

Summary Notes – June 12th, 2018
 Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)
 Strategic & Legacy Management (SLM) Committee Meeting

The SLM Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, June 12th, 2018, from 6:30 – 8:20 pm, at the Department of Energy Meeting Center in Aiken, SC. It was also streamed online via YouTube and posted to the CAB website and YouTube channel. The purpose of this meeting was to receive updates on the Point of Contact status. There was also time set aside for committee discussion and public comments.

Attendees:

<u>CAB:</u> Gil Allensworth Betty Cook Doug Howard Daniel Kaminski Narinder Malik Robert Smith Joyce Underwood David Vovakes Mary Weber Bobbie Williams	<u>DOE/Contractors/Others:</u> James Tanner, S&K Federica Staton, S&K Chelsea Gitzen, S&K Carol Barry, SRNS Kristin Huber, SRNS	<u>Agency Liaisons:</u> None <u>Stakeholders:</u> None
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Committee Welcome: Dan Kaminski, SLM Chair

Mr. Kaminski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Point of Contact Status Update: Zachary Todd, DOE-SR

Mr. Todd gave a status update on any projects at SRS pertaining to the committee scope.

Q&A Session

Mr. Vovakes asked what the status is of the strategic plan. Mr. Todd answered that EM1 is very analytic and currently figuring out the process and assembling the strategic plan using the software mentioned in the update. Mr. Vovakes asked if DOE has released their strategic plan. Mr. Todd replied no. Mr. Vovakes pointed out that in the chart for FY 19 EM funding there is a mini bus for appropriation funding while in past years it's been an omnibus. He then noted that energy and water has passed the House, while the Senate will stay for August. He also speculated that a continuing resolution is likely to happen, and the president threatens a government shutdown. Mr. Todd responded that everything Mr. Vovakes has said is pretty factual, but there have been significant efforts within the organization to avoid a continuing resolution.

Mr. Allensworth asked how the CAB and public can educate the House since SDU 7 is funded but will fill rapidly, and SDU 8 & 9 are gutted as far as budgeting goes – which will stop the SWPF. Mr. Todd answered that the House is aware and understands this. He further noted a repeal of the budget is being prepared at the site, and committees in the House are briefed regularly as far as budgeting and SRS operations go. Mr. Allensworth continued by stating the House is cutting safeguards and securities while SRS experienced a strike from the Centerra security forces last year, and the House is cutting SDUs while SWPF is scheduled to start up soon. Mr. Todd added that PBS20 includes safeguards and securities, and the \$10 million which will be taken out will be put towards a security system.

Ms. Underwood asked if other sites experienced comparable cuts. Mr. Todd replied no. Mr. Allensworth added not even close. Mr. Kaminski also added that something has to come of that. Mr. Todd responded the difference is between the president's requested budget and the House & Senate marks. He further noted the site will get an increase from FY18 to FY19.

Mr. Vovakes asked how much of the \$1.5 billion for FY18 will go to the pension, and how much of \$1.7 billion for FY19 will go to the pension. Mr. Todd answered he would have to look at the pension funding and provide an answer after the meeting. Mr. Vovakes asked how much is it increasing from FY18-FY19. Mr. Todd replied that it's in John Lopez's presentation from the May full board meeting. Mr. Kaminski noted this amount is \$40 million.

Committee Discussion: DOE-SR Budget & Process

Mr. Allensworth stated that he is worried SWPF will be a hot-button issue and locals will say something like, "we've spent all of this money and now we can't start it." He further noted SWPF doesn't need to be a punching bag for people who don't know what's going on with the budget.

Mr. Kaminski asked if SDU 6 is the same size as 7. Mr. Folk responded yes, further noting SDUs 7-12 will be about the same size as SDU 6. He added that the total volume for each is about 30 million gallons which is estimated to take about 18 months to fill.

Mr. Allensworth made the observation that DOE HQ is looking favorably EM-wide at infrastructure, and suggested tying all recommendations to infrastructure need. He further pointed out that this is an opportunity for the CAB to help say we need SDUs for SWPF or money spent on SWPF to ensure \$2 billion wasn't spent just to shut it down.

Mr. Kaminski asked when will SDU 7 be finished. Mr. Folk answered that he doesn't have that information with him but he could get it after the meeting.

Mr. Smith asked what is defined as infrastructure. Mr. Todd replied that there are two types of infrastructure which all fall under – program and common. He then explained that common infrastructure includes roads, etc. and varies from there. He continued by noting PBS32 is dedicated to infrastructure and land management, but it includes an EOC, D Area Ash Basin and IT support.

Mr. Vovakes stated the Energy & Water Appropriations bill which passed includes rationale, and asked if the DOE-SR budget includes the same. Mr. Todd responded that typically DOE-SR has to ask HQ who then asks various departments for an answer.

Mr. Kaminski asked when the appeal will occur. Mr. Todd answered that it is currently being processed which is lengthy. Mr. Kaminski then asked if the CAB IPL is sent up to DOE HQ. Mr. Todd replied that he will follow up to find out. Mr. Kaminski continued by asking if the CAB can get a recommendation made and passed before the appeal is decided upon. Mr. Vovakes responded that it is unlikely that the House and Senate will have a conference since they have been a rarity in the past few years. Mr. Kaminski then asked if there are any volunteers to write this as a recommendation, which there was not, so he volunteered to work on it himself and asked if other members would assist him. Mr. Malik volunteered and suggested Mr. Vovakes as well.

Committee Discussion: Recruitment & Retention

Mr. Kaminski asked if there has been aged people who take exception to recruitment efforts. Ms. Barry answered that SRNS average hiring is age 38 and has stayed virtually about the same since

2014. She noted that it would be a huge mistake to hire at all one level of experience. She then continued noting she had hired a benefits manager four years ago who was 60. Mr. Kaminski then asked if we are on track for recruitment. Ms. Barry replied yes, they've been able to fill the gap and just because someone is able to retire doesn't mean they will – which is a private matter for those individuals. She further added that there is a steady flow both with employees leaving and coming in.

Committee Discussion: Natural Resources Management Plan

Mr. Howard noted that he may have a recommendation for feral hogs, which is the subject of another presentation in September so he will go from there.

DOE Response: Recommendation #351 SRNL Funding

Mr. Kaminski summarized and read the recommendation, then summarized and read the DOE response in its entirety.

Mr. Vovakes asked if DOE-SR does budget formulation for SRNL. Mr. Todd responded that it falls under indirects which is a team he is on. Mr. Vovakes noted that according to figures online, in FY17 \$6.8 million was budgeted, in FY18 \$5.5 million was budgeted, and in FY19 \$814,000 is estimated to be budgeted.

Mr. Kaminski asked for a motion to move this response to the next full board meeting for closure, which was made and seconded. This response passed with a unanimous vote of 9 yay.

Public Comment

None.

~Meeting Adjourned