

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018**

## **MINUTES**

The Gulf Coast Methanol Community Advisory Panel met on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Fill-a-Sac in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. Those attending included the following:

### CAP Members

Bob Boudet  
Rosa Dusang  
Brenda Hymes  
Pearl Jennifer  
Joan Jimcoily  
Burnadette Johnson  
Sam Lavalla  
Warren Lawrence  
Conrad Lawrence  
Joyce Manuel  
Tommy Moore  
Deneen Powell  
Robert Senglemann  
Bobby Thomas  
Ben Tucker  
Howard Weiser  
Cassandra Wilson  
Rev. Mandrel Pansy, Sr.  
Nerissa Antone  
Greg Kuehnd

### IGP Methanol Representatives

Randall Harris

### TJC Group

Stephanie Boswell

After everyone was welcomed and introductions were made, the facilitator stated that new members were recruited after the Ironton, Port Sulfur and Phoenix community meetings. The minutes of the last meeting were then reviewed. CAP meeting minutes are now available at [www.IGPmethanol.com](http://www.IGPmethanol.com) (per a CAP recommendation). In response to a request for a clarification from the last meeting minutes under Progress Report Item 1 "The feed is on schedule.", Mr. Harris stated that front end is engineering design work.

### IGP Updates

1. In August IGP attempted to select 6 construction companies. Three were eliminated; the remaining 3 did not have enough local content, so they have been asked to resubmit their contract information (which added time to the project schedule), but IGP is serious about hiring locals. Mr. Randall met with the Plaquemines Parish School Board Superintendent,

school board members and business people about how to insure keeping locals in the game. Plans are to reduce the contractors to 1, and then have that group meet with Port Sulfur locals to improve participation. The contractor will provide the scope and services, but IGP has the final say. IGP will have 325 employees, but the parish will need additional support. Economic viability of rural America is difficult. Rural communities across the U.S. have the same problem.

2. DNR provided a letter of no objection regarding the coastal use permit. It was then submitted to the Corps of Engineers. Two preliminary meeting and the first full work session were completed with the Corps' permit writers. Engineering and permitting procedures will be done at the same time to stay on track with the project. The Corps will send out a public comment notice while they are working on internal comments. Public hearings may be held next week. IGP does not expect any problems. It is difficult to tie in the Rosa levee with the Joanne levee (by the plant) as the Corps does not want to make modifications to any main levee since Katrina. Because of this, a 2-year review cycle in Washington would be required to approve modifications. IGP is working on a compromise to build the IGP levee up to within 16 feet of their levee and have sand bags available in case they are needed.
3. The Corps has provided IGP with an internal status report of all of the levees in Plaquemines Parish.
4. CAP members were provided with a second map indicating the turn rows for highway work (which will be paid for by the Corps).

Answers to questions and comments included the following:

1. Thanks to IGP for trying to give locals an opportunity to participate. It is unusual for companies coming into the parish to do this.
2. The vendor fair had a huge, successful turnout. IGP wants to help grown the businesses in the parish and to hire locals because they are the workers who stay long-term.
3. A flood gate will be added at the 23 entrance and there will be a gap in the sector to the north side for equipment movement. Sand bags will be available and if needed the gap will be filled in when the project is complete.
4. The diversion project may raise the water level 2-6 feet in Myrtle Grove. Mr. Harris suggested that residents in that area contact Senator Cassidy (who serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee that provides funding for the Corps of Engineers). Senator Cassidy is trying to reprogram money to handle this diversion project.
5. Currently we plan on McDermott handling all procurement for the construction and IGP will manage McDermott. Of the \$4B to be spent on the facility, \$2.9 will be materials, supplies, and workforce. After McDermott selects a contractor, they will provide a procurement list. A second vendor / job fair with the potential contractors and a list of supplies and work list will be made available. Four cycles for 4 plants will require 6-8 years to complete.
6. Currently we plan on McDermott being the principal construction contractor. IGP's operating team will hire the operational team and will start hiring operators 12-16 months before commissioning with the goal of hiring senior members of the team from the parish who work upriver, backstop those with workers from the construction team, and then backstop those with people coming out of school (a 6-8 year process).
7. The joint welding program for juniors and seniors between South Phoenix and Delgado is scheduled to start in April or early fall 2019. When completed, the program will transition to

the adult education version of training. There will be skills enhancement programs for IGP employees.

8. Dual enrollment training is offered for Plaquemines Parish schools with Nunez Community College. The welding class is at 100% capacity. Of 325 direct IGP employees, only a dozen or so positions will require a degree.
9. Currently our target for the first pilings to be driven is July 2019, dependent upon the US Army Corps of Engineers finishing their permitting and river levels.

**Next Meeting**

The next CAP meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018.