

Environmental Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2012

Opening

The regular meeting of the Environmental Steering Committee (ESC) was called to order at 1:00 pm (EDT) on June 21, 2012 by Gordon Delchamps.

Roll Call

Steve Aoyama

Steven Breithaupt

Jeff Church

Chris Couture

Gordon Delchamps

Tim Duffy

Marc Fleetwood

Burke Helmer

Kelly Leseman

Dave McMahon

Keith Shortall

Michael Weaver

Absent:

Kevin D'Amanda, Chair

NOTE: voting members are shown in bold type.

A. Old Business

1. Environmental Audit Process

- Document is complete but needs Section 508 compliance review before it can be posted on the DFO Web page.
- Kick-off orientations and technical support are still available.
- 22 have been completed, 35 are in process, and 344 are pending.

ACTION ITEM: Gordon will determine whether the protocol document is Section 508 compliant.

2. Guidance Document Update

- It is complete but needs Section 508 compliance review before it can be posted on the DFO Web page.

ACTION ITEM: Gordon will determine whether the document is Section 508 compliant.

3. Safety Awareness Guide

- It is still being edited and will need Section 508 compliance review before it can be posted on the DFO Web page.
- When complete, it will be posted on the DFO Web site and a small number of copies will be printed to use as handouts.

4. Previous Projects

a. Pine Ridge – Old Hospital Demo (\$779,600)

- Funds were decommitted after the last ESC meeting.
- The Area updated and resubmitted PSD this round.

b. Kakanak – Eroding Graves (\$61,000 ER)

- Funds Allotted to Area May 2008. Michael Weaver worked with Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation to get the funds obligated.

c. Kakanak Environmental Cleanup (\$753,000 ER)

- \$253,000 in Environmental Remediation funds were awarded in September 2007 for the construction phase. An additional \$753,000 was awarded in 2010 for the three-year monitoring and testing phase and also to address additional state requirements.
- Michael Weaver worked with Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation to get the funds obligated.

d. Tanana Environmental Remediation and Demolition

- The Area was awarded Environmental Remediation funds of \$618,000 for Phase 2 that was anticipated to be needed in 2009 and \$805,000 for Phase 3 anticipated to be needed 2010-2015.
- The tribe has asked that they receive title to several buildings previously scheduled for demolition. Therefore, the Area would like to reprogram \$200,000 in Demolition Funding to Environmental Remediation.

- Michael Weaver, Dale Mossefin, and Kelly are working with the Tanana Tribal Council (TTC) to negotiate the Title I contract Modification No. 3 with \$1M in Environmental Remediation funding from the ESC plus \$450,000 in prior year Environmental Remediation funding from the Area Office to provide for the excavation of petroleum containing soil (PCS) at the IHS hospital campus in Tanana, AK, and transportation to a remediation treatment area (RTA) for land application treatment. Modification No. 3 is expected to be executed in early July.

e. Environmental Remediation of YKHC Quarters (\$139,789 ER)

- Funds were withheld pending receipt of final report on previously completed project.
- Report was received and funds have been Allotted.

5. Cleanup of FEDS and BEMAR

- This has been an ongoing issue. We hope it will be resolved during audit cycle.
- We still don't know how we can get Areas to update FEDS items with proper coding and accurate cost estimates and also to correct environmentally-related FEDS items.

6. BEMAR Reduction

- There is currently just under \$22M in environmentally-related BEMAR and 89 excess buildings – down from 116 last round.
- We still have trouble getting PSD's submitted. This round there were only 11 projects submitted – 2 for Environmental funds, 1 for Demolition funds, 3 requesting both, and 5 for Sustainability funds.

7. New Members

- Tim Duffy from the Environmental Health program in the Bemidji Area was nominated to replace Deanne Waconda and concurrence received through e-mail voting.
- Kelly Leseman from the Alaska Area Facilities program was nominated to replace CJ Means and concurrence received through e-mail voting.
- Marc Fleetwood from the Tucson Area Facilities program was nominated to replace Dale Mossefin and concurrence received through e-mail voting.

- All are 5-year terms and run through the end of CY-2016.

8. Technical Handbook Chapters

- *75-2 – Environmental Steering Committee*
 - Name was changed from *Guidelines for the Environmental Remediation Funds Steering Committee* to *Environmental Steering Committee*.
 - Updated to reflect sustainability projects and funding.
 - Released as a working draft.
- *75-7 – Reporting Requirements for Activities Funded Through the Environmental Steering Committee*
 - Name changed from *Reporting Requirements for Environmental Remediation Projects and Demolition Projects* to *Reporting Requirements for Activities Funded Through the Environmental Steering Committee*.
 - Updated to reflect sustainability projects and funding.
 - Released as a working draft.
- *78-3 – Prioritization and Funding of Sustainability Activities*
 - Released as a working draft.
- *75-5 – Prioritization and Funding of Environmental Remediation Activities* and *76-1 – Prioritization and Funding of Demolition Activities*
 - Needs to be updated to reflect funding levels. If there is sufficient funding to award all projects submitted, there will be an up or down vote rather than criteria based scoring.
 - Need to change wording to be similar to sustainability funding chapter – Applicant vs. Area, etc.
 - Also, need to include wording regarding requirements to divert at least 50 percent of construction and demolition waste from landfills.
 - Gordon inadvertently omitted this as an action item and has not yet completed the updates.

ACTION ITEM: Gordon will update the chapters as required.

9. Other Old Business

- None

B. New Business

1. Environmental Document Repository

- ES-Seattle hosts site where documents are uploaded. However, it may need to be taken down due to Section 508 compliance issues. If so, the documents still need to be housed somewhere so they are available when needed.
- ES is discussing options.

2. Funds Available Recap

- We discussed the funds balances in the Environmental Remediation fund and the Demolition fund.
- The following funds are currently available:
 - \$8,867,455 – Environmental Remediation.
 - \$155,000 Committed to Tanana;
 - \$8,712,455 if Committed but not Allotted funds are subtracted.
 - \$499,200 – Demolition.
- In the 2010 budget, we told Congress “Demolition funds may be augmented with environmental compliance funds as available for demolition of Federal buildings to the extent that the proposed action reduces hazards, environmental concerns, or liability to the Indian Health Service. Sustainability funding language was added in the FY-2012 budget documents.

3. PSD Review and Project Award

- A total of 11 PSD’s were submitted, 2 for environmental, 1 for demo, 3 for both environmental and demo, and 5 for Sustainability funds.
- Each PSD was reviewed by the ESC.
 - a. Environmental Remediation Projects
 - **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC **recommended funding** the following four (4) Environmental Remediation projects:

- Demolition of Four Buildings at Lawton (OK1LAA04H6) – \$69,500
Note: See same project under Demolition Projects.
- Demolish Whiteriver Warehouse Building and Shed (PH12WR03Q6) – \$30,000
Note: See same project under Demolition Projects.
- San Xavier Replacement Modular Buildings 0622T & 0623T (TU11SX001) – \$2,500
Note: See same project under Demolition Projects.

- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC requested that the Area **provide clarification and/or additional information** regarding the following Environmental Remediation project:

- Environmental Remediation of Asbestos at Qu yana Clubhouse – \$53,800

It does not appear that the cost estimate accounts for Davis-Bacon wage rates. Kelly will verify whether they are included. If so, the project will be funded at the requested amount. If not, Kelly will provide an updated cost estimate reflecting Davis-Bacon wage rates and the project will be funded at the revised amount.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly will determine whether the cost estimate reflects Davis-Bacon wage rates. If not, he will provide an updated cost estimate.

NOTE: It was determined that the cost estimate did not reflect Davis-Bacon wage rates. Kelly provided an updated estimate of \$75,650. Therefore, the project will be funded for \$75,650.

- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC **recommended against funding** the following Environmental Remediation project:

- Arsenic Treatment Plant for San Xavier East Well (TU 12-395) – \$235,000

This project is not eligible for M&I funding. The ESC suggests the Area contact the SFC program for funding.

b. Demolition Projects

- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC **recommended funding** the following four (4) Demolition projects:

- Pine Ridge Old Hospital Demolition (AB12PR99H6 - update) – \$1,930,000
- Demolition of Four Buildings at Lawton (OK1LAA04H6) – \$118,000
Note: See same project under Environmental Remediation Projects.
- Demolish Whiteriver Warehouse Building and Shed (PH12WR03Q6) – \$60,000
Note: See same project under Environmental Remediation Projects.
- San Xavier Replacement Modular Buildings 0622T & 0623T (TU11SX001) – \$30,000
Note: See same project under Environmental Remediation Projects.
- **NOTE 1:** Funding will not be released for demolition projects until Headquarters Realty receives approvable Reports of Survey for all applicable buildings.
- **NOTE 2:** Sustainability guidelines require that at least 50 percent of construction and demolition waste be diverted from landfills.

c. Sustainability Projects

- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC **recommended funding** the following four (4) Sustainability projects:
 - Crow Hospital Sustainability Project (BI12CR205H6) – \$83,600
 - Install Smart Meters at Parker, Polacca, Phoenix, and Whiteriver (PH12AO03H6) – \$75,000
 - Desert Visions YRTC Solar Water Heating at Sacaton (PH12DV03Z6) – \$42,500
 - Santa Rosa Solar (TU12SR001) – \$160,000
- **ACTION ITEM:** The ESC **recommended against funding** the following one (1) Sustainability project:
 - Replace Air Handling Units at Red Lake Hospital (BE2RL021H6) – \$648,600

This project was disapproved as it appears to be an equipment maintenance/replacement project rather than a sustainability project.

See Technical Handbook Chapter 78-3 *Prioritization and Funding of Sustainability Projects*. Section 78-3.2 B states “Funds administered by the ESC are NOT intended to fund projects...for equipment replacement strategies to replace the equipment or a system within or near its normal design or expected life...”

The ESC believes the likelihood of approval would increase if combined with a ground-source heat pump system or other sustainability-related initiative.

4. Other New Business

- Keith discussed two UST’s that were recently unearthed on the site of the old Whiteriver hospital. There is some sludge in at least one of the tanks but there does not appear to be any ground contamination. They will remove the tanks and submit a PSD for reimbursement.
- Kelly mentioned recently discovered UST’s at Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka.
- Dave mentioned the new Environmental Sustainability accessible through the main IHS Web page.
- Dave suggested submitting sustainability project summaries to Public Affairs. This would spread the word regarding a lot of the good work being performed throughout the Areas.
- Steven Breithaupt will retire October 1 and a replacement member will be needed. The replacement candidate can be from either the Facilities program or the Environmental Health program.

ACTION ITEM: Forward names of potential candidates to Gordon.

- Keith suggested holding the meetings quarterly if we start to receive an abundance of sustainability PSD’s.

C. Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

Environmental Steering Committee meetings should be held two times each year. The next meeting will be scheduled for sometime in late November or December 2012. The agenda will be developed and distributed to all members prior to the meeting.

D. Adjournment

Gordon Delchamps adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM EDT.

Minutes submitted by: Gordon Delchamps

Approved by: Kevin J. D'Amanda