

**Moab Tailings Project Stakeholders Committee Meeting**  
**December 8, 2009, 3:00pm**  
APPROVED MINUTES  
PUBLIC MEETING  
**Grand County Council Chambers**  
**125 E. Center St.**  
**Moab, Utah 84532**

Call to Order - Co-Chair Bob Greenberg called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

The following individuals were present:

Committee Members:

Bob Greenberg, Grand County Council Chair (Co-Chair)  
Pat Holyoak, Grand County Council Member (Co-Chair)  
Sue Bellagamba, The Nature Conservancy  
Corky Brewer, Grand County Emergency Management Director  
Ken Davey, Moab City Economic Development  
Marian DeLay, Grand County Travel Council Director  
Audrey Graham, Grand County Council Member (representing Thompson Springs)  
Katie Hanway, Workforce Services Director  
Donna Metzler, Moab City Administrator  
Connie Nakahara, Utah's Department of Environmental Quality (by phone)  
Robert Riberia, Grand County Travel Council Webmaster  
Lee Shenton, UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for MTPSC)  
Mark Sovine, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency  
Jeff Troutman, National Park Service  
Mark Wright, Grand County Engineer

Public:

Craig Bigler (Moab Times-Independent), Sarah Fields, Tom Haraden, Jim and JoDee Thursen, John Darke

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. Review of Minutes of 9/22/09 Meeting – Minutes were revised to reflect correct names for Marian and Jeff. Mark Wright moved to adopt the minutes of the 9/22/09 meeting as revised. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Introduction of UMTRA Liaison (Co-Chair Bob Greenberg) – Lee Shenton was hired to fill the UMTRA Liaison position and began work on October 19. Lee has a technical background and will serve the MTPSC in a staff capacity while reporting to County Engineer Mark Wright and the County Council. Lee gave a brief review of his responsibilities and activities to date.
4. Update on UMTRA Project (Lee Shenton, UMTRA Liaison) – Lee presented a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the UMTRA project Moab and Crescent Junction sites. Approximately 3% of the tailings have been moved to Crescent Junction as of 30-Nov-09. Air monitoring results showed no measurements in the last year for Radioparticulates or Direct Gamma which exceeded the pertinent guidelines. There were three quarterly results above the Indoor Guideline for Radon from two stations immediately south of the Moab site boundary (on vacant land) but the annual average was below the guideline for both stations. There have been no repeats of the September, 2009 ammonia level exceedance in the Colorado River and changes have been made to prevent a recurrence. Ground water remediation has been otherwise effective so far but a dedicated water treatment unit will likely be required as the pile surface area available for water evaporation

dwindles. The SR-279 underpass should be complete by year-end. Project spending and hiring were reviewed. Work lighting at both sites will continue to require a balance between worker safety and light pollution. Lee also noted project team initiatives to purchase additional tailings containers and another gantry crane to reduce the chances of shutdowns or slowdowns due to equipment wear-and-tear. Lee provided his contact information and urged committee members and the general public to call or e-mail with questions, concerns or comments.

5. Review of Incident Communication Protocol – In view of the hiring of the UMTRA Liaison, the committee revisited the protocol to be used by the project team to notify Grand County of project incidents which could affect the public. It was understood that such contact would be made only after emergency responders (if needed) were contacted. After discussion of the issues, Audrey moved to establish the order of contact as follows: UMTRA Liaison, County Engineer, County Council Administrator, County Council Chair, County Council Vice-Chair, i.e. if the UMTRA Liaison is not available, then contact the County Engineer, etc. The person contacted would then be responsible to assure that the appropriate individuals in Grand County are informed. Lee will draft a one-page summary of the new protocol for review and approval by the committee Co-Chairs and subsequent distribution to appropriate members of the project team and Grand County. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Discussion of Future Use of Atlas Site – Bob gave a general overview of the rules by which DOE sites are passed along after UMTRA projects are completed and referred the committee to an August 26, 2008 review of pertinent laws by Sarah Fields of Uranium Watch. Jim Thursen noted that this would be a great chance to do something good for the community, perhaps a river park with boat ramps and an outdoor performing arts center. Jim also suggested that the Crescent Junction site might be ideal for a solar panel field. Bob recommended that we maximize community input, for example by including a public poll in the Times-Independent, and that we get a better understanding of the decision making process before we move ahead. Lee agreed to identify the steps of the decision process for the Moab UMTRA sites.
7. Stakeholders Updates
  - a. Webpage Update – Robert Riberia – Reported no new issues but asked for current version of the Project Update presentation. Lee agreed to provide periodic updates of the presentation to Robert for posting on the county websites.
  - b. Tourism Issues – Marian DeLay – No new issues but continuing concerns about the nature and direction of lighting on the project sites. Audrey diagrammed on the whiteboard a problem with southbound signage, on US-191 just north of the junction with SR-279, which appears to be inconsistent with the single traffic lane in front of the project site turn out. Mark Wright noted that UDOT will need to widen the two-lane sections north and south of the river, including the bridge over Courthouse Wash, once the new river bridges are in service. Lee agreed to contact Dale Stapley of UDOT to alert him to the issue.
  - c. Employment Update – Katie Hanway – Reported that there is a current opening at the project for a Container Repair Technician. Katie noted that DWS wishes to partner with CEU and/or EnergySolutions on short-term training to help local residents become better qualified for project jobs. She also reported that the HR Administrator for EnergySolutions has been very cooperative on employment issues for locals. Bob asked Lee to investigate possible sources for preparing a study of the economic impacts of the project on Grand County.
  - d. Water Issues – Mark Sovine – Requested a discussion on water quality monitoring as part of the remediation program. Sue Bellagamba requested Lee review water quality data from sampling points in the Matheson Wetlands Preserve and an update from the project team on the cause of death of the fish found after the September ammonia exceedance. Lee will follow up on all of these requests.
  - e. Emergency Issues – Corky Brewer – Corky had to leave earlier but Lee reported being included in several project team meetings and a drill with Grand County responders as they worked together to fine-tune emergency response at both sites.

- f. Road/Rail Issues –Dave Vaughn – Dave was unable to attend as the heavy overnight snows in the area required his full attention today.
  - g. Utah DEQ – Connie Nakahara – Announced that Bill Sinclair would be retiring December 11 and that she would let Lee know who should replace Bill on the MTPSC contact list.
  - h. National Parks Issues – Jeff Troutman – Jeff will arrange time to talk with Lee about his vision for post-project use of the Moab site. Lee noted that he had met with Kate Cannon as well to discuss this issue.
8. Future Agenda Items – There were no future agenda items identified other than those above.
9. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Shenton  
Grand County UMTRA Liaison