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 Burright
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

Public
Tom Carpenter
Liz Matson
Jeremy Hartley
Whitley Schiller
Jonathan Pugsley
Li Wang
Jason Hitzert
Nancy Matela
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
- 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 Burright, 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.