

**Minutes
of the
JLUS Technical Committee
Camp Grayling Joint Military Training Center (JMTC)
and Alpena Joint Training Center (JTC)
December 12, 2017 at 10:00 am
DNR Field Office - Grayling**

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

Attendees: Erich Podjaske, Susan Thiel, Julie Lowe, Patty O'Donnell, John Bailey, Alayne Hansen, Matthew Rathsack, Heather Mendenall, and Katie Benzel.

NEMCOG Staff: Denise Cline

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of Agenda, motion made by J. Lowe, seconded E. Podjaske, all ayes, motion passed.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes from Technical Committee meeting on November 8, 2017, motion made by E. Podjaske, seconded J. Lowe, all ayes, motion passed.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **Issues/Strategy Summary.** H. Mendenall reviewed the issue/strategies summary.

Environmental:

- H. Mendenall will reach out to Lisa Kruse to find out some specifics about how website address and phone numbers are being disseminated in regard to the contamination issue. We need to make sure we are coordinating with the State effort.
- S. Thiel noted that public comments about water quality covers a broad spectrum. TC discussed water quality issues. Possible to include a matrix of existing water quality efforts. Need contacts for groups that do water quality testing. Noted – Au Sable River Watershed Committee is important to contact. There seem to be fewer watershed groups in the Alpena area. Engage Fish and Wildlife Service in Alpena. We need new contact information for Camp Grayling. H. Mendenall will send seed concepts and ideas to new contact information.
- Tree cutting is referring to DNR management of state lands. Need education on tree cutting, however that might not completely address this issue. S. Thiel discussed tree cutting by the DNR and leaving buffers which is not always good timber management.
- Wildfire – D. Cline discussed the Crawford County Wildfire Plan. Some local townships are going to be discussing incorporating Firewise concepts into their zoning.

Noise:

- Tetra Tech is working on noise contour maps.
- TC discussed how the general public obtains information about noise and training operations. Camp Grayling sends out training plans and does quite a bit of public notice.

Military Operations:

- E. Podjaske discussed the need for a map of allowable building heights (due to flight paths). A good map isn't readily accessible online to the public or for use by the city.
- The TC discussed the use of state land for training operations. It could not be done in State Parks as some public comment suggested. However, it could happen on state forest land if the proper channels are followed.

Traffic:

- A map is needed to show where transportation system issues are. The route that military vehicles typically take should be laid out. What intersections are problem intersections? We need to identify impacts on roads. The public identified problem intersections in a 2-mile buffer around the installations. The TC discussed the 2008 Transportation Study. E. Podjaske will forward to H. Mendenall. In addition, Tetra Tech staff will consult with P. O'Donnell on transportation issues. It is important to identify what military issues are vs. general issues in the community. NEMCOG has road condition maps which N. Tucker provided to Tetra Tech.

Economic Development:

- Tetra Tech would like to have separate phone calls with key personnel to discuss land use, zoning, and economic development.
 - A. Hansen discussed some of the things she has been involved in (i.e. soldiers coming into town) to boost the economy of the area.
- Draft Strategy Layout.** The TC briefly reviewed the strategy layout that will be used in the final plan. The TC concurred that they liked the layout.
 - Draft Table of Contents.** The TC briefly reviewed the draft Table of Contents and concurred that it is organized well.
 - Public Meetings.** The next round of public meetings will be held in late February or March Tetra Tech has the last week of February open as well as the weeks of March 12 and 26 open. D. Cline will send out a poll to determine the best dates after looking at community meetings and events.

6. **Q & A:** N/A

7. **TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- Technical Committee Meeting.** Scheduled date will not work for all. D. Cline will send out poll.
- Policy Committee Meeting 12/18/17.** TC suggested this be an online meeting for the purpose of updating the PC on work to date.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.