



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 29, 2012, 5:30 p.m.
DOE Information Center**

Committee Members Present

Bob Hatcher
Dave Hemelright, Vice Chair
Chuck Jensen, Secretary
David Martin, Chair
Greg Paulus

Others Present

Dave Adler, DOE
Pete Osborne, ORSSAB support office

Absent

Scott McKinney
Corkie Staley

Board Officer/DOE Comments

Mr. Adler said that Joy Sager met with him today to summarize discussions at the last Stewardship committee meeting regarding the committee's interest in doing a test case scenario of the 13-step site transition process. Mr. Adler said he thinks the best thing would be for the board to make a formal recommendation to DOE to conduct the test. There may be some resistance in DOE to doing a test case for something that may not happen for 30 years, and sending a recommendation may be the only way to get action on the issue. He told Ms. Sager that he would attend the January 15 Stewardship Committee meeting with her to discuss it more.

Mr. Martin said he understands DOE position, but is there any other way to get at what the board wants without doing a test case? Mr. Adler said he needs to do some homework before answering that question.

Monthly Board Meetings

November 14 Review - The committee discussed the presentation on accumulated legacy waste and material disposition and agreed there were no issues resulting from the presentation to be addressed.

January 9 - The committee reviewed the meeting agenda (Attachment 1). Mr. Adler said DOE needs to propose an alternate presentation topic because the EM portfolio plans will not be ready. Instead, DOE would like to bring in Jim Kopotic for a K-25, K-27 update.

Mr. Martin asked what the presentation will cover. Mr. Adler explained that this is the project that takes the lion's share of the money and is the project by which headquarters judges Oak Ridge EM. There has been progress in the Zone 2 area and other updates to provide. Mr. Paulus thought it would be a good presentation for the board, especially because it has been awhile since the last update. Mr. Martin asked that a conference call be set up with the Mr. Kopotic to make sure the presentation covers issues the board wants to hear about.

February 13 - Mr. Adler said the presentation has been determined, but he could not recall what it is. Melyssa Noe will provide the information to the board.

Committee Reports

Board Finance & Process - Mr. Paulus reported that at its November meeting the committee reviewed the current costs table for FY 2013 (Attachment 2). He said the committee drafted a revision to the board's mission statement for presentation to the Executive Committee and then to the board for approval (see "Other Business" below).

Mr. Paulus asked if it's appropriate for the board to ask DOE to do a feasibility study on disposal of its excess nickel on the Oak Ridge Reservation. Mr. Adler said it is within the bounds of the board's charter.

Mr. Hatcher said that a downside to the release of the nickel would be flooding the market and driving the price of nickel down. Mr. Paulus said he thought the ultimate use of it was to construct containers for radioactive wastes. Mr. Adler said there are classification issues related to the nickel, which complicates the issue, but there are beneficial uses for it, so it is appropriate for the board to pursue the issue.

Mr. Jensen said he knows of a company that worked on this issue several years ago, and they determined there is no process for getting the nickel for beneficial use. Mr. Adler suggested the board not promote a specific method for reusing the nickel but challenge the rules that DOE has imposed on itself.

Mr. Hatcher said the recommendation could be as simple as "we recommend that DOE look into a path for reusing the material." He also recommended that the board see if the other sites' SSABs can be involved.

Mr. Adler said that Manufacturing Sciences Corp. was set up to recycle metals from the D&D work at the reservation, and they ultimately failed. It could just be that DOE has put the issue on the back burner. There is value in the board at least making a recommendation to get DOE moving.

Mr. Jensen said that there was a request for proposals on the nickel about 3 years ago, but the responses would have actually cost DOE money rather than making it money.

Mr. Martin asked if a presentation should be made at an EM committee meeting. Mr. Adler said the next EM meeting will focus on the legacy waste materials presentation from the November board meeting, but this could be tackled after that.

EM - Mr. Hatcher reported that at its November meeting the committee received an initial briefing on the upcoming groundwater strategy development workshops. Mr. Hatcher said the committee will not have a December meeting.

Public Outreach - Mr. Hemelright reported that at its November call the committee discussed the ORSSAB presentation. The committee recently revamped its work plan, and issue managers have been assigned to cover the various work plan topics.

Stewardship - Mr. Martin reported that at its November meeting the committee met to discuss the Site Transition Summary that headquarters developed. The committee is trying to set up a conference call with headquarters to discuss it.

Other Business

ORSSAB Budget Request - The committee approved the FY 2015 ORSSAB budget request submitted by the Board Finance & Process Committee (Attachment 3). Mr. Hatcher asked about Dr. Goode's expenses related to his role as a liaison between the EM committee and the DOE groundwater strategy development workshops. Does the board pay his expenses when he comes to Oak Ridge, or does DOE? Mr. Adler said that DOE will cover it.

Mission Statement - The committee discussed a proposed revision to the ORSSAB mission statement (Attachment 4) and voted to send it forward to the board for a first reading at the January meeting and a second reading in February.

Vision Statement - The committee discussed a proposed ORSSAB vision statement written by Mr. Martin (Attachment 5). Mr. Hatcher wondered if it would be better to be more specific and change "Federal" to "DOE." Mr. Martin said he would like to keep the reference broad. Mr. Hatcher recommended that "board"

be changed to “committee.” That amended was accepted. The committee agreed to present the revised vision statement to the board for a first reading at the January meeting and a second reading in February.

Mr. Martin suggested the vision be used in stationery, in recommendations to DOE, and other places.

Action Items

Open

1. Mr. Adler will set up a conference call with the Jim Kopotic to make sure the K-25/K-27 presentation covers issues the board wants to hear about.
2. Mr. Adler will provide a statement of work on Dan Goode, USGS, to the EM committee. *Carryover from October 25, 2012*

Closed

1. Mr. Adler will provide an update on the Building 3026 project. ***Mr. Adler said he provided the update.***
2. Mr. Adler and Ms. Noe will discuss planning board presentations farther in advance. ***Mr. Adler said the presentation list has been done and will be provided to the board tomorrow.***
3. Staff and Ms. Noe will consider how to engage students on Facebook postings. ***Ms. Noe says that based on what we’re currently posting on Facebook (agendas, reminders of meetings, links to YouTube meeting videos, etc.) it would make little sense to engage the students to do that. This information is already accessible to staff, who can post it easier than sending it to the students to post. Anything else the students would post (experiences on ORSSAB trips, tours, etc.) would still have to be approved by DOE before it could be posted.***

Next meeting

Thursday, January 24, 5:30 p.m., at the DOE Information Center

Attachments (5). Available upon request from the ORSSAB support office.