

Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 1997

1. Call to Order & Reading of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Community Co-Chair Adrian Stefanish, at 6:00 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall, Freedom, Ohio.

Secretary Becky Carter took roll call with 19 present, 4 excused and 2 absent (absent were Rachel Craig and Jack Madved).

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes so they stood as presented.

Mr. Milan Markov had numerous questions and statements of his confusion with the RAB policy and he explained many of those to the group. The preamble is to be an introduction to a statute, the operating policy should stand alone, he feels the detail will be lost if the minutes are used to detail the operating policy. The basic comment was the Policy is not "reader friendly". The term "community members" was questioned several times and on page 4 and Mr. Markov suggested the various appointed members be called "civilian" members, the two others (i.e. Tim Morgan and Eileen Mohr) be Government members and "Community" be used to identify the public who attend the meetings. Co-Chair Stefanish stated most members do not have a problem with the various terms used in the Policy. Mr. Markov further stated the minutes could be thrown out and only the various votes recorded with no other explanations. Co-Chair Stefanish stated that the explanations and discussions need to be a part of the minutes -- not verbatim -- just a synopsis of the dialogue. Dr. Alan Coogan stated he hopes to get past this policy and get down to the business we are supposed to do. Mr. Stefanish stated the policy is not written in stone -- it can be amended at any time by a vote of the board.. Tim Morgan stated the minutes are the basis for making sure we do abide by the policy during our meetings.

Tom Smith made the motion to have a five member committee of volunteers look closely at the policy to clear up some of the confusion, Walter Landor seconded this motion, voice vote carried favorably.

Dr. Alan Coogan made the motion to approve the policy subject to the committee considering further improvements and recommendations as written January 27, Walter Landor seconded the motion. A voice vote was held and carried favorably.

Robert Wehlove and Eileen Mohr continued their presentation from the last meeting which included information on the budgeting and funding process for the AOC. Many questions were fielded by various members.

One question was regarding the game testing, if it was done and what the results were of the testings. Eileen Mohr stated Phase 1 of testing was to determine contaminants and extensive ecological testing will be done later. It was suggested that volunteers could be used to help with this process. Eileen Mohr then explained the various stages and degrees of testing stating that using volunteers would be nice but there is much more to the testing that a trained person would have to be used. Dr. Coogan explained there is also a proper sequence of testing siting the source, pathway and the receptor and all these phases will be handled in due time. Discussion followed as to why certain AOC's were chosen.

Bob Wehlove then explained the scoring system for the AOC's. He explained human health does come before anything when testing. It was suggested that since funds were short, perhaps money could be gotten from other sources such as the orphan well funding available for abandoned oil and gas wells. Both Tim Morgan and Eileen Mohr stated there were no such oil and or gas wells on the post.

2. Schedule of topics to be covered

Tim Morgan stated the following schedule would hopefully be followed for the RAB meetings: March is a preliminary accessment of the AOC sites; April will detail Phase 1 and the \$1.3 million spent so far (I.E. how, when, where, whys answered); May will be the results of these Phase 1 tests and what the answers mean for the first 11 sites only.; June will be the restorative evaluations of the sites; and in July or August they hope to have another public meeting at Ravenna High School to share all the findings with the public. Tim Morgan further stated that the investigative reports will be commented on by the people who actually did the work on the sites.

3. Rumors and Facts.

Question: What is the possibility of opening 225 through the arsenal?

Answer by Tim Morgan: No plans at this time as it is not cost effective. Extensive testing would have to be done along the road, fences erected, etc and the funds are not there to do this.

Question: What is the \$50,000 grant Nancy Hansford received to study the arsenal?

Answer: This is a grant presented by the governor to NEOTEC which is a 6-county study group. The Army nor the EPA have been contacted about the study.

Question by Milan Markov is asbestos being removed?

Answer by Tim Morgan: Yes and he explained the process.

Question by Walter Landor: who got the \$50,000?

Answer by Commissioner Chris Smeiles: A study committee got the money and about \$42,000 was allocated to study the arsenal.

Question: Is the Army planning to use or are they currently using any of the area for training etc?

Answer by Tim Morgan: Yes, there are several areas being used by the Air Force Reserve and Army for training, etc.

Question by Caryl Griswold: What is the new building on Rt 5?

Answer by Tim Morgan: An armory and training facility.

Question: If 225 is not going to be opened, why not as this stifles the area.

Answer by Tim Morgan: As soon as testing, etc., is complete, appropriate remedies performed, then the road could be opened. Eileen Mohr also stated the EPA's position on the opening of the road and what would have to be done before it could even be considered.

4. Next meeting set

March 19, 1997 will be the next RAB meeting at the Windham Township Hall from 6:00 pm til 8:30 pm.

Tim Morgan asked for any RAB members unable to make the fall ground tour of the facility to contact him as he hopes to schedule a small tour for those interested.

Co-Chair Stefanish reminded members to sign up for the policy committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by Co-Chair Stefanish.

Minutes submitted by Secretary of RAB, Rebecca Carter.

MEMORANDUM

17 March 1997

To: Becky Carter, RVAAP RAB Secretary

From: Tim Morgan, RVAAP Army Co-Chair

Subject: Comments on 19 February 1997 RVAAP RAB Minutes

1. Call to Order

4th para., clarification - The conduct of the meetings will be dictated by the policy. The minutes will not dictate the policy.

7th para., - Whelove is misspelled. 1st sentence should be changed to read "... budgeting and funding process for the RVAAP cleanup."

2nd page, 2nd para. - Whelove is misspelled. The 2nd sentence should be changed to read as follows - "He explained innovative technology scores the most points, however stakeholder input scores next highest."

2. Schedule of topics to be covered.

The June topic will be "relative risk site evaluations," not "restorative evaluations."

3. Rumors and Facts

3rd page, 3rd para. - delete reference to Army training and insert "the Ohio Army National Guard."

3rd page, 7th para. - This needs to be clarified. Paris Windham Road (Rt 225) can not be opened because it is still required for the completion of the RVAAP military mission. Opening the road would compromise installation security. In addition, there are AOC's and quantity distance zones within the vicinity of the road. Fencing off the road is not practical due to the expense, associated environmental concerns, and explosives storage on both sides of the road.