

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



Committee: Strategic Issues

Date: December 12, 2005 – 9:00 a.m. (MT)

Participants

Board Members: John Bolliger, Committee Chair

David Kipping

Larry Knight

DOE-ID: Shannon Brennan

Bill Leake

Support Staff: Lisa Aldrich

Lori Isenberg

Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- Plan for a presentation addressing the Fiscal Year 2006 budget for the Idaho Cleanup Project
- Consider the Sounding Board developed at the November meeting (addressing the Proposed Lifecycle Baseline) and determine whether the CAB should develop a recommendation or letter.

Fiscal Year 2006 budget for the Idaho Cleanup Project

Larry Knight asked if there would be any impact from the Nuclear Energy (NE) budget. Shannon clarified if he meant locally here in Idaho? Shannon said Dave Newnam will present and will pass information on to him to include in his presentation. Shannon confirmed that Congress has settled the energy and water bill.

David asked in regard to the RFP and contract on the clean up, if there is some money that was designated for completing the work and that there is no guarantee that the money will be there. Larry asked about amount of money anticipated in the past and what was actually allocated. John commented on how they are lead to believe that the site has a fat budget, but it is really just for NE. John asked what the specific numbers are for EM.

Lori asked for a time estimate for the presentation. Shannon said that Dave has normally done this presentation in 45 minutes with 15 minutes of discussion. With new members, he may go through the whole initial process. She will pass this information to Dave Newnam.

David found it very useful to see charts with last year, current year, next year similar to what has been done in the past.

Sounding Board from November Meeting

Lori asked if it mattered to DOE that they have a formal letter. Shannon said input and thoughts are only collected in meeting minutes. DOE doesn't necessarily capture it all. Receiving letters ensures they can use the information.

David commented that recommendations or sounding boards are more than information to Rick Provencher, it can benefit many others at DOE. It is a good idea to transmit to the CAB's distribution list which includes the governor, congressional delegation, and others who are interested. John commented that the November meeting was very focused on the endstates. While this is all good, he is not sure that this information is going to help at this point.

David suggested three options: recommendation, raw comments and send them off, or dismiss entirely.

Larry commented that there was no overriding theme that would warrant any type of recommendation, but information should go forward as letter of efforts and insights of the CAB. John suggested sending an appreciation letter and acknowledgement of upcoming issues. David thought Willie's comments on tribal concerns are important. He feels there is a lot of vested time and it is hard to make a recommendation, but would hate to lose the information. Larry agreed that this should go forward in some fashion. David agrees to somehow document the sounding board comments, but not only in the minutes.

John agrees that the committee should draft a letter transmitting the sounding board comments. Lisa will prepare a draft for the committee to review. The draft letter will be voted on in the January meeting.

Shannon brought up the upcoming EM/SSAB chair conference call meeting. She had received calls from Melissa in regard to the Rispoli letter and wanted to know the status. David said that he and Lisa transmitted the letter on December 7, 2005. David will give an update on the call.

Actions:

- Shannon Brennan to relay information to Dave Newnam for Fiscal Year 2006 presentation.
- Portage to develop cover letter for sounding board and distribute for comment to the strategic issues committee.
- Committee to approve draft the cover letter in preparation for the January meeting.
- Portage to develop and distribute minutes for the call.