

**Toledo Harbor Dredging Task Force
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: August 16, 2010

Lake Erie Center- Oregon, OH

Attending Committee Members:

David Romano, USACE
Craig Forgette, USACE
Gilda Mitchell, TLCPA
Joe Cappel, TLCPA
Paul Toth, TLCPA
John Watkins, ODNR
Ed Hammett, OLEC
Sandy Bihn, WLEWA
Charlotte Hickcox, OEPA (On Phone)
Tim Murphy, City of Toledo
Cheryl Rice, Lucas County USDA NRCS
Paul Roman, City of Oregon
David Knight, Great Lakes Commission
Monica Drake, ODOT
Eric Neff, ODOT

Not Present:

Traci Clever, USACE
Todd Kufel, USACE
Mark Locker, Ohio Department of Transportation
Jeff Reuter, OSU Stone Lab
Wes Fahrback, Sen. George Voinovich
Ann Orr, Sen. Sherrod Brown
Timothy R. Schneider, Rep. Robert Latta
Joe Cappel, TLCPA
Steve Smigelski, Kuhlman Corporation
Eileen Granata, ODOD
Ron Kozlowski, USACE
Jane Ruvolo, Rep. Marcy Kaptur
Paul LaMarre, TLCPA
Richard Bartz, USGS
Tim Schetter, Toledo Area Metroparks
Peter Ujvagi, Lucas County

The Committee approved the minutes from the June, 2010 meeting.

Task Force Charter Document: Mr. Cappel and Ms. Mitchell explained that there were a few minor changes to the Charter Document that were noted on the

handout. Ms. Bihn requested one additional change to the third goal that was agreed upon by the task force. The third goal should now read “Development of a phased in plan to ultimately eliminate open lake disposal through environmentally acceptable and financially feasible alternative analysis.” No other changes were recommended or requested. The Charter Document will be sent to the Army Corps for final approval and signature then to the other task force members to be signed and completed.

Overview of Existing Habitat Restoration Units: Mr. Knight conducted a power point presentation detailing some of the existing habitat restoration units in the U.S. The presentation included the acreage and costs to construct several of the projects in California, New Jersey, Florida, and elsewhere. The presentation also covered other potential uses for dredged material such as in the construction of golf courses and other landscaping applications. Following the presentation, Ms. Bihn suggested that someone representing the State of Michigan be included as the task force moves forward with projects and ideas. Mr. Hammett noted he would follow up with some of his counterparts in Michigan to determine if there is interest. Mr. Hammett also noted that there would be opportunity for stakeholders to participate in future workshops facilitated by the Great Lakes Commission.

GLRI Grant Request Response: The Ohio Lake Erie Commission has submitted the full application for \$250,000 in GLRI funding to the US EPA to secure professional technical and facilitator services for the Toledo Harbor Dredging Task Force. The US EPA is targeting the end of August to release the funding. The task force was provided with a draft Request for Qualifications to review and comment upon.

Workshop Proposal & Inclusion / Communication with Interest Groups: The Great Lakes Commission is proposing to conduct two workshops to review and solicit ideas from stakeholders for dredge material management then utilize a scientifically based methodology to find consensus among the alternatives. The consulting firm would assist the task force in evaluating the outcomes of the workshops. The ACE noted that the Task Force, Great Lakes Commission and consultant should plan for continuous outreach following the workshops and be prepared to discuss the differences between the ACE process and funding mechanisms and the actions and capabilities of the Task Force.

Preparing Background Information for a Consultant: Mr. Hammett drafted a listing of potential data and study needs that the consultant would need to construct a sediment management and reuse plan. By providing the documents to the consultant there will be cost savings and by gathering the documents ahead of time, the consultant will have background information immediately available for review. The Army Corps and others agreed to search for relevant documents and have them ready for review in the first week of September. Ms.

Bihn agreed to work with TMACOG to find any studies and other information that might be useful.

Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities: Mr. Hammett proposed a subcommittee structure for the Task Force outlining membership and chairmanship for the steering, HRU, Beneficial Reuse and Short Term Options, and Finance, Funding, Tourism and Economic Impact Committees. The proposal will be finalized if no additional changes are proposed.

ACE Section 204 Update: Mr. Forgette noted that a detailed project report would be ready for distribution prior to the next Task Force meeting summarizing alternatives for 204 beneficial reuse projects.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 30th at 10AM at the Lake Erie Center.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.