



Minutes for Board Meeting of March 18, 2009

PARC Board Coordinator: Kathleen Harvey

Board Members Present

Chris Kirby, PARC Board Administrator
Gail R. Shibley, PARC Co-Chair (by conference call)
Greg Pettit, DEQ
Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA
Dale Mitchell, PARC Co-Chair
Brad Knotts, ODF
Chris Kuenzi, OSFM

Consultants Present

Dr. Dan Sudakin, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.
Fred Berman, DVM, PhD CROET
Justin Waltz, OPHD

Consultants Absent

Will Lackey, ODOT
Jeff Jenkins, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.

Board Members Absent

Sandy Giffin, OHSU/Poison Control
Richard Kepler, ODF&W

Guests Present

Lisa Arkin, Oregon Toxics Alliance
Carolyn Ashlock

Introductions:

1. Called to order: 9:10 a.m.
 - a. There were no added agenda items for the meeting.
2. Review and approval of the minutes was unanimous as submitted.
3. Members and consultants introduced themselves. There was a member of the public, Carolyn Ashlock, who requested to speak to the PARC Board about an incident she wishes to have investigated.

Agency Updates

OPHD: As with other agencies, the budget is of great concern to OPHD.

ODA: The Pesticide Use Reporting System, although not in the governor's budget proposal, has four bills in the legislature to make changes to the implementation legislation. Proposed changes include changing the requirement for water basin reporting to water shed reporting, removing veterinarians from the reporting requirement. Additional legislation would add reporting requirements for all users and for sales reporting. There is a bill proposed that would require integrated pest management plans in all schools in Oregon and establishment of a list of pesticides not approved for use on school grounds and a bill for written notification by applications to any schools within 1/4 mile of any pesticide application.

ODF: Brad Knotts' position is on the budgetary "cut" list. He is concerned that there may be no replacement for him on the PARC Board if that position is cut. One of the Forestry Board members is looking at pesticide issues and the possibility of taking a "more proactive" look at how ODF deals with pesticide applications.

OROSHA: The OROSHA Pesticide Emphasis Report is complete for 2008. The planned Worker Protection Standards/Forestry poster is at the graphic artist. The Worker Protection Standard/Forestry video is proceeding through the grant process

Annual Reports

1. '05'06 report has been sent to all of the Board members, the legislature and others with an interest in receiving the report.
2. '06'07 report will be sent to the printer sometime in the middle of April with a finish date around the first of June.

Classification of Cases

1. The Board members reviewed proposed classifications for 12 PARC cases, approving the proposed classifications after review and discussion. The proposed classifications for the rest of the '06'07 fiscal year will be sent to them in April.

New Business

1. Oregon Community Health Center update (OCHIN): Justin Waltz has developed a pilot project with OCHIN. The pilot project consists of the following; OCHIN will transmit identified suspected/confirmed diagnoses of pesticide exposure to OPHD's Pesticide Exposure Safety and Tracking Program. Such diagnoses will be captured from the electronic medical records and maintained by OCHIN. The reason for this pilot project is that physician reporting has declined. The desired outcome is identify the difference between the reported cases and the ones that have been diagnosed but not reported through any channels. A meeting was held in November between OPHD and OCHIN to discuss the feasibility of the project as well as the resources necessary to transfer data for the project.

2. Concern over Forestry herbicides:
There are several forestry issues, statewide.
In Lincoln County a group of people have complained about the risk associated with applications of herbicides by a timber company near Lint Slough. The company has agreed to make applications with backpack spraying on the ridge near the town, however the group is not satisfied. There will be a community meeting on March 26.

In Douglas County a vineyard owner has complained that aerial spraying of herbicides in forestry setting is affecting his vines. Laboratory analysis has confirmed both 2,4D and trichlopyr (in 2005). Since 2005 there has been no clear documentation of actual drift and investigation has found only compliance with forestry and pesticide rules by forestry companies.

In Selma, OR, the managers of a pesticide free timber planting are concerned about the protection of the water on timber property that is not being managed in the same way that is next to their property. The company that is next to them is conducting basal spraying of herbicides. PARC follow-up will be to send information to the County Board of Commissioners

Old Business

1. Persons with Disabilities
During the last two meetings OROSHA had brought a concern to the PARC Board regarding persons with disabilities working in nursery settings. There were many issues that were raised during the conversation about this work environment. The outcome has been the following: Garnet contacted the contracting unit within the Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section at Human Services to discuss with them her concerns and they will follow up to determine what information they will need from their contractors to help protect this group of people.
2. Video Conferencing for PARC Board Meetings
Dale and Kathleen explained to the PARC Board that the criteria set up by the Training Center where the video conferencing has been held means that anyone using the Training Center can be "bumped" from a scheduled room at any time if it is not training. This occurred less than 24 hours

before the last Board meeting that was held by Video Conference. Luckily, a room was found in the Training Center that met the Board's needs, however Kathleen is unwilling to risk having the Board meeting bumped and has been unable to find an appropriate video conferencing room in Salem for the meeting. Justin will follow up to find out an exception is available for Health Services to use the Training Center for these meetings.

Presentations

Two presentations were made regarding water:

1. Water Quality Pesticide Management Task Force 2008 Accomplishments, by Steve Riley
The WQPMT team is an inter-agency team composed of various agency representatives. The goals are to develop and implement a statewide Water Quality Pesticide Management Plan. The Management Plan can be reached at the following link
http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/water_quality.shtml
2. Pesticide Stewardship Project '08 by Kevin Masterson
Attached power point – electronic link to power point on ODA website.

Public comment

Carolyn Ashlock spoke to the Board regarding her concern about chronic encroachment of pesticides onto her property. She brought photographs to prove her points and asked that the members take this seriously. Board members were given handouts of by Ms. Ashlock and investigative information by Dale Mitchell. They were asked to consider whether their agencies would have an interest in continuing investigation into Ms. Ashlock's concerns.

Next meeting proposed for May 20, 2009