

**Minutes  
of the  
JLUS Technical Committee  
Camp Grayling Joint Military Training Center (JMTC)  
and Alpena Joint Training Center (JTC)  
Policy Committee/Technical Committee  
October 10, 2018  
KCC University Center Gaylord**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** The meeting was called to order by Ken Glasser at 1:01 p.m.

**Members Present:** Bill Johnson, Gary Newmann, Jeffrey Mathenay, Lisa Kruse, Rick Harland, Marc Dedenbach, Patty O'Donnell, Bill Anderson, Glen Eberly, Denise Matteini, Margaret Black, Jeremie Mead, Brian Burrell, Carla Lange, Collen Haesler, Rob Pallarito, Dave Stephenson, Ken Glasser and Lacey Stephen

**Teleconference Attendees:** Greg Sundin, Heather Mendenall

**NEMCOG Staff:** Denise Cline, Nico Tucker and Theresa Huff

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of Agenda, motion made by R. Pallario, seconded D. Matteini, all ayes, motion passed.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes from September 19, 2018, motion made by R. Pallario, seconded G. Newmann, all ayes, motion passed.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

a. **Installation reports:** Col. Burwell - in reviewing the minutes, he will be holding his comments until needed. L. Kruse - no current updates. J. Mathenay - no comments. L. Kruse stated she had difficulty opening the document that was highlighted.

b. **Community Reports:**

R. Harland: working with D. Cline on the Zoning Ordinance including Land Use; DNR has reviewed it and approved it. The Zoning Ordinance is near or just has been approved and includes some items to accommodate the military. He had submitted several comments; however they were not in the update. H. Mendenall said they were received after the last meeting. However an updated word document will be reviewed later in this meeting.

G. Sundin: Have a Compliance Plan but no impact on this plan.

M. Dedenbach: AMAC cases were mentioned at the last meeting. He was able to find two of them and was able to review them. He said it was an excellent source of information. One case was dismissed; the other came to a resolution as long as information and studies were supplied to the community. It was suggested that NEMCOG should get those documents and put on their website. C. Lange stated she thinks she can collect those documents and sent them to NEMCOG to put on their website.

**6. JLUS REPORT**

a. H. Mendenall reviewed plan. Gave an overview of Public Comments, a spreadsheet was provided to the group. That's what the yellow highlights were on the plan. Perhaps language wasn't clear. Direction is exec. Summary is brief, 4 pages per site. Got to Section 4; reviewed some of the newer content; 4-4 and 4-5 based on comments received top 10 items. What is the action and why it's important to the Military? Summary of combined strategies. Asked for everyone to download and review and provide feedback. Name changes need to be reviewed by legal team. Conductive noise study: any type of action related to air space or zoning: noise is the main topic to be looked at. Implementation of plan be included to continue the progress of plan. Can be found on NEMCOG's website. Rewrites in pages 74-78, all new changes, but other list is still included. At the end of the day; read document interviews, collect comments; what do we need to implement? H. Mendenall: need a summary of main actions and how to implement them.

K. Glasser: In his opinion, the most controversial issue is the Military overlay zone on property. H. Mendenall said the overlay zone protects community and camp. Made to lessen controversy in the future and protect communities and camp. Currently lack in Zoning Ordinance regarding noise overlay. Zone needs to be or should be looked at. H. Mendenall is available to help if needed.

M. Dedenbach: Abate noise would remove need for noise zone. H. Mendenall: to deal with noise, it needs to be addressed from several angles. County working on it; military saying trees to be trimmed or cut down to keep the noise down. H. Mendenall: use the data on information to make decisions. Better information will aid in better strategies. L. Kruse stated there is a Temporary establishment for air space; is in draft state currently and will be available to the community. They hope to have it completed in November. Once it's available, take time to review it, provide comments, TEMP MOA. Will be provided to NEMCOG and it does include a section on noise study.

R. Harland: Noise study: How does it work? How is the study performed? Is it hands on; face to face interviews? What is being studied? A Sectional map can be found on the FAA web site. It divides and defines air space by class and often by height and by aircraft as well. Type of Ordinance and Air Craft noise in Grayling: calculations on how far noise travels and at what decimal. Page 2-20 gives an idea of types of air space. 2-18 provides existing noise contours as known today. R. Harland also stated that these types of documents are very large and it's easy to miss information because of that. It's hard to get information and appreciates the study.

G. Newmann: Lovells Twp. Is 100 square miles, home to the ranges, get a lot of calls, has 626 residents with added population during the summer months. First meeting concerns: late night firing. Firing has gone past 3:00 a.m. Northern Strike 18 is a "bad neighbor". Has talked previously. Some type of camp and written agreements are necessary and appropriate. Strongly recommends this study to include that. Issues have gotten much worse. H. Mendenall said we've recorded the comments and will to try to increase the language in the study to reflect them.

Camp Grayling: Community relations are important to what they do. There was a lot of foot traffic and noise. Wants to counter with plans ahead to reduce this noise.

G. Eberly: Forward to NEMCOG their Noise Ordinance. Also contacted their attorney. Can litigate, but it's better to eliminate. H. Mendenall: Maybe even get a second legal opinion. Communication needs to occur; would help. Litigation may be better than nothing.

J. Matheney: They do their best to spread the word via various media methods to warn communities. Information is out as soon as possible. They are transparent and nothing is hidden. Looking for more options that would help get the information out to as many people as possible.

G. Newmann: He is a recipient of the noise, rattling pictures, animals barking and interrupts the home. Information does not take care of the problem.

M. Black: Disseminate information and would like to get added to the list.

L. Stephen: Put information on Social Media, maybe school websites, tell Environmental Office. Give 7-10 days' notice versus 30 or 60 day. Too much time ahead, people forget. Share information with Townships and they can put on their websites to warn their residents regarding expected events.

R. Harland: Information is only as good as the people who provide it. Information does not correct the problem. With all of the state land out there, why can't the noise be put on less populated areas, like the state land? Plan ahead based on information that is proving. Having a council will help and can inform old and new residents within the area.

Military: Unrestricted areas: some issue may be more FAA related versus Military. Restricted areas are shown in the study, page 2-20 of the plan. The military does try to plan around area events such as rifle hunting season.

H. Mendenall: We are nearing the end of the study; 2 months remaining. By combining the study between both locations, creates a large study. Suggested you create milestones. When do you want comments on updated study? Is two weeks reasonable? October 24<sup>th</sup>?

R. Harland: The comments he submitted were on behalf of three individuals. The concerns were separated with each person's comments. Highlighted comments were made by M. Dedenbach, the regular text comments were made by L. Stephen and the bold text comments were made by R. Harland.

H. Mendenall: Study covers a 2 mile radius area buffer; includes income levels. She believes all of the information was covered except for unemployment.

On R. Harland's list: No fly Zone – All that air space in FAA and requires a lot of effort to make changes.

L. Stephen: Why can't state land be used? It's close and spacious. FAA information and data wasn't provided.

C. Burrell: Other space is FAA contract. Continuity is being transferred to civilians.

D. Stephenson: Trees at the airport. FAA changed regulations and caused the change to happen. They are hoping not to have to cut down trees. If they short the airport runway, by doing so will change what type of air craft can use it. If each Township Supervisor is on the Council/Committee; results can be obtained faster. With changeover, information needs to be kept in front of the new staff.

## **7. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Deadline to provide comments on the new plan is October 24, 2018. H. Mendenall will turn information around by 11/2/18. A doodle poll will be sent out to set next meeting date. H. Mendenall said to be specific with your comments. If they are long and in a narrative form, leaves too much to interpret. Will adopt plan at that meeting. R. Harland: What does adopt mean? There must be a product to take to the next phase, a "working document" of sorts. Do not have meeting on Election Day!
- b. G. Sundin: Requested to make sure Adam Poll is on Implementation Team.
- c. Schedule First Implementation Team Meeting: not decided.

**8. NEXT STEPS (NEMCOG)**

- a. Doodle Poll to determine next meeting.

**9. Q&A**

- a. None

**10. TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- a. Doodle poll will be sent out to determine the date. TBD

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

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