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Dr. Gene E. Willeke

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Jack Craig
Gene Jablonowski
Graham Mitchell

Minutes from the July 9, 1997 Meeting

The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board met from 6:30 p.m. until 8:20 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 1997, at the Alpha Building, 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio. The meeting was advertised in local papers and open to the public. Time was reserved for public input.

Members Present:

John Applegate
French Bell
Jim Bierer
Marvin Clawson
Jack Craig
Lisa Crawford
Pam Dunn
Constance Fox
Gene Jablonowski
Laura Hafer for Graham Mitchell
Robert Tabor
Thomas Wagner
Gene Willeke
Thomas Rentschler

Members Absent:

Dan McElroy
Warren Strunk
Darryl Huff

Federal Official Present:

Mike Jacobs

Staff Present:

Kathleen Trail
Crystal Sarno
Douglas Sarno

About 15 spectators also attended the meeting, including members of the public and representatives from DOE, Fluor Daniel Fernald, and FRESH.

1. Call to Order

Chair John Applegate called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. Announcements and New Business

Note: Since the name of the Fernald Citizens Task Force was changed to the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board in this meeting, these minutes will refer to events occurring before July 9th using the former name and events occurring on or after July 9th with the new name.

Applegate announced that the March and May Task Force Minutes have both been approved.

Applegate announced that Gloria McKinley has resigned from the Citizens Advisory Board due to health reasons. She feels she cannot effectively serve the Board, but wishes the Citizens Advisory Board well.

Applegate proposed restructuring the Citizens Advisory Board to allow the group to function better in response to an uneven and seasonal work load. The new structure would include the creation of a Steering Committee, composed of chairs of the standing committees, and the position of Vice Chair. The Steering Committee will serve as the primary planning body of the Citizens Advisory Board and will meet two to three times a year to evaluate progress on issues and to develop or revise the annual workplan. The proposed restructuring also calls for the creation of a Vice Chair position. The Steering Committee has unanimously recommended Jim Bierer for this position.

Applegate also proposed that a multi-year commitment be made with Phoenix Environmental Corporation. This would eliminate the need to renegotiate their contract every year.

Applegate expressed concern with the lack of membership at committee meetings. He recommended that the main topic of the September meeting be a roundtable discussion of membership issues which also addresses the structure and purpose of the standing committees.

Lisa Crawford moved that the official name of the Fernald Citizens Task Force be changed to the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board, since the term Task Force implies a short-term entity. Tom Wagner seconded that motion and added that the change be effective immediately. Crawford supported the ammendment. The name change was unanimously approved. All forms, ground rules, and stationery will be changed accordingly.

James Bierer suggested that two changes/corrections be made to the Ground Rules. He suggested that the third Ground Rule, fourth line, "members" should be changed to "member". He also suggested that under Committee Operations 3, Committee Recommendations, "recommendation" should be changed to "recommendations". Gene Willeke added that "active monitoring" should be changed to "reported to the full board on a regular basis." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Applegate invited discussion on the issue of Jim Bierer being appointed Vice Chair; no comments were made. Applegate invited the motion to recommend to DOE that Jim Bierer be appointed as Vice Chair. Bob Tabor made the motion which was seconded by Tom Wagner. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Committee Reports

Monitoring and Recycling Committee

Pam Dunn, Committee Chair, informed the Board that the Monitoring and Recycling Committee met on May 21st to discuss the Recycling Protocol and the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan. There will be a July 8th workshop on the Recycling Protocol; the Protocol will be finalized next week. Only recycling options within 25% of the lowest cost alternative will be considered. The committee's next meeting will be on July 23rd to discuss on-site treatment plans for mixed wastes.

Applegate asked how the monitoring of "hot spots" was going using the new surface scanning equipment. DOE and Fluor-Daniel said they were pleased with the new equipment.

Natural Resources Committee

Committee Chair Jim Bierer said that the Committee was still waiting to obtain site-wide restoration and excavation plans, which should arrive shortly. Last month, Eric Woods said that the first step would be to put up some aesthetic barriers.

Transportation Committee

Tom Wagner, Committee Chair, informed the Board that the Committee had not met since the last Citizens Advisory Board Meeting, but that the accelerated cleanup workshop had been very helpful. The Committee received information on the intermodal pilot study in Nevada, and the executive summary of the white metal box incident that occurred at Fernald a month or so ago. Wagner went to the Nevada Test Site Citizens Advisory Board meeting on July 4, 1997. He also attended the Protocol Meeting in Nevada. Both of these meetings dealt with transportation protocol. These groups generally meet quarterly, but will meet more often when issues require it. Wagner reported that the members of these groups appreciated our attendance because, by attending, we were indicating our sensitivity to their issues. Wagner believed that the majority of opposition appeared to come from city, county, and state representatives. The most active opposition to these issues came from state representatives who were opposed to any shipment of hazardous wastes. The Transportation Committee has sent a letter to DOE in support of a standardized protocol for shipment of wastes.

Wagner then asked DOE if they could receive information on the percent of total wastes from Fernald that are being shipped to the Nevada Test Site.

Crawford commented that there should be a National Transportation Committee to look at cross-country waste shipments.

Efficiency Committee

Committee Chair Bob Tabor stated that the committee was still trying to digest the Budgeting and Cost Tracking Systems information. The information introduced many possible issues that the Committee may want to explore. In their next meeting, they will discuss the scope of their work and the future direction of the Committee.

Applegate noted that Fernald has been in the news recently. He asked Jack Craig to comment on the award fee issue and the future of the Fluor Daniel contract.

Craig said the article to which Applegate referred was fairly factual. When the contract was signed with DOE four and a half years ago, the available fees were established. In the past quarter, Fluor-Daniel received slightly less than their usual fee. The reasons for this are detailed in a report available at the PEIC.

John Bradburne agreed with Jack Craig's assessment of the situation. He explained that Fluor Daniel's contract is designed so that the work is to be reviewed every six months. If they reach all goals in the six months, they will receive the full fee, but they will receive less if the goals are not met.

Tom Rentschler asked whether the newspaper article on waste transit was accurate, and whether there will be 135 rail cars to transport 780,000 tons of waste. It was agreed that the wording was not accurate. Rentschler requested copies of all press releases on rail transportation issues. Sue Walpole agreed to provide all past articles on transportation issues for his review.

Waste Management

Committee Chair Gene Willeke reported that they have been following progress on the silo decisions closely and the committee will be going to Brookhaven National Laboratory on July 16, 1997, to examine the microencapsulation technology. The committee hopes to be joined by representatives from EPA, DOE, and Fluor Daniel Fernald. Gene Jablonowski said that EPA's reaction to the Committee's recommendations was favorable.

4. Update on the DOE Accelerated Plan

The Efficiency Committee will examine the DOE Accelerated Plan and make a report to the full Citizens Advisory Board. The Committee will also make its own recommendations.

An issue for the Citizens Advisory Board to address is the availability of funds for the DOE Accelerated Plan. The Accelerated Plan depends on financing which may not be available. A shortfall in funds will extend the cleanup schedule.

The plan also contains some key assumptions, such as the re-injection of groundwater. The Efficiency Committee needs to comment on these assumptions.

Johnny Reising has agreed to be responsible and available for questions and comments. The first priority of the Efficiency Committee will be to examine the priorities list and to work with Reising to ensure we are all in agreement on these issues. The entire Citizens Advisory Board should, however, be involved in this project.

Applegate suggested a joint workshop with FRESH on the Accelerated Plan to be tentatively held in early September.

5. Waste Management Programmatic and Environmental Impact Statement

Doug Sarno provided a fact sheet on the WMPEIS. The current proposal does not contain assumptions for Fernald receiving wastes from outside sites. Sarno noted that this should not change or impact the shipping of wastes from Fernald, thus should not have an effect on the site.

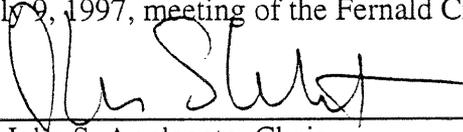
6. Public Comment

Applegate opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment or additional business. He suggested that the next meeting take place on Saturday, September 20, 1997, and that a workshop be held in early September on site priorities.

7. Adjournment

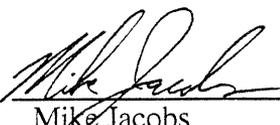
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the July 9, 1997, meeting of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board.



John S. Applegate, Chair
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

10/15/97
Date



Mike Jacobs
Federal Official

10/20/97
Date

