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FINAL Meeting Minutes

Subject: Qawalangin (regional) FUDS RAB Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 02, 2023

Time 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Unalaska City Council Chambers

Attendees: **RAB Members Present:**
Denise Rankin, Community Co-Chair
James (Jim) T Paulin
Elise Contreras (virtual)
Michael Tutiakoff
Ben Leon-Guerrero (virtual)
Rena B Flint, USACE Tri-Chair

RAB Members Not Present:
Okalena Patricia Lekanoff Gregory
Kale Bruner
David M Gregory

RAB Members Absence Excused:
Alyssa K. McDonald, Community Tri-Chair

In person Attendees:
Thomas Rufous (City of Unalaska)
Forrest Kranda (USACE)
Tyler Tesse (USACE)
Ellis Berry
Hope McKenney
Allen Wilmarth
Natalie Cale
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Art Christensen

Virtual Attendees:
Aaron Acena (USACE)
Jessequa Parker (USACE)
Carrie Nelson (USACE)
Mike MacMillan (USACE)
Caryn Orvis (Ahtna)
Jennifer Anderson (Aleut Remediation)
Cascade Galasso-Irish (ADEC)
Tim Plucinski (USFWS)
Frank
David Holmes (Stantec)
Levi Collins (EA Engineering)



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1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Rena kicked off the meeting with opening remarks and reviewed the agenda.
 - b. Roll call conducted. With six (6) there is a quorum.
2. Revise/Adopt May 17, 2023 Minutes
 - a. Rena asked for a motion to Revise/Adopt May 17, 2023 Minutes
 - b. Denise moved to adopt minutes from May 17, 2023. Elise seconded motion.

Decision: Adopt the minutes as written.

3. Local Updates/Community Introductions/Public Comment
 - a. Rena requested those in the room to introduce themselves if willing to do so.
4. Camp Qungaayux Update
 - a. Rena gave a brief update on USACE participation at Camp Q today.
 - b. Forrest gave a brief update on the archeology portion of the Camp Q presentation.
 - c. Denise said that she hoped this was the second of many that USACE will be invited to Camp Q.
 - d. Michael added that it is valuable that the kids get to see all of the career options.
5. City of Unalaska Brownfields Advisory Board Update
 - a. Thomas Roufos introduce the city received a grant Brownfields.
 - b. David gave a brief overview of what has been completed to date including the Quality Assurance Project Plan, the Community Outreach, Program for Assessment of Hazardous Materials in WWII Cabanas, Eligibility Determinations, Site Inventory Tool including georeferencing WWII maps to create a geodatabase, LiDAR Areal Mapping and Lake Bottom Surveys. Next steps include finalizing documents, inventory tool, confirming eligibility for Strawberry Hill and Pyramid Valley.
 - c. Denise asked if they have to work with the BIA to get permissions and asked for clarification on what "removed" meant. Thomas clarified that removal could also be removal of the contaminated material not the building or home itself. It would be a voluntary program in hope of getting people into healthier living conditions.
 - d. Cas had a question about the QAPP worksheets and who they worked with at ADEC. David was not sure.

Action Item: David will check who they were working with at ADEC.

- e. Jennifer asked to clarify the schedule. Thomas clarified.
 - f. Ellis Berry asked if the GIS database would be shared with the public. David described a phased approach with this unique situation.
 - g. Rena thanked the RAB for hosting this collaboration effort. She also asked about the bathymetry. David clarified that the total intent is not to duplicate anything.
 - h. Ben asked for clarification assessment target areas and how they would identify that site in the report for further cleanup.
6. Rena motioned to take a break from 1853 to 1900. Jim seconded the motion.

Decision: Adjourn for break returning at 1900.

7. Cape Wislow AWS Station FUDS Update (Forrest Kranda)
 - a. Forrest introduced himself and presented background of the Cape Wislow AWS Station FUDS site and findings of the site visit from this summer.
 - b. Denise asked if there was cause for concern of PCBs in the Area.
 - c. Jim asked about Screw Pickets.
 - d. Thomas asked if there was drone mapping.
8. Amaknak FUDS Range Complex No. 1 Emergency Response Update



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- a. Rena gave a description of the 28 June 2023 incident as she understands it. Denise thanked the RAB for their efforts educating the community on the hazards.
9. Amaknak FUDS Pre-WWII Tank Farm Update
 - a. Rena gave an update of the Pre-WWII Tank Farm site and project and the fieldwork that was completed this May.
10. Amaknak FUDS Unalaska Valley Update
 - a. Rena gave an update of the Unalaska Valley site and project.
 - b. Cas asked about the drinking water well and if it was sampled.
 - c. Art Christenson asked what happened to the soil.
 - d. Ellis asked when the groundwater samples would come back.
11. Review Next Meeting Dates/Identify Next Steps
 - a. Next RAB Meeting: Hybrid (In-person and Virtual), November or January (Wednesday)
 - i. Rena asked for a motion to select a date for the next meeting.
 - ii. Denise mentioned that the Ounalashka Corporation has a meeting planned for November.
 - iii. Michael moved to hold the meeting on 8 November 2023. Denise seconded the motion.
 - iv. Ben will not be available/objected to that date.

Decision: The next meeting is scheduled for 8 November 2023

- b. Next Steps/Action Item Review
 - i. Mel reviewed one action item.
 - ii. Forrest added that he owes the RAB photos of the tram car.

Action item: Forrest owes the RAB some photos of the tram car.

12. Other Announcements/Unplanned Items/Open Discussion
 - a. Recap of Old Business/New Business
 - i. There was discussion of the GIS software.
 - b. Rena motioned to adjourn. Jim seconded the motion.

Decision: the meeting was adjourned at 1953.

DECISION ITEM SUMMARY		
Decision	Motion made by	Seconded motion
Adopt the minutes as written.	Denise	Elise
Adjourn for break returning at 1900	Rena	Jim
The next meeting is scheduled for 8 November 2023	Michael	Denise
The meeting was adjourned at 1953	Rena	Jim
ACTION ITEM SUMMARY		
Action	Owner	Status
David to check who they were working with at ADEC.	David Holmes (Stantec)	
Forrest owes the RAB some photos of the tram car.	Forrest Kranda (USACE)	



Participant List

Participants (15)

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Melissa Scully USACE

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Aaron Acena

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Carrie Nelson

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Caryn Orvis

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Chat Record

There was no chat activity.