

Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee Meeting

January 27, 2015, 3:00pm

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

County Council Chambers

125 E. Center St.

Moab, Utah 84532

The following individuals were present:

Committee Members:

Lynn Jackson, Chair and County Council Member
Rick Bailey, County Emergency Management
Marian DeLay, Moab Area Travel Council
Zacharia Levine, County Community Development
Mark Sovine, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency
Lee Shenton, County UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for MTPSC)

Moab UMTRA:

Don Metzler (Federal Project Director), Wendee Ryan (Public Affairs Manager)

Citizens:

Heather Church (Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands), DanaLee Gerber (County Attorney's Office), Molly Marcello (Times-Independent), Saxon Sharpe (citizen)

Per Resolution 2992, sufficient voting members were present to constitute a quorum.

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Lynn Jackson.
2. Review of Minutes of October 28, 2014 Meeting – Moved by Mark, seconded by Marian to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Project Status and Funding – Don reported that no one was injured by the November 18th rock slide but there was some minor damage to railroad tracks and one of the two gantry cranes. He expressed his appreciation to Union Pacific for their quick response in clearing the tracks and impacted area. He noted that tailings shipments resumed on January 13th. Don explained that a number of Project and independent geology experts were consulted to identify three different risk zones along the two-thousand foot rail bench. Due to higher risk near the tunnel, the Project has reduced the length of tailings trains to 16 cars (four tailings containers per car) instead of 34 cars but hopes to have risk mitigation measures in place by next week to enable 26 car (104 container) trains.

Don described a concrete personnel shelter, a revised traffic pattern and a radar-based system that will be used to monitor the cliff face, all to mitigate risks of operations. He also said they might scale off loose sections of rock under controlled conditions. Don expects the Project will move about 700,000 tons tailings this year instead of 900,000 so will probably reach the halfway point (8 million tons) late in 2015 instead of August. Don pointed out that the Project team stayed busy excavating mill debris, which is being staged on the west floor of the pile excavation in preparation for sizing and shipment by rail in specially-lined containers. Don said disposal cell operations are proceeding well, with a new dump ramp being installed to accommodate upcoming expansion of the

cell. FY16 funding should be known within the next few weeks but Don is hopeful the Moab Project will be funded at about the same level as FY15.

4. Stakeholder Updates – Lynn stated that Grand County will do what they can in support of funding requests for the Moab UMTRA. Heather Church (FFSL) requested collaboration with Moab UMTRA to determine the boundary between DOE property and the sovereign land along the river.
5. Air Monitoring and Activities – Lee discussed the air monitoring results up through Third Quarter 2014 (the most recent data available), noting that trends continue to be normal and well below guidelines for radon, gamma and radioparticulate levels. Lee also thanked Don and DOE for approving a five-year renewal of the grant to Grand County.
6. Future Agenda Items – The Committee suggested funding and air monitoring reviews for the April agenda. The next quarterly meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 28th at 3 PM.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Shenton, Grand County UMTRA Liaison