

**Toledo Harbor Dredging Task Force
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: June 30, 2010

Lake Erie Center- Oregon, OH

Attending Committee Members:

David Romano, USACE
Craig Forgette, USACE
Ron Kozlowski, USACE
Jane Ruvolo, Rep. Marcy Kaptur
Paul LaMarre, TLCPA
Gilda Mitchell, TLCPA
John Watkins, ODNR
Ed Hammett, OLEC
Sandy Bihn, WLEWA
Charlotte Hickcox, OEPA (On Phone)
Tim Murphy, City of Toledo
Richard Bartz, USGS
Tim Schetter, Toledo Area Metroparks
Peter Ujvagi, Lucas County

Not Present:

Traci Clever, USACE
Todd Kufel, USACE
Mark Locker, Ohio Department of Transportation
Jeff Reuter, OSU Stone Lab
Wes Fahrbach, Sen. George Voinovich
Danielle Nameth, Sen. Sherrod Brown
Timothy R. Schneider, Rep. Robert Latta
Joe Cappel, TLCPA
Steve Smigelski, Kuhlman Corporation
Eileen Granata, ODOD
Cheryl Rice, Lucas County USDA NRCS

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

Task Force Charter Document: Mr. Hammett reviewed the intent of the various sections of the document. It was noted that US EPA has not responded to their membership solicitation. Mr. Forgette agreed to send Mr. Hammett contact information for Brode Fireo a brownfield specialist from Region 5. Ed Hammett stated he would also contact USEPA Great Lakes national Program Office to determine if they wished to provide representative. It was noted that US Fish and Wildlife is willing to serve as an advisor to the Task Force. The City of Oregon has appointed Paul Roman, Public Service Director. Maumee River

RAP is unsure if they will participate. US Senator Sherrod Brown will be represented by another staff member as Danielle Nemeth is transferring to another location. Mr. Hammett and Mr. Watkins agreed to work together to make sure that the names on the document are finalized and correct for signature. Mr. Hammett agreed to finalize the document and e-mail it to the committee with Ms. Mitchell's assistance.

GLRI Funding: The Lake Erie Commission's request for \$250,000 of GLRI funding to facilitate Task Force initiatives was invited to submit a full application for funding. This application for the funding was submitted on June 25 and is under review. The matching funds will come from the Lake Erie Protection Fund. Mr. Hammett anticipates that one or two experienced consultants could be utilized to supply the technical services needed to collect, evaluate and develop a plan for Toledo Harbor's sediment management. He noted that the Task Force will play an important role in this process. A draft plan will be completed by August 2011 and completed by June 2012. Mr. Hammett will e-mail a draft RFQ to the task force for review.

Toledo Harbor Workshops: The Great Lakes Commission would like to assist the Task Force in conducting workshops regarding sediment management. The first workshop would include an "idea dump" soliciting ideas and alternatives for reuse of the material. The second workshop would focus on the review of these ideas and seeking guidance to implement these ideas. Mr. David Knight from the Great Lakes Commission looks forward to working with the Task Force on organizing and hosting the workshops.

Grassy Island Update: An ecosystem restoration section 204 ACE project utilizing dredged material on Grassy Island is limited to \$7.7 M- \$5 M of which could be federal funds with a \$2.7 M non federal match. A handout showing two drawings of potential projects at Grassy Island was distributed and cost estimates for both projects exceeded the \$7.7 M section 204 cap.

ACE hiring new position in Toledo Office: ACE is currently trying to get the position re-advertised. As a result of the original posing a good candidate was identified but subsequently deemed not "qualified."

Kelley's Island Update: In early December 2009 LaFarge approached OEPA and ODNR presenting a proposal to reclaim the limestone quarry on Kelley's island with dredged material from Cleveland and possibly Toledo. ODNR and OEPA pointed out their concerns with this project to LaFarge. No active application with LaFarge exists to move the proposed project forward.

Task Force Subcommittees: A handout was distributed regarding potential membership to various subcommittees of the task force. Each member was asked to review the proposed Subcommittee assignments and to comment as to their selection. A few adjustments were made at the meeting and others were

invited to comment back to Ed Hammett. The Task force agreed that it was appropriate to continue full Task force meetings for the present and yet not ready to move forward on the sub committee meetings.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is to be determined.

Other Stakeholders: It was noted that interested parties outside the membership of the Task Force would have the opportunity to participate in upcoming workshops and possibly be presenters at future task force meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.