

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**June 30, 2010, 2:30 pm**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** *The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.*
2. **ROLL CALL:** *EIAC Committee Members Bob Bowman, Ashley Preston, Rose Eitemiller and Chair Treasha 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.

At a Committee Member's request only, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. If a citizen desires separate consideration of an item, they must approach a Committee Member prior to the meeting and ask that the Committee Member request that the item be removed.

**3.1.Minutes. Minutes from April 29, 2010 Regular Meeting.**

*Ashley Preston made a motion to approve 3.1 Minutes from the April 29, 2010 Regular Meeting, with several typos corrected, Bob Bowman seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.*

4. **REGULAR AGENDA – Unfinished Business** - Discussion and Possible Action on any issue which was not concluded, was postponed, or was tabled during a prior meeting.
5. **REGULAR AGENDA – New Business** - Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Committee.

**5.1. Welcome new member Rose Eitemiller; Learn about her areas of interest.**

*Rose is interested in the following Dewey-Humboldt environmental issues: Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site and local environmental debris such as junk cars, old railroad artifacts and roadside litter. EIAC will at some point express these concerns to the Town Council. Rose is also in the process of forming a non-profit to apply for the EPA Technical Assistance Grant (TAG), and is working on the grant application paperwork.*

**5.2. Update from Ashley Preston and Rose Eitemiller regarding their application for the EPA Technical Assistance Grant.**

*Rose and Ashley updated us about the new non-profit corporation they are forming PRES-EITE Coalition Against Contamination,(PECAC) to apply for the TAG grant. They are almost finished with both the corporation papers and the TAG grant application. They use their already existing website [dhironkingmelter.info](http://dhironkingmelter.info) for the new corporation, and [dhsmelter@gmail.com](mailto:dhsmelter@gmail.com) for the corporation's email address. They updated us on communications they have received from community members, a local videographer, an attorney, and the Grass Roots U of A project. Leah Butler, EPA, was in attendance and said no other interest has been received by EPA for the grant, and that Rose and Ashley are moving forward with good progress.*

**5.3. Iron King Mine - Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site.**

*Lengthy discussion between EIAC members and with Leah Butler took place. Among the topics discussed were: current status of the storm water containment at NAI, the presence of antimony, boron, thallium and other metals in previous EPA reports, location and status of the mine shafts at*

*Iron King, the status of the waste left at Aquatec/Nolan property. Leah was planning to inspect it and will let us know what she learns.*

*Leah gave us an update on the following items: the Reuse Assessment is completed and will be released soon, application of the dust suppressant at the Humboldt Smelter is underway by the property owner, this option may be considered by the NAI property owners for the uncovered parts of the tailings pile, the U of A has installed their revegetation test plot and the owner has applied wood chips to a portion of the tailings, there is an engineering study underway to determine the stability of the large tailings pile at NAI, the Remedial Alternatives Technical Evaluation will include these findings and will be released for comment soon, a new arsenic background amount was determined by the recent additional background sampling, which is 40 ppm rather than the previously announced 50 ppm, EPA is likely to use the more protective lead remedial level of 150 ppm rather than the state's 400 ppm because newer research on lead hazards indicate that no level of lead exposure is safe, of the 45 yards sampled during the investigation, approximately less than half will require cleanup, 182 additional yards were sampled recently and these findings will become an addendum to the Remedial Investigation report and their need for cleanup will be evaluated, 60 yards in that area were not sampled, and are of concern, and as the work progresses EPA will continue to find and communicate with the property owners, request access, do sampling and assess those yards.*

*Leah is leaving her position as our site supervisor, selection from among four applicants, all experienced site managers, is underway. Leah said this site rises to the top of sites as being one of the best to work on due to the active, involved community and local government we have here.*

*When asked what her remaining technical/other concerns are for the site, Leah said she recommends ongoing communications with the new EPA manager to keep the progress and momentum going, the assessment and stabilization of the large tailings pile since it collapsed once already, discharging tailings into the Chaparral Gulch, the difficulty to work in and around the Chaparral Gulch due to accessing it with large equipment, its ecological restoration, and the balancing of the wishes of the owners of the smelter with the preservation of the history by the community.*

*Leah will write one more last update article for the D-H newsletter, and send out one more email to the email list.*

*Ashley will forward U of A well testing information to the chair who will pass the info along to the newsletter.*

*Mayor Len Marinaccio said he received a call from the U of A Grass Roots project manager, so the project may be ready to move forward.*

#### **5.4. EIAC business.**

*With our new member, we revisited some issues. It was agreed to keep the regular meeting time the last Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm, the chair will do the minutes, and in the absence of the chair, another member will assume the chair's duties for that occasion.*

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance. For the official record, individuals will state their name. Any such remarks shall be addressed to the Committee as a whole and not to any member thereof. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes per person unless additional time is granted by the Chair. At the conclusion of

all of the unscheduled comments of all interested members of the public and at the discretion of the Chair, individual members of the Committee may respond to criticism regarding the item addressed, may ask the matter be reviewed by Town Staff, or may ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The total time for Comments from the Public shall be 30 minutes per meeting.

*Mayor Len Marinaccio commented and participated in the discussion with Leah under item 5.3 and had no further comments at this time.*

**6. ADJOURN.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.*

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Treesha deFrance, Chair

ATTEST:

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Judy Morgan, Town Clerk