

## PCB DREDGING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2006 – 4:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman DeCerce; Supervisors Lawler, Wood, Richardson, Gutheil and Thompson; Robert Hall, At Large; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Dave Adams, Environmental Services; George Hodgson, Director of Environmental Services; Kristina Reese, County Historian; Press.

Chairman DeCerce called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Gutheil the minutes of the December 13, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**Chairman DeCerce announced the appointment of Mr. Lawler as Vice Chair.**

The following were appointed as members to the Citizens Advisory Group (CAG): Mr. DeCerce, Chair, Mr. Gutheil, Alternate, Mr. Hodgson, Alternate, Mr. Lawler, and Mr. Lilac.

Handouts were distributed to all committee members with regard to the Community Advisory Group (CAG) Retreat held January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Saratoga Spa State Park.

Mr. DeCerce said Saratoga County took a lead with the assistance of Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Adams in projecting problems with noise. The noise level that has been reference as acceptable by EPA is not acceptable to Saratoga County, he said.

Mr. Adams said there was a limited study done by a noise consultant, which showed background levels in the range of a 40/dba sound level. It was suggested and agreed to by the technical committee set up by the CAG, that it would be a good idea to get a more complete set of background data on noise.

Mr. Adams said after consulting with a noise consultant it was suggested that measuring up to five different locations would be adequate. Monitors should take place continuously over a one-week period. The cost estimate is \$8,000.

Mr. Adams said without the background information the county doesn't have as strong of a case to try and persuade the EPA and General Electric to do better than their standards.

Mr. Adams requested that the committee seek funding to obtain the additional background data.

Mr. Lawler said there is money that has been appropriated for this project through the county's contingency funds.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Gutheil to approve a resolution to amend the contract with Cavanaugh Tocci Association to provide an analysis of sound/background noise. The funds will be provided through the county contingency budget in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hodgson said he volunteered to chair a technical subcommittee of the CAG. He said the subcommittee would like to obtain the supplemental information that General Electric is putting together, electronically, when it is sent to the EPA. The draft final design document and the community health and safety plan are scheduled to come out on March 17<sup>th</sup>, he said.

Mr. DeCerce said the next CAG meeting will take place on February 23, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Fort Edward.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Gutheil the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom