



## PORTSMOUTH EM SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014, SSAB MEETING • 6:00 P.M.

**Location:** The Ohio State University Endeavor Center, Room 160, Piketon, Ohio

**Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Members Present:** Chair Will Henderson; Vice Chair Val Francis; Al Don Cisco, Frank Halstead, Adrian Harrison, Carl Hartley, Brian Huber, Sharon Manson, Dan Minter, Michael Payton, Dick Snyder

**SSAB Members Absent:** Shirley Bandy, Martha Cosby, Ervin Craft

**U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Contractors:** Joel Bradburne, Greg Simonton, DOE; Rick Greene, Restoration Services, Inc. (RSI); Julie Galloway, Cindy Lewis, EHI Consultants (EHI); Jeff Wagner, Deneen Revel, Ken Whittle, Jim Thomson, Frank Miller, Bob Nichols, Bob Franut, Fluor-B&W Portsmouth (FBP)

**Liaisons:** Melody Stewart, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Mike Rubadue, Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

**Facilitator:** Eric Roberts, EHI

**Public:** David Manuta, Manuta Chemical Consulting (MC2); David Snyder, State Historic Preservation Office; John Knauff, Lynn Wilber

Approved by Will Henderson, Board Chair

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Will Henderson

**Call to Order:**

**Henderson:** I would like to call the meeting to order.

**Roberts:** I would like to welcome everyone, and I will be facilitating the meeting. There will be a public comment period after the presentations. The board should stay within its defined scope and follow the meeting ground rules adopted.

**June Agenda:**

**Roberts:** Are there any modifications or proposed changes to the June agenda?

- **Halstead:** I make a motion to approve the June agenda. **Payton:** I second the motion
  - **Motion carried, agenda approved**

**April Minutes:**

**Roberts:** Are there any modifications or proposed changes to the April minutes?

- **Halstead:** I make a motion to approve the April minutes. **Harrison:** I second the motion
  - **Motion carried, minutes approved**

**DDFO comments provided by Joel Bradburne, Deputy Designated Federal Official:**

Agenda

- Plant Updates
  - Cut and Cap Reaches Site Milestone
  - Shipping Updates
  - Excess Railcars Disposal
  - Groundwater Remediation
  - DUF6 Conversion Plant
  - Regulatory Process
- Community Outreach
  - DOE Grant Brings Students to Regional Business Competition
  - Media Day
  - Pike County Community Day
  - Interns for 2014
  - ASER
  - Upcoming Site Events

*A copy of the DDFO presentation is available on the SSAB web site  
([www.ports-ssab.energy.gov](http://www.ports-ssab.energy.gov))*

<b>Question/Comment:</b>	<b>Answer:</b>
<b>Francis:</b> Are the issues being worked out pertaining to the potential Record of Decision (ROD) as far as the legal	<b>Bradburne:</b> I think we are all in line about that, we talked about how complicated and intertwined the

<p>questions with the plumes along the lines of our recommendation?</p>	<p>regulatory vehicles are. It is about working out some of the language details. I think where we are all going is an unified vision.</p>
<p><b>Henderson:</b> We have discussed that there are funds already earmarked; put aside and you cannot touch it for anything else. With the current budget situation at a certain point of time, it would seem likely that we would reach almost a standstill with the Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&amp;D) process but we still have that money set aside for a potential onsite waste disposal cell, would there be any way to transfer that money for another use. If so, what would that process look like?</p>	<p><b>Bradburne:</b> It is a line item. It has to be request in advance. There is a process as the budget cycles you can go back and reprogram the dollars. Of course, we are hoping we do not have to do that.</p>

**Federal Project Coordinator comments provided by Greg Simonton, Federal Project Coordinator:**

<b>Question/Comment:</b>	<b>Answer:</b>
<p><b>Snyder:</b> Some of this land is suitable for industry. It would be nice if DOE could get rid of some of the liability that they have.</p>	<p><b>Simonton:</b> We are going through the first steps to initiate transfer of land.</p>
<p><b>Manson:</b> If someone wants something now and the site is not ready yet. I would hope they would look around before leaving the area.</p>	<p><b>Simonton:</b> That's right, they could look at the Zahn's Corner Industrial Park.</p>

**Liaison comments provided by Melody Stewart:**

**Stewart:** I really do not have anything to add. Joel covered my stuff pretty well. We are finishing a few issues, with the proposed plan.

**Liaison comments provided by Michael Rubadue:**

**Rubadue:** I do not have much to add either. OEPA has been working on the process building.

**X-326 Cut & Cap Project-Ken Whittle, Fluor B&W:**

- **X-326 Deactivation Scope**
- **Work Performance**
- **Typical X-326 cell – intact**
- **Work Performance: Define the job scope**
- **Work Performance: Hazards Analysis/ID**

- **Work Performance: Do the work using the controls**
- **Sampling to ensure efficacy of controls**
- **Work Performance: Worker Feedback**
- **X-326 Cut & Cap Worker Training**
- **X-326 Cut & Cap Worker Communication**

<b>Question/Comment:</b>	<b>Answer:</b>
<p><b>Francis:</b> How are the workers dressed?</p> <p>Where is the piping being stored?</p>	<p><b>Whittle:</b> I will show you how the workers dress in just a moment. I brought some equipment to show you. If the piping is clean, it goes on the floor with a two-inch space between.</p>
<p><b>Halstead:</b> Are you using some of the cool shacks from some of the other buildings?</p>	<p><b>Whittle:</b> No, we actually have our own. We set up portable cool shacks. It was so much easier to put up tents.</p>

**Administrative Issues:**

**EM National Chairs Funding Recommendation:**

<b>Question/Comment:</b>	<b>Answer:</b>
<p><b>Halstead:</b> This recommendation does not mention the barter.</p>	<p><b>Roberts:</b> We can only have a yes or no, we cannot make changes to the recommendation.</p>

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** None

**Halstead:** I call for a vote on the funding recommendation. **Harrison:** I second a call for a vote.

**Roberts:** There is a motion on the table to vote on the Funding Recommendation:  
**Motion carried (11 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 recused)**

**EM National Chairs Publicize Successes Recommendation:**

**Public Comment:**

<b>Question/Comment:</b>	<b>Answer:</b>
<p><b>Manuta:</b> The Fernald site was never an operational uranium enrichment plant on the first bullet. Before this goes to headquarters it needs to be corrected. The Fernald site was a uranium weapons facility.</p>	<p><b>Roberts:</b> We cannot change anything on the recommendation. We will pass this on to headquarters.</p>

**Board Comment:** None

**Payton:** I call for a vote the Publicized Successes Recommendation. **Halstead:** I second a call for a vote.

**Roberts:** There is a motion on the table to vote on the Publicized Successes Recommendation:

**Motion carried** (11 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 recused)

### **Public Comments:**

### **Subcommittee Updates:**

#### **Budget and Funding Subcommittee Update by Sharon Manson:**

**Manson:** The Budget and Funding Subcommittee met on May 13. The purpose of the meeting was to update the subcommittee with a budget and declining uranium market impact on the D&D project, presented by Dennis Carr, FBP.

#### **Community Engagement & Site Legacy Subcommittee Update by Carl Hartley:**

**Hartley:** The Community Engagement Subcommittee met on April 8. The purpose of the meeting was to give the subcommittee an Annual Site Environmental Report summary Project (ASER) update, presented by Stephanie Howe and Robin Stewart, Ohio University (OU). The subcommittee also met on May 13. The purpose of this meeting was to give updates to the subcommittee on National Science Bowl, DOE Media Day, traveling displays, FBP internship program and STEM scholarships, presented by Greg Simonton, DOE and Jeff Wagner, FBP.

#### **Recycling & Waste Disposition Subcommittee Update by Dick Snyder and Frank Halstead:**

**Snyder:** The Waste Disposition & Recycling Subcommittee met on April 8. The purpose of the meeting was to give the subcommittee an update on nickel, presented by Russ Riddle, FBP. **Halstead:** The subcommittee also met on May 13. The purpose of the meeting was to present the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant overview and lessons learned at Portsmouth. Presented by Dennis Carr, FBP.

#### **Site Optimization and Future Land Use Subcommittee Update by Brian Huber:**

**Huber:** The Site Optimization and Future Land Use Subcommittee met on April 8. The purpose of the meeting was to present an update to the target industries task to the subcommittee, presented by Stephanie Howe and Robin Stewart, OU.

### **Public Comment:**

**Manuta:** The reuse of the site where we were talking about the 180 acres on the southeast end of the site. Is there a protocol in place for doing regular soil samples. As a business owner, I would want to have some kind of assurance.

**Final Comments from the board:**

**Huber:** I was talking to Carl and it sounds like we need to call OU and tell them to add another animal to the list of animals found on site. He said a cougar just ran past him the other day. Cougars are a dangerous predator. It is one of the biggest, hungriest things out there. I am going to talk about the trees again. We should not downplay the importance of the big trees. What really bothers me about the OU presentations, that was given on the trees and habitats was that all the mature timber was in one big group. There was no separation of old trees and to find old growth trees and the quality that is on the site is pretty rare. People all over the United States go visit trees like these, some are five to six feet across the base.

**Member Recognitions:** Recognitions for years of service to the board for Frank Halstead, Michael Payton, and Richard Snyder.

**Henderson** adjourned the meeting

**Next Meeting:** TBA

**Action Items:**

1. EHI to check the sign-in sheet for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to see if Lee Blackburn was representing an organization.