

Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board

Virtual-WebEX

October 4, 2021

Meeting Summary Notes

Members In Attendance:

Steve March, Chair

Dan Solitz, Vice-Chair

Jeff Wyatt

Bryan Wolfe

Jürgen Hess

Susan Katz

Jim Doherty

Marylou Schnoes

Laura Feldman

Tom Roberts

Justin Iverson, Oregon Water Resources
Department

Maxwell Woods, Assistant Director, Oregon
Department of Energy

Rep. Bobby Levy

Rep. Sanchez

Rep. Williams

Sen. Hansell

Sen. Gorsek

ODOE Staff:

Mark Reese

Tom Sicilia

Sara Lovtang

Jeff Burrigh

Brenna Crossley

Shiela Alicar

Tri-Party Agencies:

Brian Vance U.S. Department of Energy,
Richland Office of Operations, RL.

Tom Fletcher, U.S. Department of Energy, Office
of River Protection, ORP.

Brian Harkin, U.S. Department of Energy, Office
of River Protection, ORP

Gary Younger, U.S., Department of Energy, RL
Dana Gribble, Hanford Mission Integration
Solutions, HMIS.

Carrie Meyer, U.S. Department of Energy, RL.

Dieter Bohrman, CPC Co.

Karthik Subramanian, Washington River
Protection Solutions, WRPS

Val McCain, Bechtel

Abi Zilar, AttainX

Cerise Peck, HMIS

Joan Lucas, WRPS

John Price, Washington State Department of
Ecology.

David Bowen, Washington State Department of
Ecology.

Suzanne Dahl, Washington State Department of
Ecology.

Nina Menard, Washington State Department of
Ecology.

Public

Tom Carpenter

Liz Matson

Jeremy Hartley

Whitley Schiller

Jonathan Pugsley

Li Wang

Jason Hitzert

Nancy Matela

Link to meeting materials:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/safety-resiliency/Pages/OHCB-Meetings.aspx>

[Refer to the meeting audio files for further details and discussions](#)

Administrative

Chair Steve March opened the meeting at 8 a.m.

After introductions, the meeting summary from the March,2021 meeting summary was approved.

BOARD OPENING

DOE Hanford Site Update

- Brian T. Vance, U.S. Department of Energy, Manager, Richland Operations and Office of River Protection
- Tom Fletcher, U.S. Department of Energy Office of River Protection, ORP, Asst. Manager / Federal Project Director, Waste Treatment Plant.
- Brian Harkins, U.S. Department of Energy Office of River Protection, ORP, Deputy Asst. Manager, Tank Farms.
- Karthik Subramanian, Washington River Protection Solutions, WRPS.
- Val McCain, Bechtel, Vitrification Plant Project Director.

Purpose: To provide the Board with an update about cleanup progress and activities including the B-109 leak assessment and the Melter Heat-up update.

DOE UPDATE

Washington Department of Ecology Update

John Price, Washington State Department of Ecology

Purpose: To provide the Board with an update on the TPA Milestones.

ECOLOGY UPDATE

Tanks of Interest

Jeff Burrigh, ODOE Nuclear Waste Remediation Specialist.

Purpose: To provide the Board with an update on the oldest Hanford Tank Farm, C-Farm.

Jeff gave the Board an update on several topics to include: DFLAW, the VIT Plant, Test Bed Initiative and leaking tanks.

TANK UPDATE

What's Happened Since the Last Meeting

Max Woods, Assistant Director, ODOE Nuclear safety and Emergency Preparedness Division.

Purpose: To provide the Board with an update on everything that has happened since the last meeting.

Max updated the Board about the legislative session, several bills that have been proposed and the recent news articles about Hanford cleanup work.

WHAT'S HAPPENED

Analysis of Fate and Transport of Hanford releases below Hanford Reach

Brenna Crossley, ODOE Summer Intern

Purpose: Brenna was a summer term intern working with Sara Lovtang on a research project involving sediments below the Hanford Reach.

CROSSLEY

Board Business

(Board and Staff)

Topics for discussion at this meeting:

- OHCb HAB appointments
- Upcoming Board vacancies and Board leadership
- 2022 Board leadership elections
- Confirm date and location of the next Board meeting

Chair Steve March led the discussion:

Upcoming appointments and recognition of service:

The Board recognized Steve March for his many years of service to the state and the OHCb.

Jim Doherty was recently appointed to Steve's seat. Jim was formally welcomed to the Board.

Board Leadership: Steve has reached his term limit. Dan Solitz will become the Acting Board Chair now, but he is terming out this year too, in December. The Board is encouraged to think about whom wants to take on Board leadership duties and responsibilities beginning in 2022. This will need to be a priority. Board members were encouraged to contact staff and to let their fellow Board members know that they are interested in a leadership position.

Next meeting: There was discussion about when the next meeting should be held either virtually or in-person. Mark Reese, Board Administrator, suggested the Hood River Inn if we are cleared for in-person

meetings after the first of the year. Max reminded the Board that the COVID-19 situation will need to be considered before a final meeting venue, in-person or virtual, is determined over the next few months. Dates in February, Monday's & Tuesday's, are going to be sent out soon for planning purposes trying not to conflict with HAB days.

BOARD BUSINESS

Public Comment Opportunity

Chair March offered the public an opportunity to make comments or ask questions. There were no questions from the public.

Adjourn for the Day

Chair March adjourned the meeting for the day at 1: 45 p.m.

Final