

**IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
DECEMBER 2, 1999**

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held at 4:35 p.m. on December 2, 1999 at the Burlington City Hall.

Call to Order

Larry Orr welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He thanked the Department of Energy for attending the meeting. He explained that Scott Marquess and Kevin Howe were unavailable to attend the meeting, but they would both attend next month's meeting.

Minutes Review

The minutes from October's meeting were approved as written.

Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

Community Relations Plan

Rodger asked the RAB if they had any comments on the plan. Jeff Bergman explained that he only briefly went through the plan. Eric Orth felt that the plan would get more use if it had a summary or if it was more concise.

Public Relations

Don Kuechmann explained he didn't have anything to report, but he would like to set up an independent auto tour. He would like to show off the past success, but it will take a lot of coordination.

Outside Agency

Rodger led a discussion regarding how to approach doing the community poll. It was his understanding that the RAB wanted him to write a Scope of Work and then get it contracted out to an outside agency. He asked the RAB what types of questions they wanted included. There was a question asked as to whether the RAB sees the survey as an information gathering or a public relations promotion. Rodger felt that it should be both. Jeff asked how it would be contracted out. Rodger explained it would have to go through the normal contractual channels. He would write the Scope of Work which would then go to IOC for their approval and then it would be passed on to the contracts department. They would do a bidding process. They will take the bid with the best value. He explained that if it was below a certain dollar value then it wouldn't need to be placed up for national bid and it could be done sole source. Don asked if there was an estimate on what it would cost. Rodger replied with an estimate of \$5000. Rodger explained he could have a rough draft of the Scope of Work ready for the February meeting. Larry felt that the members should give thought to the types of questions that could be asked. Don then asked what our goal was with the outside agency. He felt it

looked liked we were trying to set up a survey about what people know and what the RAB is doing. If the survey came back saying people really didn't know what we were doing then we would need to do more advertising of the RAB. He suggested it would be better to spend money on publicity rather than on a survey. Jeff agreed. Larry said he had some ideas for an ad campaign.

Rodger then asked if the RAB wanted a contractor to do that or if they want to do develop the ad campaign themselves. The RAB agreed they would do it on their own.

Ad Development

Larry Orr explained that the majority of the ads we have taken out have been text based he thinks we should change the approach. He said we should increase the size of the ad, add before and after pictures, and include statistics. If we ran a different site every month we may see an effect. Rodger explained that we did try something different this month. Larry said he would be glad to work with someone on that. Jeff Bergman suggested that we set up a marketing committee and set goal and deadlines. The RAB agreed that it was a good idea. Jeff Bergman, Marjorie Fitzsimmons, Larry Orr, and Dean Vickstrom all agreed to be on the marketing committee. They will get together after the meeting to set up a time they could get together.

DOE Information

Robert Griswold from the Department of Energy gave a brief synopsis about the DOE Open House. He explained they had two sessions on December 1st and one on December 2nd. They had about 130 people attend. He felt they kicked it off really well. He explained that Senator Harkin was concerned that the Open houses were not scheduled late enough in the day so they would like to come back in January and hold one session before our meeting and one session after. Robert then asked all of the Department of Energy members to introduce themselves. Paul Wambach explained to the RAB a little about chronic beryllium monitoring program. He said beryllium was a lightweight metallic substance used to harden copper and it is a good neutron reflector. Some people's bodies see beryllium as a foreign substance and other's don't. They offered a screening program for those who were exposed to beryllium. A number of the people who attended signed up for the screening program. They will return in January or February to begin the screening. They are currently looking for records of people who worked on Line 1. He told the RAB there were a lot of people who had cancer, however there is not a screening program in place for cancer. There is technology to show that a specific thing caused chronic beryllium disease, but on the other hand, there isn't technology for the diagnosis of cancer.

Robert then thanked Colonel Elliott, Bob Haines, and Larry Johnson for all the help they provided. He told the RAB he provided a box of environmental information to Rodger Allison, Kevin Howe, and Scott Marquess. He hopes that information will address their concerns.

Mike Guely from the Iowa Department of Public Health commented that the open house went very well. He further went on to say every question asked was answered.

professionally. Rodger agreed with Mike. Rodger said the open house gave him an opportunity to speak with people about environmental restoration efforts and concerns. One gentleman gave him indications that there are drawings to help find settling basins for the Former Line 1 Impoundment. These basins are areas that we have looked for but haven't been able to locate. Larry Orr said it was very beneficial. He didn't see a problem with them coming back for the next meeting.

Public Comment

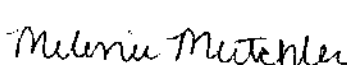
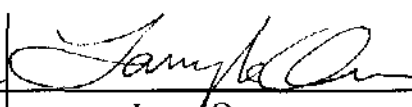

Mike Guey suggested that we send a thank you letter to the reporter from the Hawkeye for covering the story so well. He explained one gentleman asked how long the screening program and the study would take. Mike believed the gentleman just wanted assurance that it would be followed through with. Mike commented he was astonished with the speed things have been going. He felt most of the people walked away with a good feeling.

LTC Elliott introduced himself to the guests from DOE and the State of Iowa and thanked the RAB members for volunteering their time. He told them the RAB had served as an excellent springboard. He commented they were on the right track with the marketing committee and thinking outside of the box. He said there were some perks he could offer to the public to get more attendance and would be able to discuss this further at a later time. He thanked the Department of Energy and the Iowa Department of Public Health for all of the work they have done. He also explained that it was important to keep the public health and safety issues separate from the environmental concerns. He told the RAB members they could call Bob Haines at the IAAAP at 753-7859 if they had any questions regarding public health or safety.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 20th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at a location to be determined. The agenda items to be discussed include the web site effort, Marketing Committee report, EPA presentation on information from the Department of Energy, and an overall project update.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

		
Melenie Mutchler Secretary	Larry Orr RAB Co-Chair	Rodger Allison IAAAP Co-Chair

Exhibits: 1 Attendees
 2 Agenda

EXHIBIT 1

RAB MEMEBRS PRESENT

Jeff Bergman
Michael Boyle
Marjorie Fitzsimmons
Glen Fullhart
Don Kuechmann
Larry Orr
Eric Orth
Dean Vickstrom

RAB MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Raymond Hall
Richard Wiele

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS

Rodger Allison
Colonel Elliott
Larry Johnson

PUBLIC

Mike Guely
Paula Graham
Bob Haines
Debra Wallin
Robert Whistine
Bernard Pleau
Duane Hilmas
Paul Wambach
Michael Garcia
Michael Gavelipe
Stephanie Bogart
Robert Griswold