



Minutes for Board Meeting of July 15, 2009

Interim PARC Board Coordinator: Sunny Jones

Board Members Present

Chris Kirby, PARC Board Administrator
Gail R. Shibley, PARC Co-Chair
Greg Pettit, DEQ
Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA
Dale Mitchell, PARC

Consultants Present

Justin Waltz, OPHD
Will Lackey, ODOT
Jeff Jenkins, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox
Fred Berman, DVM, PhD CROET

Board Members Absent

Sandy Giffin, OHSU/Poison Control
Chris Kuenzi, OSFM
Brad Knotts, ODF

Guests Present

John Hawksworth, ODF (for Brad Knotts)
Regan Shutz, DHS-PHD-OEPH
Kevin Weeks, ODF
Day Owen
Neila Owen
Dan Gee
Maya Gee

Introductions:

1. Called to order: 9:05 a.m.
 - a. There were no added agenda items for the meeting.
2. May minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously as submitted.
3. Members and consultants introduced themselves.

Agency Updates

OPHD: \$0.5 million was cut from the drinking water budget. The Point of Purchase Pesticide Program ('02-'07) has been completed and is undergoing internal review. Incident reporting has been slow. There have been seven reports from Oregon Poison Control but the people involved have not given permission to provide their information to PARC. OPHD is actively pursuing funding with NIOSH. There is 30% less funding for PEST this biennium.

ODA: The Pesticide Use Reporting System (PURS) was "shelved" for this biennium, but the Legislature extended the sunset date to 2016. The Legislature may re-fund the program in 2011 allowing for several years of data before reviewing the sunset date again. The approved 2009-2011 budget provides for two limited-duration investigator positions. There will be six investigation districts instead of five. Doni Clair has filled the new Baker City Position.

ODF: No report. Brad Knotts was not present.

OROSHA: There was a fatality in Hermiston involving a 26-year-old male, possibly due to heat stress. An autopsy is being performed. The English version of the draft WPS Poster for Forestry was passed around. The draft has not been translated into Spanish yet.

DEQ: The Oregon Plan Monitoring program has been cut. Results of the Toxics Reduction Survey found primarily herbicides. Older pesticides are still the highest risk. This was the first time the survey looked for emerging contaminants. A presentation of the survey will take place at September's meeting.

OSU: Jenkins was not sure about the next fiscal year yet due to budget cuts. There have been discussions with the City of Gresham regarding a study of pesticide discharge in storm water using new modeling techniques. Various funding options are being considered including the Pest Management

Strategic Plant grant. There was some discussion about including PARC as a stakeholder when applying for the grant. Discussion continued during New Business.

OHSU (CROET): Nothing new.

ODOT: The No Spray pilot on HWY 101 with a 25-mile radius from Newport to Yachats will continue for two more years. The costs are being monitored. However the proposed program option package for non-pesticide vegetation control in Lane County did not pass during this session.

Classification of Cases

1. The new incidents and cases were reviewed. There were no new proposed case classifications to review.

New Business

1. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of PARC writing a letter of support for the grant Jeff Jenkins is working on that is due in early September. It was decided that Jeff Jenkins would send the call for proposal to Chris Kirby, the PARC Administrator. Chris Kirby would then evaluate that call and make a recommendation to the PARC board about his thoughts on a letter of support from PARC. The PARC board could then "direct" the Administrator to write a letter of support.

Old Business

1. Carolyn Ashlock follow-up: There have been additional complaints concerning Ashlock's South Salem property. A letter from Chris Kirby, on behalf of the PARC Board, was mailed on July 6, 2009.
2. Finalizing 2006-2007 Report-will be available soon.
3. Gypsy moth applications (aerial) in Eugene are complete.
4. The first aerial application for Japanese beetles near the Portland airport is complete.

Public Comment:

Day Owen, Pitchfork Rebellion founder, his wife Neila Owen, Dan Gee and Maya Gee all gave public comment about the health effects they experienced due to an aerial application near their properties in October 2007. Mr. Owen explained that they want a spray buffer zone established. Mr. Owen informed PARC that there would be a rally in Eugene in August including a mock trial of state agencies and that we should expect non-violent civil disobedience during meetings in our offices.

Comments received from Mr. Owen regarding his presentation to the PARC Board at the July 2009 meeting:

Also, the report on my public comments at the meeting are extremely inadequate, not even mentioning my specific request of PARC to have a member contact me after the meeting to discuss a buffer zone and not mentioning my handing Mr. Kirby a copy of the 1996 Memorandum of Agreement between the Dept of Forestry and Dept of Agriculture on pesticide buffer zone jurisdiction. At the meeting Mr. Kirby (I believe it was him; it was someone from Agriculture) insisted that the Department of Agriculture does not have jurisdiction to create an aerial spray buffer zone without new legislative action. I handed him the 1996 MOA, which seems to state otherwise. That interaction should have been reported in the minutes and some sort of follow up to see whether Mr. Kirby was correct or not should have occurred. Two attorneys have told me he is wrong. What is the official position of the PARC Board in regard to the comment Mr. Kirby made?

Topics for next meeting:

What is PARC's role?

Presentation by DEQ on Willamette River Monitoring

Detailed presentation on PARC funding

Next meeting proposed for September 16, 2009