

Town of Dewey Humboldt
Environmental Issues Advisory Committee
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
June 30, 2011, 1:30 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Chair Treesha deFrance presided.
2. **ROLL CALL:** EIAC Committee Members Bob Bowman, Floyd Wright, Doris Cellarius, and Chair Treesha deFrance were present.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** - All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Town Committee and will be enacted by one motion.
 - 3.1. **Minutes. Minutes from June 30, 2010 Regular Meeting.** Floyd Wright made a motion to approve 3.1 Minutes from the June 30, 2010 meeting, Bob Bowman seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **REGULAR AGENDA – Unfinished Business.** None
5. **REGULAR AGENDA – New Business.**

5.1 Iron King Mine - Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site. Committee members discussed the current status of the TAG grant recipient, with apparently no communications between the TAG and the town clerk as of now; North American Industries current air permit/dust control plan; Monika O’Sullivan emailed that there have been numerous complaints regarding blowing dust, apparently portions of the sealant that was placed on the Humboldt Smelter parcel’s contaminants and that EPA is seeking a solution; Monika O’Sullivan has a new support project manager, Jeff Dhont, and the ADEQ Superfund team has new project manager, Tina LePage; Monika O’Sullivan reported in the email correspondence that EPA is busy with preparing for an interim cleanup action for selected residential yards; members reviewed the memo the chair presented to the Town Council on 2.25.11; discussion regarding the issue of how EPA sets the background level for the cleanup and if it is protective enough due to how high it is; Doris reported a correspondence from EPA that states that the speciation of arsenic proves that there is ongoing dust migration from the smelter into residential area. Doris will provide copies of this for distribution to the members; three of four potentially responsible parties have submitted paperwork to validate an inability to financially contribute to the cleanup according to Monika O’Sullivan.

The chair was asked to write several correspondences on behalf of the EIAC:

1. to Monika O’Sullivan, EPA – asking about background determination, how many homes will not be cleaned up at the new higher number, what recourse is there if the Town or community members are not confident that the high background level is protective enough; when the cleanup starts, is the testing window closed if any residents would like to participate in being tested and possibly eligible for cleanup; what does she mean when she says that “the material applied on the Iron King Mine is still in place?”; to reply to her offer that we would be interested in meeting with her next time she is in town or by phone conference call; asking how the TAG grant will interface and share information

with the Town and the community, and when and how we might learn something about their activities; 2. to the TAG grant recipient organization asking if they would like to attend an upcoming EIAC meeting with or without their consultant to update us on their activities.

3. Contact the USGS regarding a recently released report for our area. If the report is available and can be on the next agenda, it will be on the next agenda.

Comments from the Public for this agenda item were made by Jerry Brady who stated that there is a strict new protocol for communications now that the town has an emergency response arrangement with the county and that there are numerous problems that the Town has including that the 2005 zoning map does not indicate the superfund area, that the Town is not qualifying for research and development funds as well as cleanup funds until all interagency protocols and integrations between agencies, including homeland security, Yavapai County, flood control etc, which are relevant to EIAC communications also, are corrected and completed. This is my best understanding of his complex comments and may be inaccurate and incomplete. Doris offered to speak with Nick Angiolillo regarding these matters about communications and Community Right to Know compliance and her findings will be on our next agenda.

5.2 EIAC business including review of Dewey-Humboldt Policies and Procedures and selection of regular meeting date and time. The committee members chose to have the last Thursday of every month at 1:30 as the regular meeting time at Town Hall for the EIAC. The committee reviewed the EIAC Section 31.25 of Town Code or Ord. 09-49. The Policies and Procedures will be on the next agenda as a copy of those was not located in time for this meeting.

6. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Treesha deFrance, Chair

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk