



R. L. Harris Hydroelectric Project

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Meeting Summary HAT 6 Conference Call/Skype Meeting July 9, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Participants:

Amanda McBride- Alabama Historical Commission (AHC)
RaeLynn Butler - Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Robin Soweka- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Elizabeth Toombs- Cherokee Nation
Keith Chandler - Alabama Power
Bill Gardner - Alabama Power
Angie Anderegg- Alabama Power
Tina Mills - Alabama Power
Amanda Fleming - Kleinschmidt Associates

Action Items:

- Alabama Power to investigate access issues for Robin Soweka, as needed.
- Alabama Power to email table of sites selected for further evaluation.
- Alabama Power to schedule a follow-up call to finalize list of sites for further evaluation.
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation will respond with written comments on the sites for further evaluation on or before August 16.

Notes:

Amanda Fleming (Kleinschmidt) welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation in the conference call. Amanda provided a review of the last HAT6 meeting that was held on May 22, 2019 and reminded the group that Alabama Power had established a HAT 6 SharePoint website (website) for the purpose of distributing large files to the group. Amanda reminded everyone that the large files that were distributed on flash drive on May 1, 2019 had also been posted to the website on June 14, 2019 and, due to the sensitive nature of the information, had been removed from the website on June 21, 2019. Amanda then asked all of the call participants whether they were able to access the files that were posted. Robin Soweka (Muscogee (Creek) Nation) stated that, because access to the website required a Microsoft account, he was not able to download the information. Robin stated that he had made several attempts with various Microsoft accounts but was not successful. Amanda Fleming stated that Alabama Power could work with Robin on access issues. RaeLynn Butler (Muscogee (Creek) Nation) stated that she was able to access the website but did not have time to download all of the files before they were deleted. Amanda Fleming stated that all of the files would re-added to the website for additional time to access and would remain posted until the end of the week. Angie Anderegg (Alabama Power) stated that she appreciated everyone's patience during this process, and this group of large files should be the only time that requires downloading this much information at one time. Elizabeth Toombs (Cherokee Nation) stated that she had attempted to access the files, but the website crashed during download. Amanda Fleming reiterated that the files would be re-added for access and stated that Alabama Power can also send a second flash drive with the information if anyone would like to provide a better or different mailing address.

Amanda Fleming then asked whether anyone had an opportunity to review the list of sites to be further evaluated and stated that these sites had been the sites that were discussed during the May 22, 2019 meeting. Amanda reiterated that the immediate next step is to finalize the list of sites to be evaluated and that any comments regarding changes to the list or additional sites should be forward to Angie Anderegg.

RaeLynn Butler asked about the timeline for providing comments. Amanda stated that comments were no longer needed for the Study Plan as it has been finalized by FERC. All comments moving forward would be made regarding how the study is conducted.

Amanda Fleming stated that HAT 6 needs to finalize the list of sites for further evaluation as soon as possible so that the Office of Archaeological Research (OAR) can begin any needed field evaluations in the fall. Amanda added that HAT 6 will be meeting again in the August/September timeframe to review methods and to begin more detailed discussions regarding the HPMP or TCP and then reiterated that the immediate step is to finalize the list of sites for further evaluation.

Bill Gardner (Alabama Power) stated that the field work would need to be conducted from November through January in order to access areas during low water conditions. Bill added that OAR follows the University of Alabama's schedule and, therefore, would not be available to conduct field work during the last two weeks of December.

Amanda Fleming stated that the table of sites for further evaluation would be provided via email as soon as possible as it is small enough in file size to email. Amanda added that any comments regarding the table can be provided to Angie Anderegg via email, and, after allowing 2-3 weeks for review of the table, a follow-up call will be scheduled to discuss finalizing the list. RaeLynn Butler stated that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation would be able to review the list and provide comments by August 16th.

In conclusion, Amanda Fleming asked for any further comments or discussion, and, with none given, thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.