

DREDGE TASK FORCE
Minutes
April 7, 2010

Task Force Members Present:

L. Brown; S. Jacobsen; E. Johnson; R. Kozlowski; M. LaWell; B. Leslie; P. Raskind; W. Skowronski; D. Snead; J. Watkins; J. White; R. Zavoda; M. Freilino

Task Force Members via Conference Call:

V. McCall; M. Locker; J. Patterson

Task Force Members Absent:

D. Downing; T. Fedor; N. Pugliese

Guests:

T. Bender; F. O'Connor; B. Martin; E. Edget; T. Rayburn; T. Clever; B. Dougherty; J. Miller; G. Odenbrett

Peter Raskind began the meeting by welcoming participants and thanking them for their continued collaboration. He then asked for any comments regarding the March 3, 2010 meeting minutes. Barbara Martin suggested including representation from Rep. Kucinich's office, the County and the Sewer District, stating that they had voiced an interest at the Summit. Mr. Raskind replied that the Port is in constant contact with the County and that the Port can follow-up with the Sewer District. In addition, Mr. Raskind asked to verify that the meeting minutes and Charter are posted on the Port's website.

Ron Kozlowski stated that he received one revision from Jim White regarding the remedial action plan and implemented that suggestion to the Charter. Mr. Raskind noted that the Charter is a working document and it will likely be necessary to make revisions in an effort to fine tune the document. Barbara Martin suggested adding language to reflect the importance of maintaining commerce for businesses along the channel. Mr. Raskind and Daniel Snead agreed that assuring commerce is highly important, but not necessarily the primary focus of the Dredge Task Force. They agreed that some language could be inserted regarding maintaining commerce, but that the primary focus of the Task Force is to find and implement interim and long term solutions.

Mr. Raskind stated that the Port and the USACE must have a way to capture information of potential solutions in one place, including a way to track and rank each to best allocate time, energy, resources and finances. LTC Snead stated that Frank O'Connor has looked at a number of viable options. Mr. O'Connor then presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining 24 possible sites. Mr. O'Connor explained that the 24 sites were ranked based on preliminary screening criteria. The preliminary screening chart is attached.

Traci Clever then raised the question of what is now needed from the Task Force in order to make actionable recommendations in moving forward. She suggested the formation of a working sub-committee in an effort to concentrate resources to evaluate the sites and provide a recommendation to the Task Force. LTC Snead stated that the ad-hoc committee should focus on certain actions between now and the next Task Force meeting. Mr. O'Connor stated it is

important to look closer at the technical, environmental and financial benefits of each of the suggested sites. Mr. O'Connor will suggest members of the working group by next week and recommended that the committee look at the top five sites. Mr. O'Connor then suggested it would be helpful to have site owner representation present. John Watkins reminded of the importance of having the acceptance of the community. Bill Skowronski offered OEPA's PR people to help with community acceptance.

General Peabody is planning a visit to Cleveland on May 18. This will be an opportunity for the Task Force to meet the Division Commander for the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

The above covers key points from the last meeting. Please forward your additions or corrections to Skip Jacobsen at skip.jacobsen@portofcleveland.com within five days from the issue date.