

**GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION  
COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING NO. 31**

**DATE:** September 26, 2008  
**TIME:** 11:00 A.M. EST  
**LOCATION:** GM Powertrain Bedford Facility  
**RECORDED BY:** Jim McGuigan

**ATTENDEES:**

Shawna M. Girgis - Mayor, City of Bedford  
Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors  
Katie Kamm - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (guest)  
Jim McGuigan - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates  
Chris Myer - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (guest)  
Dave NaKarado - Evergreen GMAC Realtors  
Ed Peterson - General Motors  
Pamela Reese - General Motors, Communications  
Eace Roberts - Bedford Regional Medical Center  
Larry Smith - Bedford Resident  
Rod Smith - Director, Dept. of Planning, City of Bedford (guest)

**ABSENT:**

*The following members were invited but could not attend:*  
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  
John Lancaster - GM Powertrain Bedford Plant Manager  
Chris May - County Commissioner  
Joanne Mabrey - GM Bedford Plant Communications  
Paul McBride - County Health Sanitarian  
Gene McCracken - Lawrence County Economic Growth Council  
Bill Spreen - Lawrence County Commissioner  
John Williams - Bedford Resident

---

**11:25** Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt.

**11:30** Cheryl reviewed Old Business from the June 2008 meeting.

- Cheryl stated there were a few new people at today's meeting, and suggested everyone introduce themselves and state their role in the project or community. Cheryl also introduced Pam Reese and explained that Pam was taking Becki Akers position on the project as the Communications Coordinator.
- Cheryl 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.
- Cheryl explained that the CLP originally met on a monthly basis, but for the past couple of years has been meeting quarterly. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for early December 2008.

**11:40** Cheryl asked if there were any issues that the panel wished to raise.

- Mayor Girgis stated that the primary concern she hears from residents is regarding the truck traffic. The residents express concerns regarding the amount of traffic and the conditions of the roads near the remediation activities. Cheryl stated that GM is continually assessing the road conditions and making repairs as needed. Cheryl acknowledged that portions of Breckenridge and Peerless Roads will likely have to be resurfaced at the completion of the project.
- Eace Roberts stated that he used to hear complaints from his son, who lived near the remediation activities. Those complaints included not knowing where the contamination was located and other things. Mr. Roberts stated that he had not heard any complaints from his son for several years.
- No other issues were identified by the Panel.

**11:50** • Ed Peterson gave an update on the status of the Removal Action (the stream cleanup) and the Corrective Action (the work occurring on or near 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 nearing completion, and should be completed by this year, with restoration to continue through 2008 and 2009.
- Aerial photographs of the project activities were presented showing creek restoration progress and current restoration activities.
- Ed outlined the areas remaining to be excavated and showed the location of the Staging Area G stockpile that is currently being transported to the East Plant Area.
- Ed showed an aerial photograph of the borrow area and explained that this area is being utilized to provide clean backfill for the creek restoration and the East Plant Cover System.
- Mayor Girgis asked about the location of the new proposed wetland/trails complex. Ed stated that the large wetland complex was approximately 40 acres and would be constructed on the west side of Peerless Road. This wetland complex is the area that GM is offering to establish a trail system on;

however, GM needs to find a partner to take over maintenance of the trail system after the restoration is complete. Cheryl stated that GM held another meeting with interested groups on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and discussed the project. Cheryl stated that the meeting was well attended and there appeared to be significant interest from various community groups, although funding of the long-term maintenance of the wetlands/trail complex appeared to be an issue. Cheryl stated that Sycamore Land Trust attended the meeting and offered some ideas on operating and funding the project. Cheryl stated that this work was going to be started next year, and GM would need a decision on the wetland/trails complex by next summer. If insufficient community support was identified, GM would build the wetland complex without the public trails or parking lot. Mayor Girgis asked how often the area was expected to flood. Cheryl stated that the area has flooded several times in the past few years, and GM was looking for ways to construct the trail system to minimize the damage to the trail system during and after flood events. Eace Roberts noted that security for the trails would be an issue, since residents expressed concern over security when the State's rails to trails program was discussed a few years ago.

- Road repair work and maintenance is ongoing as needed. GM continues to evaluate and address issues as they are raised. Ed Peterson noted that several residents along Dive Road attended the September 25<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting and requested GM repave the road. Ed stated that CRA photographs road conditions prior to the GM contractors use and, although still in its initial stage of assessment, the current conditions don't appear to be significantly different from the road conditions prior to the GM contractors truck use. Cheryl pointed out that GM's contractors apparently used the road only for a very short period of time.
- GM is currently investigating one additional fill area along the south side of Breckenridge Road just west of the Plant. GM is working with U.S.EPA and IDEM to evaluate what action, if any will be required for this area.
- GM is continuing to work with the U.S. EPA and IDEM on the components of the East Plant Area Interim Measure. Ed stated that it is GM's goal to have at least the entire first layer of clay on the cover system at the East Plant prior to winter.
- Ed described the excavation work being performed in front of the Plant as part of the West Plant Interim Measure. This work is expected to be completed this year, and the area will be restored as a parking lot for Plant use.

- 12:20** • Cheryl gave an update on Community Relations  
- The last set of Neighborhood and Public Meetings were held on September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 12:25** • Cheryl stated that we would probably have a tour at the next CLP Meeting in December to allow the members an opportunity to view the work activities.
- 12:30** • The meeting was adjourned.