

Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 1999

1) Call to Order and Reading of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Tom Tadsen, Community Co-Chair at the Shearer Community Center, Paris Township, Ohio at 6:05 pm. Secretary Donna Umbrazun took attendance with 17 present and 7 absent (Barbara Andreas, Alice Green, Tom Lawson, Milan Markov, Keith Misner, Christopher Smeiles, and Richard Walton). There was discussion by the board members whether to read the minutes from the previous meeting or everyone read them over on their own. Mark Patterson stated that the minutes are mailed to all board members and all others that requested to be on the mailing list. It was suggested that extra copies be made available to the general public that may not be on the mailing list. Thomas Smith made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to provide 12 extra copies at each meeting, Rebecca Carter seconded, voice vote taken which passed. Tom Tadsen asked for any correction to the minutes. (In the second paragraph the name Walter Landon should be corrected to Landor.) Thomas Smith moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Rebecca Carter, voice vote taken which passed.

Mark Patterson presented a letter from Dr. Alan Coogan stating that he would be resigning from the RAB. Mark stated that since there were currently 26 member instead of the required 25 that it would not be necessary to replace Dr. Alan Coogan.

2) General Business:

It was announced that 16,064 acres of land has been transferred to the Ohio National Guard. With the IOC retaining about 5000 acres which are the most contaminated areas. Question from the board as to the portion turned over to the Ohio National Guard, are there any boundaries designated by fencing or any plans to designate with fencing. Mark Patterson stated that existing roads mark the areas and some old fencing is still in place. A map of the area turned over to the Ohio National Guard was passed around. They also transferred the Erie Burning Grounds to the Guard but it is off limits for any use until the contaminants are fully addressed under the IRP.

Question from the public as to Buildings 808-816 are they in the area turned over as stated in the paper. Building 804-811 were the correct buildings transferred to the National Guard? Tom Tadsen stated that most of the silver/gray buildings that face State Route 5 are transferred, also bunker areas were transferred but the IOC still has access and control of this area.

There was a question as to whether Paris Windham road would be opened. Tom Tadsen stated the IOC has no plans to re-open the road and the area is primarily Guard property now. Tom Tadsen also stated that this is a federal transfer, this property will remain federal property and will not be turned over to the State of Ohio or any other private company in the foreseeable future.

The question of whether Guard activity will increase now was asked. Tom Tadsen stated that the activity would probably gradually increase over a long period of time.

The question of whether the buildings along State Route 5 will be painted. Tom Tadsen stated that there is no money allocated for road or building maintenance in the Army budget.

Mark Patterson stated that the load line buildings to be demolished have asbestos transite panels and lead paint and there are no plans for reuse of these buildings. Load Line #1 is to start demolition early Spring.

A question from the board was asked as to whose responsibility are the areas of concern that have been transferred. Tom Tadsen stated that the IOC is still responsible for any AOCs on transferred land and any new areas that might arise, and will follow the same schedule as before for clean up.

Bill Roberts asked when the new facility map will be completed showing all AOCs. Mark Patterson stated that it should be available in the next month and a half.

Mark Patterson stated that the Scope of Work for the TAPP Funds should be completed by the end of next week and delivered to that committee.

Mark Patterson stated that a tour of the facility is set for Saturday, April 10, 1999.

Mark Patterson stated that Jim Sheehy would be attending the next meeting to give a report on the Relative Risk Site Evaluations.

Tom Tadsen announced that board member Bruce Nelson passed away last Monday.

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- 3) Video Presentation of "From Factory to Field". This video highlighted the steps involved in production of munitions similar to past activities at RVAAP. Prior to the video Mark Patterson passed out two handouts on the type of production at Ravenna and the quantities of production. The video shown was made in 1984.

- 4) Board Member Attendance

Mark Patterson stated that the attendance records had been tallied and only two board members were not in compliance with the attendance rules, Keith Misner and Christopher Smeiles. Walter Landor made a motion to dismiss them after a telephone call was placed to each to establish interest in position. Seconded by Nina Miller, voice vote taken which passed. Mark Patterson or Tom Tadsen to call and see if these members are still interested in serving on the RAB Board. They will report back at the next meeting.

It was stated that all that is required to be considered excused from a meeting is for the board member to call Mark Patterson at 330-358-7311 or Tom Tadsen 330-872-5964 prior to the meeting.

5) General Information

Rachael Craig asked about the Erie Burning Grounds. Mark Patterson stated that a Scope of Work was being developed in house. They are trying to work with the area in its present condition without drainage to preserve the diverse wildlife that lives there.

Load Line #12 -Bldg 904 demil unit has been decontaminated, tested and cleared. The associated Pink Water Plant; waiting on final closure. All inside decontamination cleared currently in the process of demolishing the building. This could take another 2 months to complete.

Pesticide Building-waiting on final approval to demolish

Mark Patterson stated that there will be UXO to detonate from time to time and they are currently trying to get a permit from the Ohio EPA to do detonation as necessary.

Tom Tadsen stated that stored munitions would probably not be moved for 8 years. With the exception of some small amounts to be moved in the next two years.

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Rachael Craig asked about a report on cancer risks. Mark Patterson stated that he had called Mr. Horton and that he did not have enough data to do analysis. Mark asked Mr. Horton to send documentation to him stating lack of data.

6) Scheduling Next Meeting.

Tom Tadsen scheduled the next meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Windham Township Hall.

There being no further business Tom Smith moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Rebecca Carter.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Umbrazun, Secretary