



CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2006

Members Present: Bruce Holgate, Dr. Rick Horecka, Barry Jungwirth, Chuck Koenigs, Carolyn Lee, Jan Lundebrek, Allen Saunders, Ray Millett.

Members Absent: Renee Hayden, Gary Lien, Leroy Noreen, Father Steve Verhelst.

Fibrominn: Greg Langmo

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Fibrominn's office in Benson.

Administrative:

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted without additions or corrections. The Reverend David Andert has asked to be dropped from the group as his schedule does not allow him to attend meetings with the regularity he would like. The committee thanks him for his community service.

Construction progress:

Significant progress has been made since the last meeting. From the public perspective, the siding installation and stack erection have been the most notable. The committee reported that there have been no negative community comments relating to the size, color or height of the plant.

A walk around the site was conducted with Fibrominn pointing out changes since the last meeting. Since much of the work is now centering on equipment installation, many of the changes have taken place inside the buildings. The group was interested to see how quickly the large open spaces evident two months ago have been filled.

At this time, there are 250 craft on site. It is anticipated that this number will continue to rise to near 300 over the next month or two while piping and wiring activities ramp up.

Several questions relating to the geographic area from which litter will be purchased. It was explained that in order to protect the plant against the possibility of a catastrophic loss of turkey production, and therefore fuel availability, it was decided to take fuel (litter) from a diverse geographic region to minimize this risk. It is highly unlikely that in the event of an outbreak of

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disease that more than one or two counties would be shut down at any one time. This would allow Fibrominn to go to other areas to procure fuel to run the plant.

A brief discussion was held relating to the ash plant. The panel was reminded that the ash remaining after combustion contains the same nutrients found in “raw” litter, with the exception of nitrogen. Because the nutrients are now in a homogeneous ash form, they can be transported more economically and land spread more accurately. In addition, because of the high temperatures the manure is subjected to, it is free of disease causing organisms.

With that in mind, it was explained that the company buying the ash has agreed to terms with Fibrominn and will be constructing a facility near the Fibrominn plant later this summer. This company has asked that they be allowed to make any public statements regarding their future. However, they asked that the CAP committee be made aware that the company is locally owned and privately held. They expect to be hiring people from within the local area to work at the ash plant.

The next meeting was not formally scheduled. The group asked Fibrominn to notify them as to when would be an appropriate time to meet for another tour.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Items Distributed to CAP members

None