

# Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance

May 7, 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; **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; **Fay Martin**, Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board; **Steven Oglesby**, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency; **Dallas Dyce**, City of Oak Ridge; **Steven Clemons**, DOE-EM; **Kristof Czartoryski**, DOR/ DOE- O

**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 3:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

## **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 February 5, 2014 meeting was distributed. A motion made by Executive Ron Woody and a second was made by Mayor Terry Frank to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

## REPORT ON ORRCA/TDEC ACTIVITIES

- **Report given by Chloe Ashley, Intern**
- Ms. Ashley gave an overview of her work with TDEC. She has been an intern with TDEC for 15 months. Ms. Ashley's duties included water monitoring, white-tail deer monitoring, and ambient surface water monitoring. Ms. Ashley shared a research paper she wrote "Comparison and Contrast of a U.S. Department of Energy Low- Level Waste Disposal Facility Operated Under CERCLA with a Nuclear Regulatory Commission- Agreement State Standard Waste Disposal Facility". This paper compared the decision made at Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) for the disposal of low-level waste to the one under review in Oak Ridge. Mayor Beehan asked if the LANL model for informing the public could be used for Oak Ridge; Ms. Ashley said that it could. Ms. Ashley said the biggest difference between Oak Ridge and Los Alamos is Oak Ridge has a larger amount of low level waste for disposal. The transportation costs will be a key component in deciding whether to dispose the low level waste off- site or on-site. Mayor Beehan thanked Ms. Ashley for her work.

## UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY EM ISSUES

- **Presentation was made by David Adler**
- Mr. Adler informed the group of his new responsibilities as re-industrialization manager.
  - **Budget:** Mark Whitney and his staff are currently working on the FY16 budget. No major changes are expected. Major areas of focus are the ETPP cleanup, the Mercury Water Treatment Facility at Y-12, Uranium 233 disposal and Transuranic Waste Disposal. A public budget workshop will be held in June at the Riverside Grill in Oak Ridge. Congress received the proposed FY16 budget in February 2015.
  - **Field:** The K-31 building demolition project began last week. The demolition crews began the project by removing the siding from the building. In the future there will be approximately 200 acres available for re-industrialization from this project and past demolitions.
  - **Historic Preservation:** There will be a meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> which will include tours to the Alexandria Inn and the K-25 pad at ETPP.
  - **Waste Isolation Pilot Plant:** To date there has been an incomplete report submitted of a minimum release at this site. Work has begun to prepare a plan to prevent this from happening again. Recently a team was allowed to monitor the storage areas and a report will soon follow. The WIPP will be closed for months. This will impact any waste shipments going to the WIPP; alternate sites are under review.
  - **Land Transfers:** Sites DE-10 and 11 will be transferred soon. Possible projects for some of the land include an airport and a communications tower. Environmental Management is now over land transfers.
  - **Ground Water:** This summer there will be a survey submitted to the residents near the ETPP site concerning ground water.

## **DISCUSSION AND NECESSARY ACTIONS**

- **Work Plan for FY15** – Ms. Fitzgerald reiterated that the City of Oak Ridge manages the ORRCA/TDEC grant. Ms. Fitzgerald’s presentation is in appendix \_\_\_\_\_. Ms. Fitzgerald continues to work on the impact study the board approved last year. Ms. Fitzgerald said it is difficult finding people to do this type of work. The request for proposal (RFP) for the life cycle cost analysis and long term impact for the proposed low-level waste landfill. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that the City of Oak Ridge is updating their Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Response Plan (MJERP) for the DOE sites.
- **Quarterly Grant Report-** Ms. Dyce gave out a copy of the financials (see appendix\_\_\_\_) in regards to supporting the work plan. The City of Oak Ridge requested approximately 10 percent of the fire chief’s salary be funded by the ORRCA grant. Mr. Woody said each community should have a contract for the money from the grant. Ms. Dyce asked Mr. Owsley if this year’s grant could be carried over to next year. Mr. Owsley said they could ask, but no guarantees.

## **UPDATES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Emergency Response and Planning-** Mr. Oglesby, new employee with TEMA East, will work with TVA and DOE in East Tennessee. Mr. Oglesby stated major revisions for the MJERP in 2015. Ms. Fitzgerald asked Mr. Oglesby if TEMA will have a school representative that will be consulted on the MJERP revisions. Mr. Oglesby assured her TEMA will.
- **TDEC-** Mr. Owsley said reorganization is currently happening within TDEC. TDEC at this time is under a pilot dual track program. TDEC employees can choose the management track or the technical track. Mr. Owsley stated his position has not changed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Set Date for Next Quarterly Meeting-** The tentative date was set for the next ORRCA meeting for June 26, 2014.

## **ADJOURN**

- Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Beehan at 4:12 p.m.

Prepared by: Scott Stout, Roane County OES



**Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance (ORRCA)  
Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

Location: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, DOE-Oversight Office  
761 Emory Valley Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

**AGENDA**

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| I.    | Welcome and Introductions                         | Mayor Tom Beehan     |
| II.   | Approval of Minutes                               | All                  |
| III.  | Report on ORRCA/TDEC Activities                   | Chloe Ashley, Intern |
| IV.   | Update on Department of Energy EM Issues          | Dave Adler           |
| V.    | Discussion and Necessary Actions                  | City Staff           |
|       | a. Quarterly Grant Report                         |                      |
|       | b. Work Plan for FY15                             |                      |
| VI.   | Updates as from Intergovernmental Representatives | TBD                  |
|       | a. Emergency Response and Planning                |                      |
|       | b. TDEC   |                      |
| VII.  | New Business                                      |                      |
|       | a. Set Date for Next Quarterly Meeting            |                      |
|       | b. DOE Annual Intergovernmental Meeting           |                      |
| VIII. | Adjourn   |                      |