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Cleveland Harbor Task Force  
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Task Force Members Present:

L. Skip Brown  
Diane Downing  
Skip Jacobsen  
Eric Johnson  
Ron Kozlowski  
Mike LaWell  
Brent Leslie  
Valarie McCall  
John Patterson  
Bill Skowronski  
John Watkins  
Jim White  
Rich Zavoda

Task Force Members via Conference Call:

Peter Raskind  
Frank O'Connor  
Jerry Ptak

Guests:

John Hull, Hull & Associates; Barbara Martin, Dike 14 Nature Preserver Committee; Victoria Peterlind, Dike 14 Nature Preserve Committee; Melisa Freilino

Peter Raskind began the meeting by stating this committee is an outgrowth of last month's Dredge Summit and is critical to solving the problem of interim dredge material disposal. The process going forward must be transparent and inclusive.

Ron Kozlowski stated that because the next 20 year CDF will not be ready by 2015, disposal of dredged material will be at a critical juncture by the end of 2014 and dredging of the navigation channel will stop. The 2014 date assumes that current projects planned for CDF's 10B, 9, and 12 will occur as planned; if not, dredging will likely cease before 2014. When dredging stops, eventually river traffic carrying capacity will be substantially reduced and ultimately cease due to sedimentation, thereby shutting down several industries along the river that depend on water borne delivery of bulk material for their operation, or at a minimum, substantially increase their transportation costs and ultimately their end product.

The goal of the Committee is to facilitate the process of identifying and executing short term interim dredge material placement measures that will provide disposal capacity through a minimum of 2016. If 2016 is the date, this also means the long term solution would be ready in 2017. Once viable solutions are identified In coming weeks, funding timelines will need to be discussed.

The group agreed that Objective in the proposed Charter was sufficient as stated.

Membership was asked to attend future meetings either in person or by phone if at all possible to keep the process moving forward. If attendance isn't possible, membership was asked to send an

alternate. It was noted that Mark Locker of ODOT needs to be involved; he will be contacted prior to the next meeting.

Future meetings are open to anyone in the interest of transparency.

The total capacity of the disposal sites being sought is 1.25M cu yd of dry material or 1.9M cubic yards of slurry.

John Watkins noted that unless the sources of sedimentation are addressed, disposal will be a never ending problem. Therefore, the long term solution to minimize or eliminate sedimentation should have an equal emphasis as the interim disposal. Ron will capture this point in the Goal.

Under Project Scope, Valarie McCall suggested a change to the work to include "Identify and secure specific sources of funding" (the point is who has what money?). This will be incorporated.

The roles and responsibilities were discussed for each organization; these will be clarified in the updated Charter.

Disposal site locations can be along the river, lakefront, or inland. Criteria for site selection as previously communicated by the USACE includes size, speed to implement, cost effectiveness, and direct discharge ability. These criteria will be detailed over the next few weeks. The USACE will evaluate each potential site submitted. Currently sites have been submitted by the City and the Port for consideration.

Points were made to stress the economic impact along with a public education process to help garner support.

Barbara Martin suggested that NEORS D also be involved with the Task Force.

The status of the 10B project was discussed. The award went to second bidder due to a technicality and the contractor has yet to secure any permits from OEPA. Work cannot begin until this is done. It has not been determined whether the material will be taken to the Pershing site. Rich Zavoda was not aware of the property acquisition status by the City from ArcelorMittal (AM).