

**Minutes
of the
JLUS Technical Committee
Camp Grayling Joint Military Training Center (JMTC)
and Alpena Joint Training Center (JTC)
March 14, 2018, at 1:30 pm
University Center - Gaylord**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by Denise Cline, NEMCOG

Attendees: Erich Podjaske (City of Grayling), Susan Thiel (MDNR), Julie Lowe (MDEQ), John Bailey (Huron Pines), Alayne Hansen (Michigan Works!), Lisa Kruse (Alpena CRTC Environmental), Bill Arnold (Great Lakes Environmental Center), Denise Mattieni (Otsego Lake Township), Margaret Black (Otsego Lake Township), Brandon Schroeder (MSU Extension/Michigan Sea Grant), Kimberly Bolan (Camp Grayling Environmental), Jeremie Mead (Camp Grayling Community Relations), Cliff Mayhew (Camp Grayling Range Control), Heather Mendenall (Tetra Tech) and Katie Benzel (Tetra Tech).

NEMCOG Staff: Denise Cline

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of Agenda, motion made by E. Podjaske, seconded C. Mayhew, all ayes, motion passed.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes from Technical Committee meeting on December 12, 2017, motion made by J. Bailey, seconded E. Podjaske, all ayes, motion passed.
5. **ACTION ITEMS: Issues/Strategy Summary.** H. Mendenall reviewed the environmental strategies:

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- **Strategy 3.a.1:** E. Podjaske inquired as to whether Tetra Tech has the most recent map of wells tested and where the contamination is. Maps shows that it's not a county-wide issue (limited in area). J. Mead – the map should show only validated information. J. Lowe – will get most updated maps to Tetra Tech. J. Lowe - additional information section is confusing – should better inform as to who is doing what.
- **Strategy 3.b.3:** S. Thiel – boundary maps do exist of Camp Grayling. A discussion occurred as to whether Tetra Tech has all of the needed GIS files. B. Arnold indicated that they do have a geodatabase with the key layers.
- **Strategy 3.c.1 and 3.c.2:** S. Thiel – the term “forestry management” might make the public think of timber. Rename the strategy. Open houses have been an ineffective method of reaching the public. Other, more effective methods need to be implemented to inform the public. Communicating with Homeowner’s Associations is currently done and is effective. Information given to realtors is only effective if realtors choose to distribute it. Text messages or call-in numbers are effective ways to get emergency

information out. D. Cline inquired as to whether information could be placed in tax bills to reach all residents. S. Thiel said that has been difficult in the past due to township restrictions. This will be checked again. B. Schroeder indicated that the network partners such as those represented in the room could also help to get information to the public. J. Mead will summarize bullet points of communications plan. DNR has generic plan for emergency response as it is done based on the specific emergency.

- **Strategy 3.c.3:** After discussion, the group concluded that this strategy probably isn't needed.
- **Strategy 3.d.1:** The group again discussed methods of getting information out to the public.
- **Strategy 3.d.2:** A discussion occurred concerning the effectiveness of trees on noise (truck noise vs. bombing range). Tree buffers do help with truck noise but don't help as much with the range noise. S. Thiel explained why leaving buffers along roads or property lines is problematic. J. Lowe suggested that the strategy should outline what *does* have an effect on noise. Camp Grayling does have access to a noise study from 2015. The group discussed the best way to notify homeowners about timber harvesting. It was suggested that an example map of open timber sale by Township be included in the plan. These maps should be transmitted to the Townships. Timber harvest plans are put out two years ahead so it is difficult to get the public's attention until it is time to start cutting.
- **Strategy 3.e.1:** There are no plans for runway expansion. Rather than calling this "Runway Expansion," it could be called Airport Management.
- **Strategy 3.f.1:** S. Thiel suggested changing the strategy to focus on involving or utilizing citizens more rather than considering a biannual wildlife survey.
- **Strategy 3.g:** K. Bolan discussed stormwater management at Camp Grayling. S. Thiel discussed the strong ties already in existence with lake and river associations. The MiCorps program was discussed as a method that makes information publicly available.

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- **Strategy 3.a.1:** L. Kruse suggested the following changes: change title to match Camp Graylings, make the section clearer and more concise, and make sure that the data is updated with the most current information prior to publication of the strategies. She also stated that a second town hall was held on January 18 with about 100 attendees. S. Thiel asked for clarification to be included that the products used which have caused the contamination are not being utilized presently.
- **Strategy 3.b.1:** Remove this strategy.
- **Strategy 3.c.1:** The "additional information" section should reference the Alpena County Regional Airport, not the Alpena CRTC.
- **Strategy 3.d.1:** Groundwater quality around the small arms range is monitored.
- **Strategy 2.a:** L. Kruse asked if munitions and debris have been verified to have been found. H. Mendenall will check into this.

6. **Q & A:** Technical Committee members are encouraged to attend the public meetings in April to assist with answering questions at the issue stations.

7. **TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:**

a. Policy Committee Meeting March 22, 2018 at 1 pm at University Center in Gaylord.

b. Public Meetings April 18/19, 2018, at 6 pm in Grayling and Alpena. Meeting locations are being set.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.