



Michigan Underground Storage Tank Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Authority (MUSTA) Board (Board) was held on September 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. virtually via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Eggers, Sr. - Chairman
Greg Gould – Vice-Chairman
Jennifer McKay
Bill Saad
Richard Bratschi
Juman Doleh-Alomary
Mike Neller

1. Call to Order/Establish of a Quorum

Brian Eggers, Sr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum established.

2. Review of Agenda – Board

Brian asked for any revisions to the proposed agenda, none were given.

3. Review of the January 21, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Brian Eggers Sr., Chairman asked if there were any questions, comments, or additions to the January 21, 2020, meeting minutes. Upon hearing no comments, a motion was made by Greg Gould and supported by Juman Doleh-Alomary to approve the January 21, 2020, minutes. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Update on Program Implementation During Work-From-Home Period – Bob Reisner

Bob Reisner stated that the transition to working from home was smooth:

- a. Staff were set up with necessary equipment and access to all programs, and within the first week, it was business as usual.
- b. Staff have transitioned from landline phones to cell phones making communication easier.
- c. The current back-to-work date is set for October 30, 2020 but is subject to change.
- d. MUSTA is in the process of creating an electronic filing system which has been expedited due to the work-from-home order.
- e. Processing time for reviews increased by a day or two as the result of required employee temporary layoff days during a 10 weeks period over the summer.
- f. The work-from-home mandate affected staff's ability to do on-site audits briefly. Recent changes to the mandate have allowed on-site visits to resume.

- g. Cost Schedule – All consultants who have worked with MUSTA were asked to provide comments on the 2021 Schedule of Costs which will be compiled along with staff comments. A virtual meeting will be scheduled with everyone that has submitted comments to finalize a draft proposal. The 2021 Schedule of Costs will be submitted for review and approval at the November Board of Directors meeting.

Juman Doleh-Alomary inquired about the year-end date and Bob Reisner responded that our Fiscal year ends September 30th but Legislative reports are not due until the end of March.

5. Update on Program Status and Budgets – Bob Reisner

Bob Reisner provided an outline of the current Program Status and Budget regarding the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Revenues, and Expenditures.

Brian Egger's Sr. noted that interest has accrued, and discussion ensued with regards to possibly investing some of the revenue. Bob Reisner explained that with the state budget deficit projected for fiscal year 2021 and requirements associated with investing, that now might not be the best time to pursue this option.

6. Update on Project to Determine Why Facilities with Releases Have Not Filed Claims – Nikolas Hertrich

Nikolas Hertrich, MUSTA Environmental Quality Analyst provided a brief update on the Status of a project he has been working on. The purpose of the project is to identify reasons on why owners and operators have not submitted a MUSTA claim for potentially eligible release. Responses will be used to determine other mechanisms being used to fund Part 213 cleanups and areas where MUSTA can improve their services. Currently Nikolas Hertrich is contacting consultants who reported the confirmed releases and asking for their assistance. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

7. Preview of November 17, 2020 Meeting Agenda

Agenda items will include review and approval of the 2021 Schedule of Costs and the Budget for fiscal year 2021.

8. Clark Settlement with EGLE

Brian Egger's, Sr. stated that a Detroit News article on the Clark Settlement misrepresented MUSTA's role in their reporting and asked Bob Reisner to respond.

Bob Reisner stated that the Detroit Free Press did mischaracterize MUSTA's role in Part 213 cleanups and in regards to the Premcor consent order, he indicated that although there may be additional claims submitted as a result of the work that will be completed as part of the agreement, he does not anticipate it having a

major impact on the Fund. Any claims submitted will be reviewed as normal and cost sharing agreements will be entered into if necessary.

9. Public Comment

Mark Griffin commented on the great job the EQAs are doing and stated that he has received no complaints regarding the implementation of the MUSTA programs.

Brian Eggers, Sr., commented that MUSTA has not had an appeal yet this calendar year and feels this is due to great communication.

Nikolas Hertrich shared that he and Sarah Sackrider will be hosting a 1-hour question and answer virtual Office Hour at the 2020 EGLE Michigan Environmental Compliance Week on Thursday, September 24 via Microsoft Teams.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting –Tuesday, November 17, 2020

This meeting has been changed to a virtual meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.