

U.S. Army Fort Monmouth
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2013

The Quarterly RAB meeting was held at Building 455 at Fort Monmouth, Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, New Jersey.

At 7:05 p.m. the meeting was called to order by James Allen (Chairman). Mr. Allen led the meeting members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RAB Members Present:

James Allen (Public Co-Chair)
Wanda Green, (Army Co-Chair)
Jonathan Cohen, Tinton Falls resident
Timothy Rider, PAO PICATINNY ARSENAL
Linda Range, NJDEP Case Manager
Richard Gruskos, Oceanport resident
Brian Charnick, Eatontown resident
William Simmons, Monmouth Co. Health Dept.
Frank Barricelli, Oceanport resident

General Comments:

The following general comments were noted:

- The RAB Co-Chairman James Allen indicated at the beginning of the meeting that there was not a quorum of members based on current attendance (a quorum was reached later when an additional RAB member arrived – see below).
- Wanda Green indicated that Building 455 will be the location of the RAB meetings going forward. Wanda Green also indicated to the RAB members that she would be happy to go through any reports and discuss the content with anyone who would like to do so. She recommended to read the Executive Summary first to get a general picture of the document content prior to reading the main text.
- Wanda Green discussed the *RAB Operating Procedures* that was signed by RAB members and what the purpose of the RAB is relative to Fort Monmouth, the various documents prepared for the project, and environmental cleanup.
- Wanda Green also noted that there was a new audio system that was being used at the RAB meeting and that the system is recording what is said at the meeting.

Comments on old business:

Mr. Allen indicated that the meeting minutes from July 12, 2012 and October 4, 2012 would not be discussed, as no final decisions on them could be made due to a lack of a quorum of RAB members (the meeting notes were taken up again later in the meeting – see below).

Discuss new business:

Environmental Program post-Superstorm Sandy – Wanda Green gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following topics (a handout of the presentation was made available to the public):

- Update on Program Status
 - Environmental buildings flooded and files were damaged. Salvageable files being dried and relocated.
- FEMA Residents
 - Displaced Sandy residents temporarily housed in buildings 360, 365 and the Megill Family Housing Area.
 - There are no impacts on the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) by the re-occupying of the housing areas.
- Landfill Status
 - Visual inspection of 9 landfills performed after the storm (photos provided in presentation).
 - No erosion or debris observed. Landfill M-8 contained the most damages with multiple downed trees.
 - A site walk of the landfills can be scheduled for RAB members upon request.

[RAB member Richard Gruskos arrived giving the RAB a quorum]

New Agenda and Minutes Format – Wanda Green discussed the following topics:

- Parsons will prepare meeting minutes going forward.
- A stenographer is anticipated to also be at meetings in the future.
- Because a quorum was in effect, the meeting minutes from July 12, 2012 and October 4, 2012 were discussed; it was noted that notes from the agenda will be added to the appropriate previous meeting minutes. Under the direction of Mr. Allen, the July 2012 meeting minutes were voted on and accepted by the RAB. The October 4, 2012 meeting minutes were also voted on and accepted by the RAB.

TAPP formal rejection letter from Army – Brian Charnick discussed the following items:

- Rejection letter received for grant request.
- Motion to resubmit. TAPP request should be revised for clarification regarding Wampum Lake prior to resubmittal to the Department of Defense.

CWA Former Sanitary Treatment Plant (STP)

- CHPPM forward a copy of the FTMM-27 (CW-5) Former Sanitary Treatment Plant Water Quality Engineer Special Study # 24-016-75 Sanitary and Industrial Wastewater (1976).

- A copy of the 1976 report and all reports related to the STP will be mailed to all RAB members.

Final Vapor Intrusion Report – Wanda Green

- DVDs of the report will be mailed next week.

Installation Restoration Program Contract Presentation – Paul Feshbach-Meriney of Parsons Corporation gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following topics (a handout of the presentation was made available to the public):

- Parsons Experience
- Environmental Contract Award – September 30, 2012
- Project Objectives
 - Achieve acceptance of the Decision Documents
 - Support the administrative closure and Site close-out
- Scope of Work
 - Prepare project documents including:
 - Project Management Plans
 - Sampling Analysis Plans
 - Feasibility Study Work Plans
 - Long Term Groundwater Monitoring Work Plans
 - Perform Quarterly and Annual Groundwater Sampling
 - Participate in quarterly RAB meetings
- Project Activities Since Award
 - Kick-off meeting
 - Submittal of various work plans
 - Site visit
 - Preparation of RI/FS Report for Sites requiring no further action
 - Created program database
- Anticipated Activities in 2013
 - Continue to finalize work plans
 - Perform RI field work
 - Submit RI/FS reports for Site with no further action required
 - Initiate RI/FS reports for Sites requiring such
 - Perform Groundwater Sampling

- Deliverables Schedule – 2013

Round Table Discussion – James Allen

- Brian Charnick asked if the Parsons presentation was public information. James Allen and Wanda Green responded that it was, and noted that copies of the presentation were on the back table.
- Brian Charnick asked if when the contract was awarded to Parsons the purpose was to have program support brought together on one level. Wanda Green responded that this was correct.
- James Allen asked if an acronym list could be added to the bottom/last page of future presentations to the RAB. Mr. Feshbach-Meriney agreed that this would be done on future presentations.
- Richard Gruskos noted that he attended FEMA meeting on shoreline clean-up, and that shoreline debris will be picked up from surrounding communities March-June 1.
- Brian Charnick made a few remarks on clarification on residential vs. non-residential standards in regards to the Monmouth County Motor Pool.

2013 Meeting Schedule – James Allen

- The following meeting schedule was confirmed by the RAB:
 - Thursday, April 4, 2013
 - Thursday, July 11, 2013
 - Thursday October 23, 2013

Public Comments/Questions

Two individuals spoke during the public comment period, as noted below.

Mr. Tom Mahedy, Wall, NJ Resident – Mr. Mahedy asked if any scientific testing has been done of the dumps (landfill areas) due to hurricane Sandy and if there was any testing of surrounding areas. Mr. Mahedy voiced his concern for potential contamination from the flood waters of Sandy bringing contamination from the landfills inland. In response to the question, Wanda Green noted that an assessment of the nine landfills would be performed in the near future. Mr. Mahedy asked why the agenda item regarding Mr. Dlugosz had not been discussed. In response, Wanda Green indicated that she had already addressed this item in earlier comments in the meeting.

Ms. Sara Breslow, Eatontown, NJ Resident – Ms. Breslow seconded Mr. Mahedy's questions. She asked a question about the TAPP letter rejection and made reference to a resolution that was missing and the associated meeting minutes. The RAB members discussed the question and determined that no resolution, notes or report were missing. Ms. Breslow also asked where Parsons Corporation income comes from; no response was provided.

At 8:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Allen.

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Meeting notes taken by A. Kriney of Parsons on behalf of the RAB.