materials.

No questions were posed by the public on this presentation.

5. Missile Defense Agency Site Consideration Update by Kevin Sedlak, Army National Guard Restoration Project Manager

Mr. Kevin Sedlak gave the board a brief update on the Missile Defense Agency's consideration of Camp Ravenna as a possible site. This was a brief update and discussion and did not include an outline or presentation slides.

Jay Abercrombie (Suffield TWP) – Is one of the regulatory agencies U.S. Fish and Wildlife?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – I am not sure, but we wanted to involve all agencies.

LTC Meade – Yes, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been included.

Jay Abercrombie (Suffield TWP) – Will the document be written in-house?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – The document is being prepared by Black and Veatch (bv.com).

Kevin Palombo (Ohio EPA) – Has the writing process started?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – Yes

Jay Abercrombie (Suffield TWP) – What are the other three sites being considered?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – The other sites under consideration are Fort Drum, NY; Naval Air Station Portsmouth SERE Training Area, ME; and Fort Custer Training Center, MI.

Tom Smith (Paris TWP) – Does Camp Ravenna have any attributes that make it stand-out from the other sites?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – The space available and political backing.

Tom Smith (Paris TWP) – Are the other sites as large?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – Fort Custer is larger.

No questions were posed by the public on this update.

6. Facility-Wide Ground Water Update by Kevin Sedlak, Army National Guard Restoration Project Manager

Mr. Kevin Sedlak gave the board a presentation to update the board regarding the Facility-Wide Groundwater Monitoring Program. To request a copy of the formal presentation please contact Becky Haney at rebecca.m.haney.ctr@us.army.mil or visit www.rvaap.org.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – How will the 3 new wells be protected from vandalism or other possible damage along Route 5?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – When the wells are installed they stick up from the ground. There is a steel pipe casing surrounded by three bollards. The casings are locked for safety, and these will be off the road into the woods.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Will there be highway access or a right of way?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – There will be off road access, just enough to get the rig on site. Once drilling is complete any ruts will be filled. Field teams will need to walk to the wells for sampling.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Was a culvert and driveway considered?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – Yes but we didn't want to install something permanent that had to be maintained.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Can you discuss the arsenic reading on well LL1-mw-088.

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – This reading is high, but we have no backgrounds for comparison. Naturally-occurring arsenic is high in this region. We are pursuing funding to do background sampling for the facility.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Why are some of the values estimated?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – The lab equipment has a calibration curve that covers a specific range. The lab will only certify readings as accurate if they are within this curve or range. The values labeled with a J were readings outside of this curve, so the lab labels them as estimated. Though these values are estimated they are very close to the actual reading.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Where is the calibration completed?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – They usually start off low and go high. I am not sure off hand, there is probably a standard for each test or piece of equipment.

Dorene Spicer (Paris TWP) – It appears that two of the wells you are planning to drill are directly across from existing wells.

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – The suggested locations are across from the existing wells to follow the flow of the groundwater. We are planning two wells across Route 5 from the current wells and one between those for additional data.

Dorene Spicer (Paris TWP) – Do you know the depth of the wells?

Kevin Palombo (Ohio EPA) – I believe the LL2 well is 25 ft. total depth (td), the LL1 well is 24 ft. td and the LL3 well is 43 ft. td.

Dan Spicer (Paris TWP) – Are they in the same formation?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – Yes

Kevin Palombo (Ohio EPA) – The proposed well installation and locations have not yet been reviewed or approved by the Ohio EPA.

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – Correct. They still need surveyed. Once the locations are exact the installation plans will go to ODOT and the Ohio EPA for review.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Are there other environmental issues that could impact the well locations?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – Yes, for example wetlands, the endangered Indiana Bat and other wildlife, cultural and historical materials. We will do our due diligence to preserve as much as possible.

Sarah Lock (Paris TWP) – The well outside LL1 is unconsolidated, but the new wells will be in the Sharon formation.

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – At LL1 there was an unconsolidated well inside the fence that showed a low level of pesticide. A new unconsolidated well was installed outside the fence to chase the contamination. This well showed no or very low pesticide. The wells outside LL2 and LL3 are in the Sharon formation, so the proposed wells will be in the Sharon formation as well.

Sarah Lock (Paris TWP) – Why are there no MCL's for explosives?

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – Metals are naturally occurring so have MCL's and RSL's. Explosives and propellants aren't generally found in groundwater so there are no MCL's. Hopefully we will have background data soon. The background wells will be up-gradient so should not be affected by the facility.

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Please remind us what MCL stands for.

Kevin Sedlak (Paris TWP) – Maximum Contaminant Level

No questions were posed by the public on this presentation.

7. Other items

Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) – Are there any other questions or issues from the board? (No response from the board) Are there any questions from the audience? (No response from the audience/public)

Sarah Lock (Paris TWP) – What is the status of the recreation hall demolition?

LTC Meade – It is on the list but we have not secured the funding to demolish it.

Sarah Lock (Paris TWP) – The housing?

LTC Meade – It is still there as well. It will be demolished in the future. Currently there are some training exercises conducted outside the houses.

Tom Tadsen – If any issues, discussion topics or concerns come up after the meeting please contact the RAB Administrator, Becky Haney at rebecca.m.haney.ctr@us.army.mil or 330-872-8010. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17 Sept 2014 at Paris Township Hall.

The meeting was adjourned by Tom Tadsen at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Haney, RVAAP RAB Administrator