



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HUNTINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
502 EIGHTH STREET
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25701-2070

October 26, 2018

Zoar Public Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 17, 2018

Meeting Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm (Approximate)

Meeting Location: Zoar School House

Attendees included those listed in Appendix A

- Rebecca Bennett (lead engineer) opened with an overview of the project, including cost share responsibilities (MWCD), schedule, real estate, and total cost.
- Seth Lyle (geotechnical engineer) discussed the ponding area issues, such as seepage and boils. Lyle went into more detail about seepage, including the piping issues occurring under the levee.
- Lyle discussed then explained the treatment, which will be done with a filter to arrest the erosion and piping issues.
- Internal Erosion Interception Trench (IEIT) is non-erodible material that will be placed at the tow of the levee, and then covered with a filter blanket to apply weight.
 - “Copy of slides available?”
 - Yes- slides will be provided to all Consulting Parties listed in the Programmatic Agreement as well as anyone else who requests a copy
 - “Will the digging occur along the entire length of the levee as one continuous line?”
 - Yes. Lyle showed the mapping with the proposed excavation area.
 - “All work will be done on the interior of the levee?”
 - Yes. It will occur within the government property line.
 - “Will the levee look different?”
 - It’ll mostly look the same. Most of the work will be underground, but it shouldn’t visually change too much.
 - “How high is the berm?”
 - We’re not entirely sure yet, but we don’t expect it to be much higher than it currently is.
 - “When the project is complete, will the level of the toe be at the level of the relief wells?”
 - Possibly. It may be flush with the ground surface.
 - “Will seepage issues along Hart Street change?”

- It probably won't change the seepage issues. We can try to widen the ditch to help more water flow to the pump station. Definitely won't arrest all the seepage issues.
- Nathan White (Archaeologist) discussed Section 106 responsibilities.
- Reviewed Section 106 process and public involvement/engagement, especially in regards to the development of the PA.
- Discussed consulting party list and how to get on that list.
- Minimization of disruptions to festivals and events.
- Will conduct archeological surveys to determine effects, and eliminate or minimize effects to historic resources.
- Briefly reviewed the Programmatic Agreement, and offered the PA to interested parties.
- A website will be created regarding the archeology and historic preservation at Zoar.
- Public outreach is being done now and will continue until work is completed.
- APE could change as time goes on. This will be relayed to the Consulting Parties identified in the PA and coordinated according to the PA and applicable laws.
- Historic properties have been identified, and consulting parties will receive an outline of the archeological methods.
 - “Do we have the WPA HABS/HAER report?”
 - This is on file with the Library of Congress. The District Archaeologist will attempt to locate information for interested parties
- Archeological survey will likely occur in 2019. Shovel testing, possibly supplemented by backhoe trenching and GPR survey will occur.
- Vibration Assessment and Structural Stability Assessment will be conducted by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).
 - “Do we know what kind of equipment we’re using?”
 - Not yet, but the Vibration Assessment will establish baselines for a variety of equipment
- Zoar will remain open during this entire process. Work will be scheduled around annual events, webpage, signs, flyers, interpretive exhibits, and videos will be available. Booths will be staffed at annual events, and regular updates, press releases, and public meetings will be held.
 - “Do we know what is underground before we start archeological survey?”
 - Archaeologists will research/review the area, prior research and predictive models.
 - “What if you uncover something significant?”
 - Work will stop. If it's on federal property, we're required to assess it for inclusion on the National Register. If it's on private land, the property owner will be involved. Point of the Phase I survey is to find what you have. Then we will move forward with a Phase II testing of the site if it's

needed. The public will have an opportunity to comment on archaeological reports

- “Spring 2019 is when archeology will occur? Can we invite the public to watch?”
 - Yes. Public can likely watch, provided this can be undertaken safely. We might be able to make archeology part of the video presentations required by the PA
- “If you find an artifact, where does it go to?”
 - The Corps will curate artifacts as part of the Phase II excavations, if they occur.
 - We might be able to work out a curation/loan agreement, if the artifacts can be stored in a safe location at Zoar.
- “All investigations will occur on government property?”
 - Yes.
- “Tentative schedule for additional meetings?”
 - This will depend largely on input from stakeholders. Stakeholders may not see the need for regular meetings until work gets underway. The PA calls for “monthly meetings” or “as needed”. Discussion centered on having meetings prior to significant project occurrences. We will be available during events that the Village would like the Corps to be present at. The District will also do two school/event visits as part of the PA.

Stakeholders will be consulted in order to schedule subsequent public meetings.

For further information regarding the Programmatic Agreement, archaeology and historic preservation, please contact Nathan White via email: nathan.m.white@usace.army.mil or via telephone, at 304-399-5729

APPENDIX A

NAME	AFFILIATION
Baker, Jon	New Philadelphia Times-Reporter
Baughman, Sherrie	Zoar Wetland Arboretum
Carmany, Stacey	Tusco Television
Elsasser, Jon	Zoar Community Association
Fischer, Hans	Citizen of Zoar
Gordon, Marilyn	Citizen of Zoar
Gordon, Scott	Mayor of Zoar
Jones, Alyssa	Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition
Meiser, Charles	Citizen of Zoar
Meiser, Judy	Citizen of Zoar
Pastircak, Ryan	
Shrum, Tammi	Site Director, Historic Zoar Village
Thouvenin, Holly	Citizen of Zoar
Wilson, Roy	Bolivar
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, HUNTINGTON DISTRICT	
Bennett, Rebecca	USACE, Project Manager
Lyle, Seth	USACE, Lead Engineer
Taylor, Ashley	USACE, Archaeologist
White, Nathan	USACE, Archaeologist