

# ***GULF COAST METHANOL COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL***

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018**

## **MINUTES**

The Gulf Coast Methanol Community Advisory Panel met on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Fill-a-Sac in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. Those attending included the following:

### CAP Members

Bob Boudet  
JoAnn Hebert  
Joan Jimcoily  
Sam Lavalla  
Conrad Lawrence  
Paul Macaluso  
Ben Tucker  
Darilyn Turner

### IGP Methanol Representatives

Randall Harris  
Larry Winter

### TJC Group

Stephanie Boswell

After everyone was welcomed, the minutes of the last meeting were reviewed.

### **Coastal Use Update**

Gulf Coast Methanol submitted its coastal use permit two weeks ago to the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Use group. There were no objections, so it was then forwarded to the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the level board (which has not yet received its copy). The Corps permit manager will visit the site next week to discuss the time line. Mr. Harris will provide that information to CAP members when it becomes available. Gulf Coast modified the application based on DNR questions and will do the same if there are Corps questions. The complete package will be shared with CAP members before the Corps sets its notice of comments. Public hearings may not be required, but the public will have an opportunity to provide written comments. The goal is to start work later in 2018.

### **Progress Report**

1. The feed is on schedule.
2. Geotech work is progressing (with about 2 months left until completion).
3. Within the next 1-2 month, the test power program will begin.
4. Site preparation will start within the next two weeks according to plan.
5. Some environmental sampling will be done as part of Kinder Morgan's permit for sampling wells. There is nothing above the threshold, but there are basic amounts of organics (oils) that may be naturally occurring, so additional drilling is being done to pull water samples to be sure.

### **Procurement Meeting**

McDermott (name change since the merger of CBI and McDermott) is the main engineering and procurement contractor for the facility and will hire subcontractors for specialty work. Five civil engineering companies have been selected to do the site preparation and early work. A clause in the McDermott /Gulf Coast contract requires the contractors to maximize local contractors. On June 28, at 1:00 p.m. a vendor fair for applying for contracts will be held at the Belle Chasse Auditorium. A mailer will be sent to all Plaquemines Parish licensed businesses and a list of supplies and services for the site will be made available to those attending. Gulf Coast will explain the project and McDermott will explain the procurement process and requirements based on the 5 bidders (price, schedule, HSE, and maximizing local contractors.) LED will be available to provide small business support to enable those bidding to produce proper bids. The SBA has been invited, but has not yet confirmed, to assist with writing the business plans and proposals and putting together financial packages.

### **Answers to questions included the following:**

1. The SBA may suggest that companies work together in tandem to bid. A statewide roster for procurement officers from small businesses was created by the SBA in February.
2. McDermott is an EPC contractor (supports the project engineering, procurement and construction of a project). A general contractor supports construction.
3. The bid process to select McDermott from 8 EPCs took about a year. McDermott then selected 5 bidders and decided on the packages on which to bid on and provided Gulf Coast with a list of qualified vendors for review and approval. McDermott will select a subset of those from bids.
4. The vendor fair will be advertised in the local newspaper.
5. The bids selection will be scored using a formula. When all factors are equal, the local contractor will be awarded the contractor.
6. It is less expensive to hire locals.
7. There will be multiple fairs. After the earth work is completed, fab shops, etc. will be contracted. A jobs fair will be held closer to completion of the site.
8. Gulf Coast hopes to pump fill from the river and can pump from either side of the river.

### **Levee**

An earthen levee with flood gates is probably the best choice, but a decision has not been made yet.

### **Community Meetings**

A community meeting will be held at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church (tentatively at 6 p.m.) on June 27. Residents of Ironton, Woodpark and Myrtle Grove will be invited to the meeting designed to inform the community about the Gulf Coast Methanol project.

Additional community meetings will be held on June 28 and on July 11 (in Phoenix and Port Sulfur).

### **Answers to questions and comments included the following:**

1. It is okay to forward the minutes for Emailing to persons in the area.
2. A CAP members suggested the creation of a Gulf Coast Methanol Facebook page.
3. Job applications are taken at the CB&I website. Gulf Coast will forward the information to McDermott and will include new web links.

4. The Smithsonian Waterway Exhibit is on display for 9 weeks at Phoenix High School. CAP members are invited to visit the display.

**Next Meeting**

The next CAP meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 and will include an update on the vendor fair and community meetings.