

**Toledo Harbor Dredging Task Force
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 10, 2012

Location: One Maritime Plaza, 720 Water Street, 3rd floor, Toledo, OH 43604

Attending Committee Members:

Joe Cappel, TLCPA
Gilda Mitchell, TLCPA
Gail Hesse, OLEC
John Watkins, ODNR
Elizabeth Wick, Ohio EPA-NWDO
Mary Knapp, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mike Pniewski, USACE
Paul Roman, City of Oregon
Paul Pacholski, Lake Erie Charter Boat Assoc.

Guests:

Linda Greenwood, Sen. Rob Portman
Jane Ruvolo, Rep. Marcy Kaptur
John Hull, Hull & Associates, Inc.
Kelly Bensman, Hull & Associates, Inc.
Kristin Gardner, Hull & Associates, Inc.
Fernando Camargo, Hull & Associates, Inc.
Philip Hicks, Hull & Associates, Inc.

Committee Members Not Present:

Paul LaMarre, TLCPA
Matt Sapara, TLCPA
Paul Toth, TLCPA
Jeff Reuter, OSU Stone Lab
Kelly Tubbs, Kuhlman Corporation
Eileen Granata, ODOD
Brooke Furio, USEPA, Region 5
Tim Schetter, Toledo Area Metroparks
Rick Unger, Lake Erie Charter Boat Assoc.
LTC Stephen Bales, USACE
Josh Feldmann, USACE
Craig Forgette, USACE
Ron Kozlowski, USACE
Scott Pickard, USACE
David Romano, USACE
David Knight, Great Lakes Commission
Cheryl Rice, Lucas County USDA NRCS
Sandy Bihn, Lake Erie Waterkeepers
Tim Murphy, City of Toledo
Tom Hays, Lucas County
Peter Ujvagi, Lucas County
Mark Locker, ODOT
Eric Neff, ODOT
John Recker, ODOT
Dick Bartz, USGS

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

The Task Force approved the December 2011 meeting minutes.

Mr. John Hull provided Task Force members with an overview of the draft Toledo Harbor Sediment Management and Use Plan and discussed the PowerPoint presentation (attached). Mr. Hull explained the plan development process and presented the preliminary ranking of sediment management and use options. Sediment management and use options identified as favorable included agricultural field improvements, open-lake placement with controls, and wetland and nearshore enhancement, and beneficial use. Task Force members provided feedback regarding their opinion of these options as well as comments related to other sediment management options such as the use of geotubes and upland sediment reduction strategies.

Mr. Hull led a discussion regarding the format of the second public forum. Members discussed having the technical team provide a presentation of the planning process and the results of the prioritization of sediment management and use alternatives. The group discussed having a panel to field questions and comments at the end of the second forum to gain stakeholder feedback on the identified options.

Mr. Hull led the group in a discussion regarding potential project ideas for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding, which will focus on projects involving nutrients, Areas of Concern, and invasive species. The Task Force discussed the need for projects that can result in immediate benefits and the open-lake placement with controls option was identified as a potential project that might be considered for a GLRI application. Mr. Hull discussed a draft white paper regarding open-lake placement of dredged material with controls to reduce nutrient availability and sediment re-suspension.

Mr. Pniewski updated the Task Force on Ohio EPA's March 2012 public hearing regarding USACE's Section 401 request to complete the 2012 federal channel maintenance dredging of the Toledo Harbor. Mr. Pniewski stated the USACE will award the dredging contract upon receipt of Ohio EPA's approval of the Section 401 application.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:50 p.m.