

**Iowa Army Ammunition Plant
Restoration Advisory Board
Minutes
May 17, 2005**

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Rodger Allison 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2005 at the Winegard Board Room located in the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Minutes Review

The minutes were accepted as written.

Agenda Review

There was one exception to the agenda. Ginger Molitor will be giving a presentation on the Indiana Bat. Her presentation will be given after the break.

Public Comment

Rodger Allison introduced Susan Zimmerman from Congressman Leach's office, she was in the audience.

FUSRAP Update

Deborah Roush briefed the RAB from a slide presentation. Please see exhibit 3 for her presentation.

Deborah explained that residue from the site where the radioactive object was found has been covered up. Work is underway as to how the remnants will be handled. Three agencies are working together to resolve the matter.

Larry Orr asked where the object came from. Deborah stated that the object was not used by the Atomic Energy Commission and that they are not sure where it came from as it was in a melted state and difficult to determine. They believe that it is a drawer pull of some kind.

Project Update

Rick Arnseth briefed the RAB from a slide presentation. Please exhibit 4 for his presentation.

Larry Orr asked when line 7 will be demolished. Rick explained that he was not sure, and went on to say that if we have to burn it we will need a permit and he was unsure of how long it may take to get a permit from the State of Iowa. The question of if there would be a notice put in the paper before the burning took place was asked, and Rick said that it would be in the paper. Scott Marquess also offered that it will be under the regulatory process.

Paula Graham asked if there had been any testing of the offsite wells. Rick explained that Tetra Tech is conducting an ongoing sampling of those wells and that

they are seeing results. Rick also stated that Tetra Tech has increased the sampling frequency to catch more of the information that we may have missed before. We are seeing breakdown products and a decrease in the oxidation reduction potential readings.

Paula Graham asked how the Freon at line 9 will be treated. Rick stated that it is biodegradable. Tetra Tech will use biological methods to treat it.

Indiana Bat

Ginger Molitor (USFW) briefed the RAB from a slide presentation. Please see exhibit 5 for her presentation.

Larry Orr asked why the numbers of Indiana Bats are on the rebound in our area of the country. Ginger was unsure. Joe Haffner stated that studies have changed and better reporting is being done now. This change may have some affect on how the number increases.

Bruce Workman asked why the overall numbers of Indiana Bats are declining in this country. Ginger explained that they believe it is because of a declining number of areas for the Bats summer habitat.

Bruce Workman asked what the implication of the Indiana Bat being at the IAAAP and the continuing clean up efforts were. Ginger explained that conservation measures are taken and surveys are taken prior to work if possible. LTC Rory Tegtmeier explained that measures are being taken at the IAAAP to be sure that we are not disrupting the Bats. Joe Haffner is counting Bats if a tree is over 9" in diameter and needs to be removed.

Scott Marquess also stated that the clean up is for human health and the environment. It will include wild life.

Bruce Workman asked if there were any other types of endangered species on the plant. Joe Haffner answered this question from the audience by saying that there were not any on the endangered species list.

Bruce Workman asked what the common Bat in the area would be. There were several types given by Joe Haffner.

Rodger Allison stated that the presentation map didn't show Southeast Iowa as an area having Indiana Bats. Ginger explained that Iowa has the potential of having them here.

Rodger Allison asked what a telemetry study was. Ginger referred the question to Joe Haffner to answer. Joe explained that in this type of study you need to catch the bat without harming it. Place a transmitter on the bat, release the bat and then try to follow it. Problem is the transmitter is that it will only transmit from a certain distance and the bats will sometimes travel outside of that transmitting area. You also need to try and locate the area where the bats roost during the day. Best time

to do this would be early mornings or late day. The bats were traveling further than expected. Joe stated that they were foraging five to six miles away.

Larry Orr asked if they have the Indiana bat at the Savannah Army Depot. Ginger explained that no study has been done there.

Marjorie Fitzsimmons asked if there was any way to compare the number of Indiana Bats that were around in the 1940's and what we see now. Ginger explained that there isn't much information prior to the 1940's. Joe Haffner stated that the first known Indiana Bat was early 1990's.

Dan Nelson asked what the Bats worst enemy was. Ginger said that it was the cat or whatever catches it. It was agreed that humans may be the worst enemy.

Committee Reports

Marketing

Jeff Bergman stated that the display board was being relocated to the courthouse next week and that there had been a lot of positive comments on it. He also said there is another display board not being used if anyone has any ideas of where it may be placed.

Training

Bruce Workman thanked Ginger Molitor for her presentation and asked the RAB members to let him know if they have any training topics in mind.

Recruiting

There was no report at this time.

Budget

There was no report at this time.

Public Comment


There was no comment at this time.

Next Meeting/Draft Agenda

The next meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2005 at the Winegard Board Room located in the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce. Agenda topics will be established at a later date. Anyone who has an agenda topic can email it to Rodger Allison or Eric Orth.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Original Signed by:


Secretary

Original signed by:


Community Co-Chair

Original signed by:


Army

- Exhibits: 1 Attendees
 2 Agenda
 3 FUSRAP Update
 4 Project Update
 5 Indiana Bat Presentation

Exhibit 1

RAB Members Present

Joel Behne
Jeff Bergman
Marjorie Fitzsimmons
Dan Nelson
Larry Orr
Eric Orth
Dean Vickstrom
Bruce Workman

RAB Members not Present

Glen Fullhart
Mark Hagerla
Elyn Holton-Dean
Richard Johnson

Government Members

LTC Rory Tegtmeier
Rodger Allison
Scott Marquess

Public

Deborah Roush
Brian Harcek
Ginger Molitor
Rosa Smith
Paula Graham
Lasca Yerington
Melenie Wonderlich
Sue Zimmerman
Thurman Huffman
Nancy Leviene
Steve Bellrichard
Joe Haffner
Curt Jawdy

Jean Brewster
Sara Garland