

**Clinton River Area of Concern
Remedial Action Plan
PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Special Meeting Agenda

MISD Room 206
44001 Garfield Road - Clinton Township, MI 48038
Thursday February 2nd, 2017
Meeting 2:30-4pm

1. Introductions/ Roll Call (5 min)

Tim Polizzi
Ron Fadoir
Terry Gibb
Denice Gerstenberg
Luanne Lammerman
Bill Parkus
Tim Backhurst
Alec
Jim scholl
Matt Einheuser
Randy Young
Lynne Seymour
Anne Vaara
Jen Tewksbury
Gerry Santoro
Steve Vandette
Dave Purarnen
Ken Verkest
Terry Gibb
Mary Bednar
Shawn Keenan

On Phone:
Mark Richardson
Ryan Giorio

2. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of January 19th, 2017 meeting minutes (5 min)

Motion: Tim Backhurst

Second: Gerry Santoro

3. Recap from last meeting (10 min)

Randy Young: Ultimately left with a need to pass a motion to respond to the letter from the EPA for work in the Red Run.

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Jerry DeMaire: Given the things that have gone on in the last week is there going to be funding for anything?

Randy Young: also has concerns are we arguing for nothing? There is concern that the current administration is pushing us to delist having done nothing. Based on current political climate and the comments made by the state and EPA at the last meeting.

Mary Bednar: We need to make a decision based on what we can do here regardless of what is happening in the political climate.

4. Continue discussion from last meeting on response to the EPA letter dated Dec 2016 (45 min)

The following draft motions were sent:

To have the Clinton River PAC Executive Committee draft a response letter to EPA's letter dated 12/1/16 outlining the PAC's position that the EPA's \$1 million proposal is not sufficient to contribute to the removal of the habitat related BUIs. The letter should summarize the background of the project lists developed by the PAC members, the habitat subcommittee findings and the proposal the PAC has determined is sufficient for addressing the habitat needs within the Red Run Subwatershed to support the overall habitat BUI removal.

Motion to accept any EPA funding that will contribute to the removal of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat BUI for the Red Run Subwatershed Restoration Proposal outlining strategic planning and habitat restoration referencing the \$4,380,000.00 total amount that is needed for final removal of the Beneficial Use Impairment. And, with the understanding that the current direct EPA funding amount of \$1,000,000 will get us to just under 25% of the completion of that total restoration needed to remove the BUI.

Anne Vaara: Has this PAC voted and approved the current iteration of the Red Run project

Gerry Santoro Motion:

Motion for the PAC to draft a response to the EPA letter dated 12/1/2016 to accept any EPA funding that will contribute the removal or partial removal of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat BUIs for the Red Run Subwatershed Restoration Plan Proposal dated August 6th, 2016 with the understanding that the current proposed EPA direct funding of \$1 million will allow for partial completion of the work needed in the Red Run to remove the fish and wildlife habitat BUIs.

Support: Shawn Keenan

Motion Passes unanimously

Discussion:

Jamie: are we going to put ourselves in a bad position because we are saying that

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Jen Tewksbury: The state proposed a plan to the EPA for Plumbrook implementation and EPA said no they thought Plumbrook wasn't ready for implementation and \$1million for Green Infrastructure planning.

Mark Richardson: Wants to clarify that is what we are responding to and is in support of the motion on the floor.

Lynne: I'm recusing myself from the vote because it has Macomb Counties name on it, Anne is correct the motion needs to include what we feel is adequate to remove BUI and ultimately delist. Habitat committee has said restoration of 26,000 linear ft. and plan to guide us into the future are the metrics we need to remove BUIs

Mary: timeline of Letter to be drafted in the next week and will be distributed to PAC by 2/10 . Responses by 2/16 letter to be sent February 21st

5. Update from Federal Partners meeting (Jen Tewksbury) (15 min)

Jen Tewksbury: At the meeting last week they feel anything they can put on the books now is better.

AOC in recovery? What does this mean Jen: it means that we have done everything we have done under the AOC program but we are going to continue to improve through other programs. It means that the EPA is not going to spend any more money on the AOC. This is the path that the EPA is pushing towards.

Talk about fish and wildlife project everything is one scheduled and in motion for all ten projects. Partners loved the drone the footage of the projects. Permit issued for St. Lawrence. Dredging, fish consumption, aesthetes are all grouped together no significant issues that would warrant major concern. Beach closing BUI are more than CSO's how do we move forward this is not just an issue in this watershed but Rouge and Detroit as well. In 2019 bucket for delisting.

6. Other Business:

Motion to adjourn: Tim Backhurst

Support: Shawn Keenan

Motion passes

7. Next Meeting: March 16th 2017 1:30-3:30pm, MISD Room 205

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