



CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2006

Members Present: Bruce Holgate, Chuck Koenigs, Carolyn Lee, Gary Lien, Jan Lundebrek, LeRoy Noreen, Allen Saunders, Father Steve Verhelst

Members Absent: The Reverend Dave Andert, Renee Hayden, Dr. Rick Horecka, Brian McNeill, Ray Millett

Fibrominn: Greg Langmo, Chuck Wagoner

Guests: Marj Scheffler, Rob Wolfington

The meeting was called to order at Noon at Fibrominn's office in Benson.

Administrative:

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted without additions or corrections.

Construction progress:

Chuck Wagoner, Fibrominn Construction Manager, gave a brief summary of progress since the last meeting. He said on an overall basis, the project is 56.2% complete. Construction is 21.2% complete while engineering is 82% complete. These are typical numbers at this stage of any power project and are well within expectations. In general, the project remains on schedule to begin operations in early 2007.

At this time, there are 115 craft on site. Chuck explained that the electrical and mechanical construction bids will be let at the end of the month. With these bids being agreed, the number of people on site will go up significantly. It is expected that there will be approximately 300 craft working on the plant later this year.

Chuck said the stack would be erected around mid June of this year. It will rise to a height of 300 feet when complete. The stack will be steel and be fully lighted as per FAA requirements.

After the update, Chuck took the group for a walking tour of the site. Because of the level of activity on site, these tours must be conducted over the noon hour to prevent any interruption in work and for visitor safety. It was mentioned to the group that as we move forward in construction, it may be necessary to move the meetings back to evening hours to avoid the high levels of activity that can make tours dangerous.

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The CAP was impressed with the size and scale of the project from an on site perspective. Several people mentioned how quickly the site changes from week to week. All of the members enjoyed the tour and felt it was very useful.

When asked what the community response to the project was, the members said it was very positive. There has been no problems that have brought to their attention regarding noise, dust, traffic or any other issue. They all felt the crews had conducted themselves professionally and courteously.

The next meeting was scheduled for noon May 16th, at Fibrominn's office.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Items Distributed to CAP members

None