

# Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance

February 5, 2014

Location of meeting: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
Oak Ridge Oversight Building

**Members Present:** **Tom Beehan**, Mayor, City of Oak Ridge; **Terry Frank**, Mayor, Anderson County; **Ron Woody**, Executive, Roane County.

**Members Absent:** **Don Edwards**, Executive, Morgan County; Tim Burchett, Mayor, Knox County

**Others Present:** John Owsley, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, DOE Oversight Division; Dale Rector, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, DOE-Oversight Division; Roger Petrie, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, DOE Oversight Division; Chloe Ashley, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; Bart Hose, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency; Amy Fitzgerald, City of Oak Ridge; Scott Stout, Roane County Office of Emergency Services; David Adler, Department of Energy; Mark Watson, City of Oak Ridge; Susan Gawarecki, Citizens' Oversight Committee; Doug Colelasure, Greenways Oak Ridge; Fay Martin, Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board;

**Media Present:** Russell Langley, The Oak Ridger

*(A sign-in sheet is attached and on file with the minutes.)*

## **PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

See attached agenda.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Tom Beehan called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

## **WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS:**

Mayor Beehan welcomed everyone to the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A copy of the agenda from the October 2, 2013 meeting was distributed. A motion made by Mayor Frank and a second was made by Executive Woody to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

## **PRESENTATION ON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY EM ISSUES**

- **Presentation was made by David Adler** – Mr. Adler stated that the FY 14 budget for EM at Oak Ridge would be around \$430 million. The major money director for project will be for the Mercury Water Treatment Plant and continued demolition at the K-25 site (ETTP). Another major project for EM is to

sample addition well south and north of ETP. DOE provided the residents of Jones Road with utility water even though, the well water samples were within the safe drinking standards. Mr. Adler said he did not think it would be a problem from the results of the samplings. Mr. Adler said it was a group decision between DOE, TDEC and EPA to do the sampling in these new areas. The next step in conducting the well samplings will be getting permission from the residents. Mr. Adler said it will take about a year to complete the sampling with the appropriate amount of data. Chairman Beehan asked residents will be tested. Mr. Adler stated between 40 and 50 residents. Executive Woody wanted to know how the residents will be notified. Mr. Adler said by a form letter, phone calls and knocks on doors. Executive Woody said he would like an early notification be this process begins and others on the board agree. Mr. Adler said he would give early notification.

- **Mercury Water Treatment Plant** – Mr. Adler said the Mercury Water Treatment Plant was still in the early planning stages. DOE has not completely approved the building of the treatment plant. Mr. Adler stated that there were detectable levels of mercury in the East Fork Poplar Creek that exceeds regulatory levels but not drinking standards. If the Treatment facility goes forward the construction will begin 2017 at the head water of the East Fork Poplar Creek at Y-12
- **A Second Landfill** – Mr. Adler said the existing landfill was 63% full at the end of FY13. Most of the waste was from the K-25 site and was low lever waste mainly from demolition materials. According to Mr. Adler, DOE is just in the planning phase but this second site would handle the completion of the clean up on the Reservation. The proposed site would be about 100 acres and likely between the existing site and Y-12 on Bear Creek Road. The site would have a capacity of 2.5 million cubic yards. The current site is due to be at capacity in 2023. Mr. Adler said the reason the Bear Creek Road site is the most promising is most of the future demolition is at Y-12. Chairman Beehan stated that ORRCA may want to do an economic impact study for the City of Oak Ridge with an additional landfill site in the area. Ms. Fitzgerald asked is the landfill will only have clean up waste of other wastes. Mr. Adler said definitely there would be no outside of state waste, however, similar type wastes from the Reservation could be considered.

#### DISCUSSION AND NECESSARY ACTIONS

- Quarterly Grant Report – Ms. Fitzgerald gave the grant report. (See attachment). A motion to spend up to ten thousand dollars to do an economic impact study in the third quarter which could take 3-6 months. The motion was made by Executive Woody and the second was made by Mayor Frank – motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

#### UPDATES FROM STATE AGENCIES

- **Emergency Planning** – Bart Hose said TEMA is updating the Basic Emergency Operations Plans in Anderson, Morgan and Knox Counties this year. Mr. Hose stated that Hazard Mitigations Plans and DOE Multi-jurisdiction. This year's DOE Oak Ridge Reservation emergency exercise is at ORNL.
- **Environmental Management** – John Owsley, Director of TDEC, reported he has participated in exercise planning for the DOE ORNL exercise. Mr. Owsley is currently in a five year budget plan and in mid-March he will start the FY16 budget process.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Request for Intern Support** – Ms. Ashley, TDEC Intern, told about herself. A motion to pay three thousand dollars to support Ms. Ashley during her internship with TDEC from the ORRCA budget was

made by Mayor Frank and seconded by Executive Woody – motion passed on a voice vote unanimously. Executive Woody said he would like to see the methodology of the water sampling in the form of a factsheet from Ms. Ashley and the Board concurred.

- **Date of Next Meeting** – The next ORRCA meeting was set for May 7, 2014 and alternate was May 14, 2014 and the same location and time.

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Beehan at 4:05 p.m.

Prepared by: Scott Stout, Roane County OES