

East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program
Advisory Minutes
June 17, 2015
City Hall
East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of East Helena Schools

Greg Hayes, PWT

Daryl Reed, MTDEQ

Betsy Burns, USEPA

Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark County

Debb Tillo, LEAP

Jan Williams, LEAP

James Schell, Mayor of East Helena

Kathy Erickson, Superfund Community Involvement Support

Kathy M. called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. There were no public comments and no additional items added to the agenda. Betsy had one correction to the minutes - on the 2nd page, the 2nd paragraph, the 2nd sentence, it should state, "that RR ROW's adjacent to residential areas **would be** cleaned up to residential levels". With that correction, the minutes were approved as read.

Program Reports:

Mayor Schell gave an update of previous e-mails and conversations with Mark Kaltenbach, at 11 N. Helena Avenue, concerning the train depot next to Mark's property. Jamie said they haven't found a new location yet for the train depot and that plastic wrap will be kept on the building while it's in its present location. Betsy will meet with Mark and discuss possibly re-sampling his property. Jaime will provide a letter to Mr. Kaltenbach discussing what measures have been taken by the City of East Helena concerning the train depot, as well as, an offer to re-sample his property and another offer to have his son's blood lead level tested if he wants it done.

Jaime thanked the Board of Health and Lewis and Clark County for joining him in seeking state assistance to remove East Helena from a federal listing for failing to attain air quality standards for sulfur dioxide and lead.

Betsy said PWT is developing the Pre-final Remedial Design Package and the final bid package for 1 residential yard, 23 road aprons, and 17 flood channel sections. Betsy said the tentative schedule for cleanup is September-November 2015 and Spring 2016. She stated that all buildings on the plant site except the water treatment plant have been demolished. Betsy also said that American Chemet has entered into an AOC (Administrative Order on Consent) to characterize the soils they had moved to the repository last year.

Greg said the Long Term Monitoring (LTM) Field Sampling Plan is being reviewed by the EPA and includes all 30 properties on the list. He is also working on the field sampling plan for Rail Road Right-of-Way property adjacent to residential property.

Ron said the School District has made an offer to METG to acquire an additional 50 acres of land in the East Helena area. The School District will need some assistance to clean up the property and they're thinking of applying for a reclamation grant to help out with this issue. Ron said scheduling and timing is very crucial right now and there is only a small window of opportunity to get this done. The School District would like something in writing from the METG (like a 'buy-sell', for instance) so they can move forward in applying for the grant.

Kathy M. said DNRC has until July 23rd to make a decision on the draft document to create a Controlled Ground Water Area (CGWA) in the East Valley. She is developing IC's for Ten Mile Creek and has submitted a one year work plan. Kathy is also working on the East Helena Cooperative Agreement.

For May/June 2015 the LEAP has received (99) 811 calls, certified (19) individuals, and issued (14) soil displacement permits.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the East Helena City Council Chambers.