

FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE

A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Chair:

John S. Applegate

Members:

James Bierer
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Pam Dunn
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Guy Guckenberger
Darryl Huff
Jerry Monahan
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Robert Tabor
Warren E. Strunk
Thomas Wagner
Dr. Gene Willeke

Alternates:

Russ Beckner
Jackie Embry

Ex Officio:

J. Phillip Hamric
Graham Mitchell
Jim Saric

Minutes from November 18, 1993 Meeting

Members Present:

John Applegate
Jim Bierer
Marvin Clawson
Pete Yerace (for Phil Hamric, DOE)
Lisa Crawford
Pam Dunn
Darryl Huff
Graham Mitchell
Tom Rentschler
Warren Strunk
Robert Tabor
Thomas Wagner
Gene Willeke

Members Absent:

Connie Fox
Guy Guckenberger
Jim Saric

About 14 spectators, including members of public, DOE, and FERMCO representatives.

1. Approval of Minutes:

- The draft minutes of the October 14, 1993, meeting of the Task Force were approved without amendment.

2. Presentation on ER '93:

Bob Tabor and Lisa Crawford attended ER '93 in Augusta, Georgia, in late October. (Lisa Crawford attended as a panelist.) Tabor reported that the conference provided an opportunity for technical and programmatic exchange of ideas on remediation issues. Public involvement programs were emphasized at the conference in various sessions. There also were sessions on risk and future land use.

3. Land Use Planning Concepts:

Professor James Rubenstein of Miami University provided an overview on basic land use planning concepts. He said the process consists of four steps:

1. Collect information
2. Set goals
3. Consider alternatives
4. Implement the plan

Rubenstein said he considered the goal-setting step the most important, adding that it should be done with community input and buy-in. Setting goals is a process that involves consultation and synthesis, and it is important to make sure that everyone gets a chance to discuss the goals and values and that all special interest groups are identified.

He discussed the Morgan Township land use plan as a case study; it is being developed by one of his students. In the case of Morgan Township, the plan shows what exists in the area already, such as public services, infrastructures, etc.

Rubenstein also recommended *The Citizen's Guide to Planning*, which is in its 3rd edition by Herbert H. Smith.

Chair John Applegate asked what information is important to think about before developing goals and how goals are set without bringing in biases and prejudices. Rubenstein said the key is to collect all kinds of information in order to get a good baseline, then set the goals.

Lisa Crawford asked whether it is useful to look at the existing plans (township, county, and regional planning agency) before proceeding. Rubenstein agreed, but added that Fernald is large enough to make others change their plans, rather than locking Fernald into pre-existing plans.

Applegate asked how to factor the feasibility of alternatives into this process. Rubenstein said that feasibility comes in during consideration of the alternatives. He suggested that it is better to try and find consensus on the goals. Rubenstein also cautioned that no one involved or affected by the process should be able to say, "I don't have enough information to decide."

Marvin Clawson asked whether there should be an environmental

impact statement as part of the planning process. Rubenstein said an environmental impact statement generally comes after you have a better sense of what you want to do, when you consider the alternatives.

Tom Wagner said he didn't see the Task Force mission as a traditional approach to land use planning, adding that one can always gather more information. There was additional discussion about how long the information gathering phase should last, with Rubenstein suggesting that it depends on individual needs.

Gene Willeke said he thought the Task Force would be formulating goals and then checking with existing plans for inconsistencies. He said the Task Force should not be redoing the other plans.

4. Presentation on Disposal Cells:

Jack Caldwell of Jacobs Engineering, who has written a book about disposal cell technology, provided an overview of disposal cells. He discussed the various types of disposal cells, where they can be built, what types of waste may go into a disposal cell, what kind of monitoring is needed, where there are actual cells in operation, the costs associated with cells, and what other options exist.

His talking points are detailed in the copies of the overheads provided to task force members.

5. Future Use Considerations:

Applegate asked task force members what instructions should be passed on to the task force coordinator, once he or she is hired. He provided a conceptual future use chart to aid Task Force members in focusing their thoughts about future use. Applegate said the Task Force will get clear direction from the coordinator, but will not be lead by the outside staff.

Willeke suggested that the task force may have to have longer meetings to discuss the concerns of stakeholders in order to better guide the coordinator. Wagner said he thought the coordinator should lay out a plan for proceeding.

Crawford said the coordinator needed to spend some time touring the site and attending some of the various Fernald-related meetings, such as FRESH.

Pete Yerace said the Task Force is operating on a tight time frame, and he cited the Operable Unit 4 schedules. He said the coordinator should operate on that schedule. Pam Dunn disagreed: the task force cannot be held to the Operable Unit 4 deadlines since it was created relatively late in the decision-making process. But Graham Mitchell said that decisions are going to be made and if the task force is not tied to a schedule, it will be passed by.

6. Public Participation:

An unidentified member of the audience said that he was confused because he thought the task force was only deciding what to do with the site after it is cleaned. He asked how the Task Force was going to tell the coordinator what to do. Tabor answered the man, saying that these other issues were related to the question of what would become of the site after it is cleaned.

Ken Moore of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission introduced himself and offered his agency's services. The chair thanked him and promised to keep in contact.

7. Executive Session:

The Task Force went into executive session to discuss the status of obtaining its outside staff. Because the request for proposal was still on the streets, with a due date for responses of November 19, 1993, the update had to be discussed in executive session.

- Tabor moved that the Task Force meet in executive session to discuss the status of hiring its outside staff. Jim Bierer seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

During the executive session, Applegate updated Task Force members on the schedule for securing outside staff, with the contract to be awarded November 24, 1993, and gave an update on who had responded so far to the request for proposal. He also outlined a procedure for soliciting comments from Task Force members on the committee's recommendation before a coordinator is hired. The executive session was then terminated.

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the full Task Force is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. on December 9, 1993, at the Meadowbrook.

The meeting adjourned about 6:20 p.m.

Approved December 9, 1993