



Used Lead Acid Battery Community Liaison Committee Meeting
19-Jun-24
7.15pm
Online

Minutes

Topic

Host

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| <p>Welcome Committee Members and Visitors Welcome new members Brendan Mizzi, replacing Mark Richards as the representative for MEU.</p> | <p>Philip Reichert</p> |
| <p>Apologies Refer attached attendance sheet</p> | <p>Philip Reichert</p> |
| <p>Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting Approved by John Ellingham</p> | <p>Philip Reichert</p> |
| <p>MEU, Mark Richards: Raise a complaint on the later change to the venue arrangement which was made the prior day. EPA, Stacey Clark Whilst appreciate mistakes can be made, if all attendees can not be reached, last minute changes should not be made and we'll make necessary adjustments. Pure Environmental Rachel Irvine-Marshall: Apologies on the confusion for both the start time and venue of the meeting. An action has been taken requiring more than a week to make a change to a meeting and for individual notification (phone call or SMS) to be made if circumstances require a last minute change. If all attendees can not be contacted, the meeting will continue as planned and necessary adjustments made.</p> | <p>Philip Reichert/ Rachel Irvine-Marshall</p> |
| <p>EPA Approval Update: The works approval was issued in 2020, there was a number of reports that needed to be provided and approved by EPA before we start construction. There were 12 reports which have been developed and there has been delays during that time especially during COVID. These reports required work from a number of Australian and international consultants. We submitted these reports to EPA on 23 November 2023. EPA reviewed and came back to us on 17 April 2024 with a set of clarifications. We responded to these clarifications on 7 June 2024. We are waiting on the EPA to review these clarifications and confirm if the project is approved to proceed or if there are any additional clarifications.</p> | <p>Dr Lakshman Jayaweera</p> |

EPA Stacey Clarke: Formal submission was received on 19 February 2024. EPA provided comment back and requested clarifications on 17 April 2024. We have received on 17 June 2024 a response to those clarifications which are currently working through and this will determine the next steps for us. That could be approval or further information.

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: Queried some of the differences in dates, but given not under statutory dates it was agreed the specific dates were not important to clarify.

Progress Report - General Status:

The services to the site are being considered and we are getting updates from the service provide for natural gas, electricity, and water. We have done the preliminary design for each of those entities and looking at construction companies to provide us with a price to install the services. The one with the longest timeframe is the electricity as we have to hymnomic studies of the existing electrical grid to work out where we can power from as we require about 8 MW of power on a 24 hour basis. We are also still engaged with our fire engineer to the design of sprinkler system recommended by Fire Rescue Victoria. We've submitted preliminary design report as part of the EPA submission but there is detailed design of the fire sprinkler system to be completed before the plant can be constructed,

Philip Reichert (Chair): To clarify, even when the approvals are granted, there is still a path to run before construction can commence.

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: Clarified that these can be run in parallel to construction.

MEU, Mark Richards: Clarify that there are been no design change, if and when EPA approves, the plant will be ordered and shipped. If there is a design change, then it will take a month plus, and then shipped. This hasn't changed since the last meeting.

ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: Confirmed that is correct.

Community Member, John Ellingham: How is it correct when the updated design was only given to the EPA on the 17 June, which was 2 days ago?

EPA Stacey Clarke: Confirmed the 7 June was when the response to comments was received.

Philip Reichert (Chair): Suggested not to rely on dates and rely on what is the next step.

MEU, Mark Richards: I am stepping aside for a bit and Brendan Mizzi is coming into the meeting as the next point is construction.

MEU Mark Richards: If EPA gives approval tomorrow, you have activities to complete, when will you notify the committee? Especially if it is between committee meeting dates? After confirmation their will be no turning of soil, without notification to the committee of granting approvals.

A commitment provided by Pure Chunxing to notify the CLC.

Community Member, John Ellingham: Once the approval is granted that is the go ahead to order all of the equipment from China? Is this correct as its my recollection that no orders will be placed until the EPA approval is granted. Therefore, it would be weeks out.

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: Our technology approval is waiting for the EPA approval to be given to construct the equipment. Whilst the technology provider is constructing the equipment, we will commence the building construction.

Community Member, John Ellingham: Does that mean the building is being fabricated in Australia?

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: Yes, in Australia.

Philip Reichet (chair): Could Pure Chunxing put together a high-level timeline to show the activities in parallel .

Robin
Krause

Alive Inc, Sally F: I would like to see the timeline before the next meeting? I would like clarification on next step and has plant been ordered from China or will it be ordered after the EPA Approval?

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: Until EPA approval is provided, no equipment is ordered.

Alive Inc, Sally F: Once EPA approval is approved, you then need to finalise everyone and then you'll order from China. Is that correct?

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: Yes, correct. We have an agreement with our technology provider but no construction of the parts will be undertaken by them until EPA approval is granted.

Alive Inc, Sally F: I would still like a timeline of activities in writing before the next meeting.

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: We can not commit to specific timeline until EPA approval is granted.

Philip Reichet (chair): Just put together a set of steps without dates. Like a gantt chart without dates.

Community Member, Bronwyn Woodward: Would like to request it is with the meeting minutes.

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: We will consider the request and review our project plan.

Community Member, John Ellingham: We would like to know what is the critical path.

Air monitoring Update:

The first monitor will be installed across from the school once we have approval from the EPA. That will meet our timeframe for background monitoring. It will be a period of 3 months from EPA approval to any contractors on site. We expect a minimum of 3 months baseline data.

Alive Inc, Sally F: Can I confirm if the location is north side of the school or across the road?

ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: Across the road, north of the community hall. Near the cattleyards.

Alive Inc, Sally F: Regarding the promise from 2020, regarding realtime air monitoring, is this system doing realtime monitoring?

ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: The system is doing realtime gas monitoring and dust sampling which will be analysed weekly.

Alive Inc, Sally F: How long does the results take? Is it 7 days?

ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: It is only a couple of days as there is a laboratory in the valley.

Alive Inc, Sally F: Will that be published immediately for public viewing.

ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: There will be internet monitoring for the gas monitoring and weekly monitoring for the dust.

Alive Inc, Sally F: Will that show the levels of lead in the dust?

ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: Yes

Alive Inc, Sally F: Is there a reason why realtime dust monitoring can not be completed?

Chunxing Corporation, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera: There is no technology available for realtime air monitoring.

Philip Reichet (chair): Confirmed it is a technology decision and information has previously been presented and discussed by the committee.

Any other questions from the community members for discussion:

EPA Stacey Clarke: Suggested preparation of an FAQ document to assist newer community members.

Community Member, Bronwyn Woodward: Requested the meeting minutes on the website be rearranged to have the latest meeting minutes at the top of the screen.

Pure Environmental Rachel Irvine-Marshall: Confirmed this is underway

Community Member, John Ellingham: Will the 8MW be underground or via poles and wires?

ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: Poles and wires (overhead) as all power in the area is above ground.

Next Meeting:

Agenda Items, please send to Rachel prior to the meeting

Wednesday 21 August 2024 - to confirm if online or in person prior to meeting.. The option for online will be available if in person.

Philip
Reichert

EPA Stacey Clarke: Placing an early apology as on leave when the next meeting is held and will send a delegate. If EPA approval has been granted then would request the date be changed. Alternative dates were discussed but unsuccessful to find another suitable date. Stacey agreed to continue with scheduled date unless EPA approval is granted. Stacey and Rachel will work offline if approval is granted.

Community Member, Bronwyn Woodward: If no EPA approval, do we need the next meeting or could we delay?

Philip Reichet (chair): We will continue with the meeting schedule regardless.

