

**Toledo Harbor Dredging Task Force
COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 18, 2010 @1p.m.

Attending Committee members:

Jeff Reuter, OSU Stone Lab (by phone)
David Romano, ACE
Craig Forgette, USACE
Ron Kozlowski, USACE
Scott Pickard, USACE
Ed Hammett, OLEC
Jane Ruvolo, Rep. Marcy Kaptur
Warren McCrimmon, TLCPA
Gilda Mitchell, TLCPA
John Watkins, ODNR
Steve Smlgelski, Kuhlman Corp.
Sandy Bihn, WLEWA

**Not Present: Don Retting, Metroparks
Joe Cappel, TLCPA**

Round Table Report on germane events:

Mr. McCrimmon explained to the Task Force that it is too early to ask for funding from non-federal cost-share sponsors until the Task Force receives a design, identifies the land and cost of a HRU. He suggested those be made priorities. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the task force unanimously agreed to make identification of roles and responsibilities and compilation of a list of all available authorities and funding sources to address to the Toledo disposal challenge a priority. Related actions are summarized below.

ACE Update:

Mr. Romano briefed the Task Force Committee about the Cleveland Summit and the Regional Sediment Management Conference in Cleveland. Overall, each event was successful and there was a good turn out. The USACE received great feedback and plans on applying what was discussed to their daily activities.

Mr. Forgette distributed and discussed the measures to beneficially use dredge material that were identified in the Maumee Bay, Toledo, OH CAP Section 204 project and also went through the timeline to complete the project. After brief discussion, the Task Force would like to explore other options if possible for a much larger project without delaying the current project. The discussion included consistently trying to find ways to speed up the process without loss of public input. If other potential alternatives are identified, this will add to the project schedule that was discussed at length with the Task Force members at the meeting.

In addition, Mr. Kozlowski mentioned the USACE is working on hiring a local representative in the Toledo, OH area to attend the Task Force meetings on USACE's behalf.

Next Meeting:

At the next Task Force Committee meeting we will discuss:

- Roles and Responsibilities of each Task Force Member and available authorities and funding sources (related actions and responsible parties are listed below)
- Any issues and misperceptions of the project, the overall communications – circulating news through TLCPA newsletter & ODNR newsletter, and ideas for outreach.

Also, at our next meeting Scott will explain to the Task Force Committee other studies USACE has been involved in and will be referring to the current Maumee Bay study.

Other

-Mr. Kozlowski suggested that the Task Force Committee set responsibilities to each Task Force member. Ron stated that we need to build a listing of potential projects, potential remedies, and then annotate what authorities fit these projects, where do we sit in terms of funding, what do we need to make happen as we work our way to preferred collaborate solutions?

-As a result, Ed Hammett has committed to e-mailing the Toledo Harbor Sediment Management and Reuse summary handed out at the meeting.

-USACE will bring forward potential activity and spending authorities at the next Task Force Committee meeting and will discuss roadblocks and solutions.

-John Watkins will complete a list of local funding sources. Also, Mr. Watkins will meet with USACE regarding video teleconferencing for our next meeting in March 2010, possibly in Sandusky.

-Ed Hammett, Sandy Bihn, and John Watkins will work together on identifying existing federal (non USACE authorities) along with potential authorities that could be created in upcoming federal legislation.

-Also, a question was raised of "Who do you feel should get asked for funding regarding non-federal funding companies/businesses."

-Lastly, each Task Force Committee member will e-mail Gilda ideas for outreach targets and respond with potential dates for the next meeting in March by or before February 25th. It is important that this Task Force identifies and outreaches the successes to date, states where they are going, and build momentum for stakeholders to support future projects and solutions.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.