



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 24, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
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Committee Members Present

Bob Hatcher
Dave Hemelright, Vice Chair
David Martin, Chair
Greg Paulus
Corkie Staley

Others Present

Dave Adler, DOE
Pete Osborne, ORSSAB support office

Absent

Chuck Jensen, Secretary
Scott McKinney

Board Officer/DOE Comments

Mr. Adler reported that first groundwater workshop has been set for next week. Dr. Goode will be attending. The Bear Creek Burial Grounds will be used as a test case to see if consensus can be reached among the many diverse participants.

Monthly Board Meetings

January 9 Review - The committee discussed the presentation on the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) cleanup status and agreed there were no issues resulting from the presentation to be addressed. Mr. Martin said his only concern was about the K-25 slab. Mr. Adler said the preference is to preserve the slab as a way of giving people an idea of the scale of the building. A decision on whether to keep it will be made in the future and depends on contamination issues, mostly on the west side. It must also be made free of trip hazards. Limited coring has been done through the slab, which runs from a depth of 18 inches to 4 feet. There are some areas where the slab would have to be removed and replaced. Also, some groundwater contamination exists in a couple of areas. A decision on whether to preserve the slab will be made in the 2014–2015 timeframe. Current thinking is that the slab will be retained.

Mr. Hatcher asked if the slab is mostly intact. Mr. Adler said it's been damaged by demolition activities, so UCOR has considered pouring concrete over the old pad. But that's very expensive. For the most part, though, it seems to be a stable slab.

Mr. Martin said he thinks most people in the community would prefer keeping it. He asked if DOE had kept the K-33 slab. Mr. Adler said DOE didn't keep that one because most companies coming into a site want to pour their own slab rather than use an old one. Mr. Martin said the board might want to consider a recommendation on slabs and whether they should be kept for historic or cost savings reasons.

Mr. Adler said that in many cases the slabs meet clean cleanup criteria, so when there's no environmental reason to remove them, the thinking is to leave them, except in the front portion of the site near the highway, where the plan is to remove them for site reuse considerations.

February 13 - The committee reviewed the meeting agenda (Attachment 1). Mr. Adler said Alan Stokes will kick off the budget process for FY 2015. Mr. Adler said DOE Oak Ridge has already begun the process in house to affirm priorities. Those been sent to the regulators with a request for feedback. In current planning there's no provision for a Y-12 treatment plant for Upper East Fork Poplar Creek effluent, and that's one thing that might need to be addressed. Earlier, the plan had been to just go after all the mercury sources, but that's so expensive. A water treatment plant would be a tenth of that cost, so that would allow DOE to de-

prioritize going after mercury sources. Other areas for discussion include Trench 13 and the Molten Salt Reactor Experiment.

The committee reviewed Headquarters' comments on the proposed amendment to the ORSSAB mission statement (Attachment 2). Mr. Martin and Mr. Hemelright said they did not agree with Headquarters' revision. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Hemelright to see if he can come up with a version that addresses Headquarters' comments.

March 13 - Mr. Adler said the presentation on EM's approach to contracting will be only about 15 minutes long. To fill the remaining time, he recommended adding a short presentation on transfer and development of properties at ETTP, which is a topic that had been suggested by Alfreda Cook. Sue Cange may cover both topics, or she may do contracting and someone else do ETTP property transfer.

Committee Reports

Board Finance & Process - Mr. Paulus reported that at its January meeting the committee reviewed the current costs table (Attachment 3). He said the committee will look at the 2015 EM budget prioritization next month.

The committee also discussed the annual planning meeting. Mr. Hemelright and Scott McKinney looked at locations last year. Mr. Paulus asked whether the Executive Committee wanted them to take the lead again this year or look for volunteers from the entire board. He noted that Mr. Hemelright has volunteered again and suggested the board look at locations on the plateau. Mr. Martin recommended that Mr. Paulus ask for other volunteers at the next board meeting.

Mr. Paulus reported that staff had reduced annual report printing and mailing costs by migrating most recipients from paper to electronic distribution. The paper copy printing is down to 100. He said Mr. Martin would like to reduce that number further, and he asked if the committee wanted to cut production to 50 copies and distribute paper copies only to members who request one. The committee agreed. Mr. Martin noted that additional copies of the report can be made at any time should they be needed.

Mr. Osborne said he would make a reminder for next year to institute those changes. Mr. Martin said he would like to email Scott McKinney about the Executive Committee discussion first and get Mr. McKinney's input and concurrence.

EM - Mr. Hatcher reported that at its January meeting the committee received a briefing on hazardous and radioactive waste in long-term storage, which is a follow-up to the November board meeting presentation. A recommendation is being formulated on criteria for setting disposition priorities and input on near-term actions regarding legacy material disposition.

In February the committee will hear about the groundwater workshop.

Public Outreach - Mr. Osborne reported that at its January call the committee heard updates from the various issue managers. Scott McKinney's work on implementing the issue manager concept in the Public Outreach Committee has proven very successful. One of the early successes has been on the stream postings task, a project on which Alfreda Cook has made great progress.

Stewardship - Ms. Staley reported that at its January meeting Joy Sager provided an update on activities to change the National Priorities List boundary delineation of the Oak Ridge Reservation. The purpose is to reflect only areas of the reservation that are contaminated or are being remediated under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. An associated Environmental Baseline Survey Report for ETTP was submitted to EPA and the state in 2011, and while the state had no comments, EPA wanted more study of ecological risks. That was done, and a "no further investigation" determination was made. After hearing Ms. Sager's presentation, the committee decided no recommendation was necessary.

Committee member Norman Mulvenon had concerns about two EPA documents related to institutional controls. He's very concerned that there is only one reference to stakeholders in those documents. Mr. Mulvenon also wants the committee to meet with the Oak Ridge city manager to see if there's been a change in the policy that the city should not be involved in stewardship unless funding is provided. Ms. Staley said there is some confusion about what Mr. Mulvenon wants, but hopefully it will get straightened out at the next committee meeting.

The committee is also working to schedule a conference call with Headquarters to discuss the site transition summary, and staff is checking with Jannalyn Pontello to determine if maps in the DOE GIS will indicate changes in National Priorities List boundary delineation.

Other Business

Travel Requests - The committee approved requests from Mr. Hatcher, Mr. Hemelright, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Staley for travel to the EM SSAB Semiannual Chairs Meeting, April 23–25 in Richland, WA (Attachment 4).

Action Items

Open

1. Mr. Hemelright will come up with a version of the proposed amendment to the ORSSAB mission statement that addresses Headquarters' and Executive Committee members' comments.
2. Mr. Paulus will ask for volunteers to work on the annual planning meeting at the February board meeting.
3. Mr. Martin will email Scott McKinney regarding the Executive Committee's discussion about cutting annual report production to 50 copies and polling members for those who want a paper copy.
4. Pending Public Outreach Committee concurrence, staff will make a reminder for next year to cut annual report production to 50 copies and poll members for those who want a paper copy.

Closed

Next meeting

Thursday, February 28, 5:30 p.m., at the DOE Information Center

Attachments (4). Available upon request from the ORSSAB support office.