

Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2011

2:00 PM

Highland House Restaurant

Sheboygan, WI 53081

Attendance: Steve Sokolowski, City of Sheboygan
Victor Pappas, WDNR Plymouth
Chad Pelishek, City of Sheboygan
Steve McLean, City of Sheboygan
Heather Williams, USEPA/GLNPO
Deb Beyer, UW-Extension
Raghu Nagam, USEPA Region 5
David Westrop, von Briesen/Chubb
Jack Van Dixhorn, Sheboygan County Board
Pablo N. Valentin, EPA/GLNPO
Ken Aukerman, PRS
Aaron Brault, Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation
Adam Payne, Sheboygan County Administrator
Mark Thimke, Foley & Lardner
Patrick Miles, Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation
Jason Smith, Tecumseh Products
Marc Tuchman, USEPA-GLNPO
Bob Ryan, City of Sheboygan Mayor
Stacy Hron, DNR
Brian Bartoszek, WPS
Ted Vallis, WPS
Joseph Leibham, State Senator

The Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup meeting began at 2:00 PM with introductions from those present. Telephone difficulties prevented conference line participation.

Agency updates were provided by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Natural Resources.

Superfund Project

- Superfund-Pablo Valentin indicated that dredging is underway. Ken Aukerman indicated they have encountered some bumps while dredging-mainly encountering obstacles while dredging. Ken indicated they have replaced a cutter head on the hydraulic dredge. Ken also indicated the dewatering site is treating 900,000 gallons of water daily, and that the site is working well. There is also a minor modification to the Project Agreement in order to capture all costs, and that the modified Project Agreement will be sent to all parties for review and signature.
- Camp Marina Dredging Project Status-work will mobilize the week of June 20th, with the coffer dam to be set in place. The contractor for the Camp Marina Project is Envirocon, Inc., with Gerry Warden of Integrys as Project Manager. Project Director is Brian Bartoszek of Integrys. EPA indicated there will be a public information meeting in August for the Camp Marina Record of Decision document.

Legacy Project

- Heather Williams of EPA indicated that the Legacy Site Characterization phase will be finalized soon, and the document will be made available to the public. It is hoped that copies will be available for the next Dredging Workgroup Meeting. The Feasibility Study is underway. CH2M Hill will complete the Targeted Feasibility Study. Legacy Project Team meetings are ongoing. Current estimates are 240,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment scheduled to be removed for the Legacy Dredging Project.

USACE Dredging Project

- Heather Williams indicated that the Army Corp typically uses the mechanical dredging method for navigational dredging projects. This may necessitate smaller dewatering sites close to the dredging site. The complete design and Project Agreement should be completed by December 2011/January 2012, with the Project Contract scheduled to be awarded at that time.

AOC Fish & Wildlife Restoration Projects

- Stacy Hron of DNR gave an update on the proposed Fish & Wildlife Habitat restoration projects on the Sheboygan River AOC that were submitted for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding. Stacy indicated that the paperwork is being finalized with the staff at the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Offices.

State Senator Joseph Leibham of Sheboygan indicated that he will coordinate with local officials and contact DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp in order to arrange for a visit to the Sheboygan area to view and discuss the numerous multi-million environmental projects planned for or currently underway. The group agreed these projects involve significant involvement from Federal, State, local and private officials, and cooperation and teamwork is critical to our success.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM. It was agreed to hold the next Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup meeting in August.

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