MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE
Quarterly Meeting
Anchor Location: Grand County Commission Chambers 125 E Center St, Moab, UT 84532
Held virtually on Zoom and Livestreamed on YouTube

MTPSC MINUTES

Tuesday, January 24, 2024 at 3:00PM (MST)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 23, 2024 quarterly meeting of the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee was called to order at 3:01pm. The following committee members were in attendance:

Mary McGann (Grand County Commission), Dave Pals (Bureau of Land Management), Colin Topper (City of Moab Representative), Kelly Thorton (Department of Workforce Services), Tony Mancuso (Department of Natural Resources), Ben Fredregill (Grand Co. Department of Economic Development), Cora Phillips (Grand Co. Office of Emergency Management), Elissa Martin (Grand Co. Planning and Zoning Department), Joette Langianese (Grand Co. Resident Representative), Bill Jackson (Grand Co. Roads Department), Ben Musselman (Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency), Josh Green (Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency), Amy Tendick (National Park Service), Phil Goble (Utah Department of Environmental Quality), Larry Ellertson (Representative from the Utah 3rd Congressional District U.S. Senator's Office), Joel Brown (Representative from the Utah Senate District 26 State Senator's Office), and Kent Wilson (Representative from the Utah Senate District 26 State Senator's Office).

The following non-committee members were in attendance:

Matt Udovitsch (DOE), Barbara Michel (DOE), Katrina Lund (North Wind Portage, Remedial Action Contract), Liz Moran (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Jim Ritchey (North Wind Portage, Remedial Action Contract), Russ von Koch (Site Futures Committee), Ken Pill (DOE), Ken Kiesel (North Wind Portage, Remedial Action Contract), Christopher Pulskamp (DOE), Kenny Schafer (DOE), and Jessica Thacker (Grand County UMTRA Liaison/Technical Inspector).

Per Resolution 3198 at least seven committee members were present to constitute a quorum.

B. INTRODUCTIONS

C. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2023 MINUTES

MOTION: Joette Langianese motioned to approve the minutes for the October 24, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Phil Goble. All in favor with Colin Topper abstaining – motion passes.

D. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No comments were received.

E. MOAB UMTRA PROJECT UPDATE

Matt Udovitsch provided a detailed project update stating that remnants of the historical Atlas Mill facility had been removed with no safety or environmental issues and indicated the removal as a key step to closure and a visual indicator of progress. He indicated that cell expansion at the Crescent Junction site had been completed as well. Matt Udovitsch expressed appreciation with the organization and success of the recently held tile transfer ceremony while reiterating the process for the removal, transport, and disposal of the historical autoclaves. He indicated the final status survey would begin in April to survey remediated areas to EPA parameters with the hopes of reducing overall closure time and that the end state vision document had begun development as well. Matt Udovitsch stated the budget request for 2024 was $67M with some minor carryover from the previous year to be used for non-routine activities.

Liz Moran provided a detailed project update in regards to groundwater remediation and subsequent closure at the site stating that the plan had been completed in October and was available for public review. She stated that several field investigations such as soil gas surveys had been completed and preliminary data was being complied. Liz Moran summarized the previously held hydroxy apatite study and stated that while funding had run out for the study, the project continued to sample and observe a decrease in uranium concentrations. Phil Goble requested further information on the surface water standards that were being utilized as well as the evapotranspiration cover (ET) design.

F. COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM (CCBGP) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA) NUMBER: DE-FOA-0003131 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Mary McGann indicated that the Grand County Planning and Zoning Department had assisted in the development of the concept paper for this opportunity and stated the purpose of the grant as well as a summary of the concept that had been submitted. Elissa Martin stated that she had requested additional input from the Site Futures Committee to increase the request's consideration. Russ von Koch expressed appreciation to the Planning Department's assistance in the development of this grant request. Elissa Martin stated the requested amount would be determined if an invitation to submit was received. Discussion on the reasoning behind the concept request as well as the potential land transfer of the site ensued.

G. AIR MONITORING AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES STATUS UPDATES

Jessica Thacker provided a detailed presentation regarding activities observed at the Project along with a summary of air monitoring data for both sites (Moab and Crescent Junction). The full status update can be found on the Grand County Moab UMTRA website or by email at jthacker@grandcountyutah.net

H. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO MODIFY MTPSC QUARTERLY MEETING DATES IN APRIL AND JULY

Mary McGann stated she requested had previously requested the inclusion of this agenda item due to potential scheduling conflicts but indicated they had been resolved. Joette Langianese requested consideration of changing the By-Laws to include the appointment of a Vice-Chair to avoid any future scheduling conflicts.

I. STAKEHOLDERS UPDATE

Joette Langianese provided a brief summary of the lobbying efforts in Washington D.C. on March 11-13 as well as the purpose of lobbying which is to secure continued funding for the UMTRA project. Mary McGann expressed appreciation to individuals that have continually provided political support to the project as well as opened consideration to potential changes to the organization of the MTPSC as the project comes closer to closure. Minor discussion on this consideration ensued and Joette Langianese stated this should be included as a discussion item for the April meeting.

J. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

No future considerations were provided.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mary McGann adjourned the meeting at 4:21PM.