

**GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION  
COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING NO. 29**

**DATE:** March 14, 2008  
**TIME:** 11:00 A.M. EST  
**LOCATION:** GM Powertrain Bedford Facility  
**RECORDED BY:** Mary Kelly

**ATTENDEES:**

Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors  
Paul McBride - County Health Sanitarian  
Jim McGuigan - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates  
Dave Nakarado - Evergreen GMAC Real Estate  
Ed Peterson - General Motors  
Eace Roberts - Bedford Regional Medical Center  
Larry Smith - Bedford Resident  
Gerald O'Callghan - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (guest)  
Katie Kamm - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (guest)  
Mary Kelly - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (guest)  
Clayton Koher - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (guest)  
Peter Ramanauskas - United States Environmental Protection Agency (guest)

**ABSENT:**

*The following members were invited but could not attend:*  
Becki Akers - General Motors  
Adele Bowden-Purlee - Bedford Chamber of Commerce  
Tom Brent - Bedford Resident  
Janie Craig Chenault - Bedford Resident  
Melva Cooper - Bedford Resident  
Mike Cooper - Dunn Memorial Hospital  
Robert Dailey - Bedford Resident Chad Faust - City Engineer  
David Flinn - County Road Commissioner  
Stanley Glenn - Bedford Resident  
Tim Hall - General Motors  
Bob Hamilton - Bedford Resident  
Mike Hilfinger - General Motors Real Estate  
Tammie Jean - County Assessors Office  
Joe Klumpp - Mayor, City of Bedford  
John Lancaster - GM Powertrain Bedford Plant Manager  
Chris May - County Commissioner  
Joanne Mabrey - GM Bedford Plant Communications  
Gene McCracken - Lawrence County Economic Growth Council  
Cedar Orman - Bedford Resident  
Bill Spreen - Lawrence County Commissioner  
John Williams - Bedford Resident

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**11:20** Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt.

**11:25** Cheryl presented Old Business from the December 2007 meeting.

- Cheryl noted that participation in the CLP Meetings has been tailing off and inquired if there were any new member nominations and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. No new members were nominated.
- The Panel offered no comments on the draft Meeting Minutes from the last meeting, and therefore the Minutes were approved as submitted. Final Meeting Minutes will be placed in the public repositories and on the website.
- The next meeting was scheduled for June 20, 2008.

Ed Peterson discussed the GM Earth Force GREEN Bedford program.

- This is a program with Bedford North Lawrence High School GREEN program and is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> - which is the tentative date for Spring sampling. Tim Rienks with the GM Plant is the contact person and he is looking for volunteers to help at the sampling event. Ed described his experience in volunteering last year. The students get in-class instruction on ecology and related issues and then get an opportunity to do field work by testing turbidity, nitrates and other ecological concerns.

**11:30** • Ed Peterson gave an update on the status of the Removal Action (the stream cleanup) and the Corrective Action (the work occurring on Plant property), including the ongoing work in the East Plant Area.

- The "yellow map" was reviewed and it was noted that the removal of impacted materials along the stream channel was held up by the need to cut down additional trees in the downstream reach and due to the presence of the Indiana bat we needed to get written approval from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The excavation should be completed in early 2008, with restoration to continue through 2008.
- Aerial photographs of the project activities were presented to demonstrate the amount of work that is ongoing and how much has been completed.
- In late 2007 we started to run out of capacity in the East Plant Area which slowed down (and in some instances stopped) work in transferring materials from the Staging Area G to the East Plant Area. There is approximately 3 month of work to move the stockpiled material at the staging area to the placement area. The design of the East Plant Area Cover System needed to be changed to accommodate the increase in materials; the historical parking lot on the east side of GM Drive will be used to accommodate the additional material.
- The restoration activities immediately downstream of the new culvert bridge on Broomsage Road are complete. There are a series of ponds and wetlands that were constructed in this area. This is the first large-scale wetland-pond complex to be completed in the restoration of this creek and this complex will result in a more diverse ecological niche.
- The next major area of restoration will occur from the end of the previous section downstream to the Peerless Road Bridge. Restoration on the west side of the Peerless Road Bridge, which will involve the creation of the large wetland, will follow sequentially. The area with the large wetland complex is the area that GM intends on establishing a trail system however; GM needs to find a partner to take over maintenance of the trail system after the restoration is complete. We would like this group(s) to be involved in the consultation of the design.
- Road repair work and maintenance is ongoing as needed, but paving will not

occur until the spring as asphalt plants are closed for the season. GM continues to evaluate and address issues as they are raised. GM will pave a large portion of Peerless Road once the project is complete.

- The cleanup along the Northern Tributary has started in an area where fill material north of the plant property was discovered. The area along Breckenridge Road has been excavated (to bedrock), sampled to confirm the excavation is complete, and will be regraded and restored.
- GM is continuing to work with the U.S. EPA and IDEM on the components of the East Plant Area Interim Measure.

**11:50** • Ed Peterson gave an update on Community Relations

- The last set of Neighborhood and Public Meetings were held on March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Several new faces were in attendance at these meetings.
- We met with the Sycamore Land Trust to discuss the trail system. Also toured the Bean Blossom Bottoms trail system which is a 2 mile trail system made of boardwalk and elevated walkways with lookouts. Sycamore Land Trust seemed very interested.
- On Wednesday morning we also met with the Mayor Girgis and discussed getting the City to participate in the trail system; the Mayor seemed very interested.
- We need to talk to the County, Indiana Wildlife Federation, and potential others about participate in the trail system.

**12:00** • The meeting was adjourned.