

MINUTES
Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 16, 2025

MoDNR, Lewis & Clark State Office Building, LaCharrette Conference Room
Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Greer called the meeting to order and thanked those in attendance for being present. He introduced Mark Long, who is representing OA since Margarete Crawford could not attend the meeting, and Curtis Wall, who is representing the Department of Agriculture, since Kristi Naught could not attend the meeting. Roll was called. Chairman Greer then asked all members of the audience to identify themselves for the record, which they did.

Trustees Present:

James Greer, Chairman
Tom Kolb
Mark Long (for Margarete Crawford)
Ski Mariea
Don McNutt
Ken Teague
Curtis Wall (for Kristi Naught)
Jacob Westen

Trustees Absent:

Jim Ford, Vice Chairman
Danny Opie

Staff Present:

Kaly Erwin, Williams & Company Consulting
Diane James, Executive Assistant
Kelley Ogletree, Executive Director
John Taylor, General Counsel
Pat Vuchetich, Williams & Company Consulting

Others Present:

Justin Buckler, Environmental Remediation Program, MoDNR
Angela Oravetz, Environmental Remediation Program, MoDNR

Approval of Minutes – April 30, 2025 – Open Session

Ski Mariea moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tom Kolb seconded. Chairman Greer invited discussion, corrections, or amendments; there were none. Motion carried with Trustee Westen abstaining.

Monthly Reports

Chairman Greer noted that financial statements were provided for the months of April and May and asked if there were any questions on either of them; there were none. He then commented the monthly activity reports were provided for the months of April, May and June and asked if there were any questions on any of them; there were none.

Chairman Greer then asked if there were any questions or comments on the large-loss report provided; there were none.

Impact of MRBCA on Costs to PSTIF

Chairman Greer asked Ms. Ogletree to review the information provided to Trustees on MRBCA costs. Ms. Ogletree explained that MRBCA provided a path forward for cleanups that previously did not have one. Anecdotally, it was thought that a result was that, while they had a path forward, cleanups after MRBCA take longer to reach closure than necessary because less corrective action had been done. Ms. Ogletree presented a number of graphs that demonstrate after the implementation of MRBCA, a majority of moneys reimbursed by PSTIF was spent on non-remedial activity and that cleanups go on for a very long time. For example, in 1993, 78% of the dollars spent were for active remediation. In 2024, that number was 23% with the remaining 77% being spent on other activities such as site characterization, monitoring, reporting, etc. Further, when adjusted for inflation, the average cost to close a claim is nearly twice as much post-MRBCA than it was pre-MRBCA. Based on the data analysis, Ms. Ogletree concluded that less active remediation does not necessarily lead to lower cost cleanups, cleanups closing faster, or being less burdensome on the tank owner. She went on to state that going forward, staff will work with responsible parties' environmental consultants and MoDNR to evaluate options to do limited corrective action to reduce the ultimate cost of cleanups, both in terms of money and time.

Ms. Ogletree added that she sees a path forward for improvement in PSTIF operations, based on the data provided, collaborative efforts with MoDNR regarding how to address free product, and a national focus by EPA and ASTM to move sites to closure.

Some discussion regarding examples of ways to shorten the length of cleanups took place.

Trustee Kolb asked if any legislative changes or modifications to MRBCA had to take place to approach cleanups/claims in this way. Ms. Ogletree responded that it would not and representatives of MoDNR concurred.

Discussion regarding the importance of getting environmental consultants on board with the new strategy took place. Some consultants will embrace it right away and others will take a little longer to adjust, but Ms. Ogletree expressed that she thinks the market will work that out.

Justin Buckler added that there are technologies available but not frequently used at petroleum sites that will likely gain in popularity.

Trustee Kolb expressed that as a tank owner, he would rather get the cleanup done quickly, even if it means more money at the beginning. Mr. Long noted that it appears from the data that doing corrective action provides more data faster and should lead to being able to demonstrate that no unacceptable risk exists in less time.

Chairman Greer stated that there seemed to be general agreement with staff's intended path forward and that he looks forward to seeing it proceed.

Legislative Report

Chairman Greer commented the PSTIF Board's appropriations request for FY26 passed with no changes made by the legislature and no other bills directly impacting PSTIF operations.

Other Information and Administrative Issues

28th National Tanks Conference, Spokane, WA, September 22-25, 2025 – Chairman Greer commented when and where this conference would take place and let Trustees know that John Taylor would be attending and presenting on the use of subrogation to recover costs for cleanups caused by parties other than the tank owner. He said Mr. Taylor will also let conference attendees know what is being done in the State of Missouri and learn what other states are doing. Mr. Taylor gave Trustees an overview of his presentation. Chairman Greer let Trustees know that any out-of-state travel by PSTIF staff must be approved by the Board and noted that costs should be minimal as travel expenses up to \$1400 are federally funded and reimbursed for this trip.

Tom Kolb moved to approve the out-of-state travel for John Taylor to attend the 28th National Tanks Conference in Spokane, WA. Ski Mariea seconded. Chairman Greer invited discussion, questions, or comments; there were none. Motion carried unanimously.

PSTIF Staff Presentation at MWCC – Chairman Greer said staff presented at the annual Missouri Waste Control Coalition Environmental Conference on July 14. Ms. Ogletree commented they discussed ways to keep things moving with cleanups, what to put in reports to help the process, in addition to what was talked about earlier in this meeting.

Fund Administrator Contract – Chairman Greer commented the RFP for the FY26 Fund Administrator contract has been reissued per Trustees guidance from the last meeting. He said the close date will be July 22 and submissions will be reviewed shortly after that. He noted the current contract has been extended until September 30, which is prior to the next Board meeting so a conference call will need to be scheduled no later than the end of August for the Board to determine if a contract will be offered.

Billings – Chairman Greer asked if there were any questions or comments on any of the billings. There were no questions on billings.

Chairman Greer then asked for a motion to go into closed session to:

- Approve the minutes from our previous closed sessions; and
- Discuss ongoing and threatened litigation and seek advice from the Board's counsel.

Tom Kolb moved to go into closed session to discuss the matters identified by the Chairman, as authorized by Subsections (1) and (14) of Section 610.021, RSMo. Jacob Westen seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0 in favor.

Chairman Greer thanked everyone for attending and announced the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at this same location.

The open meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

 /S/
Kelley J. Ogletree

 /S/
James Greer, Chairman

 – 10/01/2025
Date