

Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board

Best Western Plus Columbia River Inn

Cascade Locks, Oregon

Monday, November 5, 2018

Members In Attendance:

Ted Taylor, Chair
Dan Solitz, Vice-Chair
Jürgen Hess
Steve March
John Howieson
Erica Elliott
Tom Roberts
Brian Wolfe
Kristen McNall
Justin Iverson, Oregon Water Resources
Ken Niles, Oregon Dept. of Energy
Representative Tawna Sanchez
Senator Bill Hansell

ODOE Staff:

Mark Reese
Tom Sicilia
Sara Lovtang
Jeff Burrigh

Tri-Party Agencies:

Jon Peschong, U.S. DOE Office of River Protection
JoLyn Garcia, U.S. DOE Office of River Protection
Dieter Bohrmann, North Winds (ORP support)
John Price, Washington Dept. of Ecology
Theresa Howell, Washington Dept. of Ecology

Public

Sharon Monteiro
Marylou Schnoes

Link to meeting materials:

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

Administrative

Chair Ted Taylor opened the meeting at 1 p.m.

After introductions, the minutes from the July 2018 meeting were approved.

Board discussion: Ken Niles, Oregon Department of Energy, asked the Board and members of the public in attendance, whether the current level of detail in the meeting minutes is necessary. Ken proposed instead a meeting summary, with an explanation of Board actions and on-line links to the presentations and the meeting recording. After discussion, the Board gave staff the go-ahead on a trial basis to produce a meeting summary rather than extensive meeting minutes.

Review of Activities / Events since July Meeting

Ken Niles, ODOE, gave the Board a review of Hanford-related activities since the last meeting that would not otherwise be covered in the invited presentations.¹

Public Comment Opportunity

Chair Taylor offered the public an opportunity to make comments or ask questions.²

Sharon Monteiro commented that there is a problem of trying to get more young people involved with Hanford issues. She appreciated having the recent public meetings in Oregon.

Mary Lou Schnoes asked how often might regional dialogue meetings occur in the future.

DOE-ORP Update

Jon Peschong, U.S. DOE-ORP,³ provided the Board with an update on significant Office of River Protection activities that have occurred since the July meeting.

Update on Tank Negotiations

John Price, Washington Department of Ecology,⁴ provided an update on negotiations between Ecology and DOE to establish new tank retrieval and treatment milestones.

Oregon Comments on Draft WIR Determination

Jeff Burrigh, ODOE staff,⁵ explained the basis for Oregon's written comments on the draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing determination, which were submitted to DOE in early October.

Public Comment / Adjourn for the Day

Chair Taylor offered the public an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

Sharon Monteiro asked about alternatives to grouting and leaving the tanks in place.

Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting for the day at 5:15 p.m.⁶

¹ Refer to Niles presentation 11/5 audio 00:19.

² Refer to public comment 11/5 audio 1:00.

³ Refer to Peschong presentation and 11/5 audio 1:06.

⁴ Refer to Price presentation 11/5 audio 2:12.

⁵ Refer to Burrigh presentation 11/5 audio 2:44.

⁶ Refer to public comment /meeting conclusion 11/5 audio 3:42.

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Members In Attendance:

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Jurgen Hess
Steve March
John Howieson
Erica Elliott
Tom Roberts
Kristen McNall
Brian Wolfe
Justin Iverson, Oregon Water Resources Dept.
Ken Niles, Oregon Dept. of Energy
Senator Bill Hansell

ODOE Staff:

Mark Reese
Tom Sicilia
Sara Lovtang
Jeff Burrigh

Tri-Party Agencies:

Bill Hamel, U. S. DOE Richland Office
Rich Buel, U.S. DOE Richland Office
Jennifer Copeland, CHPRC John Price,
Washington Dept. of Ecology

Public

Sharon Monteiro
Marylou Schnoes
Molly McGrew

Administrative

Chair Taylor opened the meeting at 9 a.m.

Public Comments / Questions Opportunity

The public was invited to make comments and ask questions.⁷

Sharon Monteiro asked the Board to continue to make Hanford cleanup a priority. It is important to Oregon.

Hanford Public Meetings in Oregon

Ken and Jeff⁸ provided the Board with information about recent public meetings held in Portland and Hood River.

⁷ Refer to public comment 11/6 audio 00:01.

⁸ Refer to Niles presentation 11/ 6 audio 04:08.

DOE Richland Office Update

Bill Hamel, U.S. DOE-RL,⁹ provided the Board with an update on significant Richland Operations Office activities since the last Board meeting.

Cleanup Board Priorities / Focus

Chair Taylor and ODOE staff led the Board discussion about priorities for 2019.¹⁰

The Board collectively developed a list of several potential priorities for the Board to focus on in 2019.¹¹

Senator Hansell offered that he will submit an editorial column to the East Oregonian on DOE's high-level waste interpretation. He is also willing to draft a joint resolution during the upcoming Oregon legislative session regarding Hanford cleanup.

Board Business

The Board set its next meeting for Hood River on March 11 and 12, 2019.

Public Comment / Adjourn¹²

The public was afforded an opportunity to make comments.

There were no comments, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 1 p.m.

⁹ Refer to Hamel presentation 11/6 audio 41:00.

¹⁰ Refer to Board discussion 11/6 audio 2:04

¹¹ Refer to Board Open Forum Topic notes.

¹² Refer to public comment 11/6 audio 3:31.