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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program  
Advisory Minutes  
February 22, 2017  
East Helena City Hall

**Present:**

Betsy Burns, USEPA  
Robert Moler, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator  
Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark Public Health  
Daryl Reed, MTDEQ  
Molly Roby, PWT  
Debb Tillo, LEAP  
Jan Williams, LEAP  
Judy Leland, East Helena City Council  
Ron Whitmoyer, Supt. East Helena Public Schools

Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She asked if there were any public comments.

Ron stated that the contract for the well transfer in Dartman Field will be signed in a couple days. The DNRC Reclamation Grant has been approved and all 50 acres can be re-claimed. Deep disc tilling and a Baker plow have been used on 2 test plots (100' by 100') in Dartman Field to get the soils to the residential cleanup level of 500 ppm lead for the new school. When the results come back Betsy would like a copy. If everything goes as planned the new school construction is scheduled to start July 12<sup>th</sup>. Ron also added that the 'Fun Run' will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kathy would like LEAP to address any dust control issues that may arise from work being done on Dartman Fields.

Kathy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There was one. Under RCRA Program Reports – Betsy would like the 3<sup>rd</sup> bulleted item to read:

**"EPA meeting for Greenway property disposition with the State"** instead of, "The Trust, Prickly Pear Land Trust and Greenway will be meeting for property disposition with the State."

The minutes were then approved as read.

## Program Reports:

Betsy gave the following updates for both the RCRA and CERCLA programs:

### RCRA

- Re-veg work is underway.
- Would like to meet at the Trust office for the next meeting and take a tour of the plant-site to see the completed work.
- CMS work – Internal Trust review and then it will go to the beneficiaries after that.
- Prickly Pear Land Trust (PPLT) is interested in 40 acre of State land on the Prickly Pear (PP) corridor. Kathy mentioned that the Water Quality Protection District may be able to help with stream work on the PP corridor and to just let her know.
- Two Helena High teachers, Brandon Day and Tyler Hollow, are looking to involve their classes more in community health. They plan on getting the kids out to take pictures, make videos and do PSA's on what's happening locally and get more community folks involved.
- East Valley Middle School did a video on the site and Betsy would like to put some of those things on the Trust website.

### CERCLA

- Robert has redone the EH website and has included a video Cindy put together of 2012 drone shots before work was done till now.
- Community Outreach – Betsy would like to see more success stories of what we have accomplished in East Helena through the years.
- Blood Lead Screening – open the dialogue early with St. Pete's.
- PWT sampled the RRROW – Molly showed the results and they will start clean-up this fall.
- PWT will wrap up the Blood Lead and EA QAPP hopefully by the end of June.
- Two new residential properties are on the list for sampling this summer.
- Betsy would like CGWA inquiries added to the Cooperative Agreement

### Kathy

- We will be reviewing the ICP and re-doing the Soil Regulation.
- We should know if we are accredited sometime in June
- Finishing up on the budget
- Water Quality Board would like 3-5 PM's and more if needed, LEAP could also be this way.
- Pete Schade has been hired as our new Water Quality Specialist.

Robert discussed the targeted time line for an Outreach Campaign. The project design includes:

- ✓ Assessment
- ✓ Plan
- ✓ Do
- ✓ Evaluation
- ✓ Re-assessment
- Robert stated that our key audiences would be schools and daycares.
- Key partners should include: EPA, DEQ, L&C County.
- Methods - educational outreach which includes webpage, videos, and fact sheets

To go to the EPA East Helena webpage:

epa.gov/mt -> environmental info -> clean up -> superfund -> east Helena

Daryl is working with the Federal Waste Management Program to internally review ICP's. It is based on Libby and what has and hasn't worked there. He liked our ICP's and said East Helena is a shining example. He also noted that EPA and DEQ are realizing they need IC's developed around the state.

Debb gave the following updates for the soil regulation since the last meeting:

811 calls – 203

Certifications –27

Soil Displacement permits – 21

Jan discussed Midis and that we have been asked to track all elevated blood lead levels in Lewis and Clark County. Betsy would like to add the elevated blood lead levels for East Helena. Kathy said the MOU's with other counties to follow up on elevated blood lead levels are with the Health Department not LEAP.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2017, at 9:00 at the METG office with a tour of the plant site to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.