

Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP)
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2008

1. Call to Order & Reading of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Community Co-Chair Tom Tadsen at 6:07 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall, Freedom Ohio.

Mr. Thomas Smith made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walter Landor. 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 16 members present, 3 excused and 6 absent (Mr. Jon Barber, Mr. Joe Beutler, Mr. Howard Furl, Mr. John Millea, Mr. John Mayer and Ms. Sarah Lock).

2. General Business

The first order of general business, Mark Patterson explained that Christy Esler, RVAAP's RAB Administrator is between contracts at this time but will be re-awarded in the next week. Mark Patterson will be taking care of the meeting duties for the evening.

Mark Patterson provided an update on the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) grant for RVAAP. The extension request has been send to the Deputy Secretary of the Army. In RVAAP's case we have received funds in the amount of \$88,000.00. Any funds requested over \$100,000.00 must be approved by the Deputy Secretary of the Army. We do not need the approval for the remaining \$12,000.00 but we will need the approval if we request funds over this amount.

Tom Tadsen asked for a motion to proceed to extend the TAPP Program funds to assist the RAB members. Mr. JJ Leet made a motion to proceed with the TAPP funds request. The motion was seconded by Mr. George Tompkins. Nancy Taylor asked Mark to explain the application process. Mark explained the application process. URS has been the RAB Members technical provider for the past couple of years but due to the current contracts the members will need to look at another technical provider. Tom Tadsen asked the board members if they had any further questions. No additional comments 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. Tom Tadsen asked the RAB members to contact Christy Esler at christy.esler@us.army.mil or Mark Patterson at mark.c.patterson@us.army.mil with topic ideas in the next week.

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Tom Tadsen read the public comment card received at the May 21, 2008 meeting. This comment card was from Ron & Laura Duncan of Middlefield Ohio. The card asked why Colonel Tadsen critiques questions from the Duncan's. Why does he do this?

Tom Tadsen said that the question the Duncan's asked at the last meeting was regarding the offsite ground water wells. As discussed with Mr. & Mrs. Duncan this question had been answered many times before. LTC Tadsen said that the RAB members volunteer time during these meetings and are very intelligent people, free speaking and are satisfied with the Army's response. Mr. Duncan has been dissatisfied with the answer provided.

George Tompkins (RAB Member) - stated that he has not been a member long but has attended many meetings in the past as a public participant. The comments were accurate and we have heard the answer many times. This question does not need to be asked again.

Nancy Taylor (RAB Member) - said that LTC Tadsen was very polite with his response.

Mark Patterson said that when we do have more information we will share that with the RAB right away.

Tom Tadsen - Asked to proceed unless further discussion is needed. Nothing further was added by the RAB members.

Eileen Mohr (Ohio EPA) - discussed the idea brought forward by Mr. Doug Java. Doug would like to create a monument dedicated to all the arsenal workers and owners of the farm land whose land was taken to build RVAAP.

Doug Java promised his late mother that he would work on creating a monument; Doug wants to keep his promise.

Mark Patterson said that federal funding is not appropriate to use in this kind of situation.

Mark offered the use of the RVAAP Conference room at bldg. 1037 for any committee meetings. Doug would like the National Guard to be involved in the process.

Eileen Mohr asked anyone that would be interested in being involved to contact herself or Christy Esler.

Tom Tadsen asked the members if there were any additional business items. The members did not have anything additional at this time.

Tom Tadsen introduced Jed Thomas of Science Application International Corporation as one of the presenters for this evening.

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3. Presentation of the Performance Based Acquisition 2008 Project overview, Jed Thomas, Science Application International Corporation (SAIC).

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

Tom Tadsen asked if you went through four quarters of testing and all wells were okay besides one and that well has high levels. What is your next course of action?
Jed Thomas (SAIC) - deferred that question to Mark Patterson.

Mark Patterson- RVAAP has 235-240 ground water wells in areas that we believed were potential areas of contamination. This project will show us if the deeper aquifer (bedrock) has been impacted.

Nancy Taylor (RAB Member) - Directed this question to Eileen Mohr. Did you test wells until you had a negative reading?

Eileen Mohr- During the well construction we looked at the source area as well as areas away from the source. Our goal was to test first water and this project will give us the information. As to whether or not the bedrock has been impacted.

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

4. Winklepeck Burning Grounds Scope of Work Overview, 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 - Would the magnet pick up all the non-ferrous metals?

Brian Stockwell- Yes, the excavated soil are processed and the magnet separates the ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

Nancy Taylor (RAB Member)- Do you have transportation restrictions?

Brian Stockwell- The soil is waste characterized and handled appropriately.

Mark Patterson added that Department of Transportation (DOT) & Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations are followed.

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

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5. Presentation of Load Line 2, 3 & 4 Sampling of Soils Beneath Floor Slab Project Update, JoAnn Bartsch, URS.

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

Tom Tadsen - Asked JoAnn to please explain the Jenkins colorimetric test.

JoAnn Bartsch discussed the advantages of using this testing method and also added that his method saves laboratory costs and time as well.

Dorene Spicer (RAB Member) - Does the soil remain covered and if so who does that?
JoAnn Bartsch- URS completes field inspections and re-covers if needed with plenty of sandbags and additional plastic.

Nina Miller (RAB Member) - Does the plastic also get disposed of as hazardous waste?
JoAnn Bartsch- It may, but the plastic will be disposed of off-site, most likely in a solid waste landfill.

Mark Patterson- We received end of the year funds that allowed us to pull the slabs at Load Line 1. We will demo the slabs and that will conclude the end of the load lines. This takes a continuing coordination effort between URS and PIKA to remove the slabs and sample the areas.

Tom Tadsen- The end of year funds that come available, you need to jump on them quickly to put scopes of work and proposals together. For example on Aug 31, 2006 end of the Fiscal Year funds came available we worked until 7:30 pm to secure \$450,000.00 for the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site (RTLS).

No additional questions were fielded from the members. Tom Tadsen asked the public for any questions directed to JoAnn Bartsch.

Karen Steiner (Randolph Resident) - Is there an increased risk for leaving the soil under the plastic for a long period of time?

JoAnn Bartsch- The plastic keeps the water from filtering through the soil and becoming mobile. It is approximately a couple of months awaiting data.

Doug Java (Windham Resident) - Concerns of when work is all done. Will this be 100% spotless?

Mark Patterson- In some areas yes. In other areas it is cleaned up to the future use of the National Guard.

Doug Java- Is there a problem with the children that are permitted to hunt and consume deer from the arsenal?

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Mark Patterson- No, and even at Joliet AAP they manufactured at that facility and no problem has been identified. Also, folks are not hunting in any areas of concern. Tom Tadsen added that when Mark discussed the clean up according to the future use of the National Guard. If that plan of land use changes then the clean up would also.

Nancy Taylor (RAB Member) - Will this result in land restrictions?

Mark Patterson- the Land Use Control's are a big part of this and enforced by the Ohio EPA.

Tom Tadsen- Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) plans at WBG may change to a M203 range, there would need to be additional clearance before construction.

Tom Tadsen asked for any additional questions prior to the scheduling of the next meeting.

Tom Tadsen reminded the RAB Members to please contact Mark Patterson or Christy Esler with TAPP topic ideas within the next week.

Tom Tadsen announced the next meeting will be November 19, 2008 at Freedom Township Hall, 6pm.

Since there was no further business or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christy Esler
Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant
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