



Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation (FDSR)

Committee Meeting Summary
April 19, 2022

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Attendance

CAB Attendees

Phyllis Britt, FDSR Chair	Michelle Bush	Charles Hilton
Ruth Hollingsworth	Narinder Malik, FDSR Vice Chair	Gregg Murray
Rana O'Bryant	Steve Riley	Kenneth Sajwan
David Vovakes		

*Non-Committee Members in gray

*Absent Committee Members in yellow

SRS Personnel

de'Lisa Carrico, Federal Coordinator, DOE-SR	Avery Hammett, DOE-SR	Ted Millings, SRNS
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SRS CAB Support Staff (S&K Logistics)

Anika Edwards, Communications Coordinator	Heather McWilliams, Meeting Planner	James Tanner, CAB Administrator
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Agency Liaisons & Public

Matt Christian		
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SRS CAB

FDSR Committee Meeting Summary

The SRS CAB held a FDSR Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 19th beginning at 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). The meeting took place at the DOE Meeting Center, 230 Village Green Blvd, Suite 230, Aiken, SC 29803.

Introduction: Phyllis Britt, FDSR Chair

Committee Chair Phyllis Britt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Britt talked about her excitement of being chair of the new FDSR committee chair. This will be her first in-person committee meeting since joining the SRS CAB in 2020.

Agenda Review: James Tanner, CAB Facilitator

CAB Facilitator James Tanner walked the group through the agenda. Mr. Tanner gave a brief description of the open FDSR recommendations.

Point of Contact (POC) Update: Avery Hammett, DOE-SR

FDSR Point of Contact Avery Hammett welcomes the committee members to the first in-person FDSR meeting since October 2019. Ms. Hammett started her update discussing the 235-F environmental bulletin. The public comment period runs between April 5 to May 5. The next full board won't take place until May 16 so any CAB member comments will need to be submitted as an individual. Ms. Hammett said the Wounded Warrior hunt will be returning this during the fall. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed. First responders fishing tournament will happen at SRS. The pond will be catch and release. The event will take place at Par Pond or L Lake at SRS. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are very supportive of using drones for inspections. On March 28, drones were used to take video. Regulators and DOE sat down to watch video. Walk downs were still completed but the drones helped cover lots of ground. The group believed this method will be used moving forward. Use the video to create a summary video. Partnership will include the Savannah River National Laboratory since they have the drone license. No findings were found with the inspection.

POC Q&A

Gregg Murray asked if the drones could detect any gases.

Ms. Hammett said the inspections they are strictly video. There are other programs which use gamma but not for this inspection.

Narinder Malik stated drones have become quite popular. He remembered SRS had an issue with private drones flying on site without permission. Mr. Malik wanted to know if that had happened recently. He also asked if the drones could be used to monitor deer.



Ms. Hammett said she was unaware of any recent unauthorized drone activity. Ms. Hammett said the Forest Service can spray herbicide on faculties but was unaware if drones could be used for the deer population.

Charles Hilton asked if SRNL used military types of drones.

Ms. Hammett Responded the SRNL drones are bigger than little hobby drones, but they are not military grade.

Phyllis Britt asked if public hunts are back in place. She also wanted to know if people could wild boar.

Ms. Hammett said it is the plan to return the public hunts back this fall. Ms. Hammett said hunters could take down wild boar when they participate in a deer hunt.

Narinder Malik asked if the deer get checked before they are taken home.

Ms. Hammett stated the hunts are only done in particular areas. The deer are thoroughly checked before they leave the site.

David Vovakes asked if the fish caught during the First Responder Fishing Competition are edible.

Ms. Hammett said the fish are not fit to eat and she was unsure if the fish are scanned.

Committee Discussion: Environmental Management Systems Presentation

The committee had a brief discussion about the March Full Board Presentation given Ted Millings. The presentation was Environmental Management Systems: An Overview of the 2021 Audit & Declaration of Conformance to the ISO 14001:2015 EMS Standard. Mr. Millings provided a brief overview of his presentation and answered questions given by CAB members.

Committee Discussion: Recommendations

[Recommendation 367](#): Stakeholder Awareness Survey. Overview of the recommendation and the DOE response was read. Gregg Murray and James Tanner reviewed the survey and how it was conducted. Both stated the survey provided some valuable information. Mr. Murray said the study was beneficial to the CAB and DOE. Ms. Britt motioned to close the recommendation at the May Full Board, motioned was seconded by Mr. Malik.

[Recommendation 368](#): DOE Support for SREL. Overview of the recommendation and the DOE response was read. The committee discusses if DOE's response was enough to it. The group decided to leave the recommendation open and asked for a follow-up from DOE. The committee wanted an updated on the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL)



budget. Once the SREL budget is received and reviewed, the committee will decide to close it.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Closing Remarks and Comments

Ms. Britt thanked the committee for a very productive first committee meeting of 2022. Mr. Vovakes if it was a requirement to have a Deputy Designated Federal Officer at committee meetings. Mr. Tanner stated a DDFO was not required. Mr. Vovakes asked why the committee meetings were not being livestreamed. Mr. Tanner and Ms. Carrico explained only Full Board meetings would be Livestreamed. The format was selected due to the style of meeting.

Meeting ended at 6:10PM EST