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Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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DOE Honors Six Retiring Members for Service to ORSSAB

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) honored six retiring board members during its June 8 monthly meeting. After six years, 70 board meetings, and an untold number of committee meetings Darryl Bonner, Steve Dixon, Lance Mezga, and Bob Olson completed the maximum number of terms allowed by ORSSAB bylaws. Ted Lundy and Kevin Westervelt decided not to apply for a third two-year term. The retiring members' positions and other open vacancies will be filled in July when the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) anticipates seating 10 new members on the board.

DOE-Oak Ridge Assistant Manager for Environmental Management (EM) John Eschenberg presented the six retiring members awards of service for their commitment to the ORSSAB and the DOE Oak Ridge EM program.



Six long-time ORSSAB members attended their last meeting in June. They were recognized for their service by John Eschenberg, center, the DOE-Oak Ridge Assistant Manager for Environmental Management. Leaving the board, from left to right, are Ted Lundy, Darryl Bonner, Lance Mezga, Steve Dixon, Kevin Westervelt, and Bob Olson.

“You have each given of yourselves for the benefit of the board, the DOE mission, and our community,” Eschenberg told the group. “It is going to be challenging to replace the expertise each of you provided. All of you had other obligations; however, you made a commitment to serve on a public advisory board. Your dedication demonstrates what “public service” really means – working toward the betterment of our communities,” Eschenberg said.

ORSSAB Chair Ron Murphree echoed Eschenberg’s sentiments. “It’s going to be extremely difficult for us to replace this much knowledge and dedication at one time. You can tell from their accomplishments that it is not just members we are losing, it’s key members. I am indebted to them for the service they have given and the help they have provided us during the past six years. Their commitment and leadership has been instrumental to the success of the Board, and they will be greatly missed.”

Darryl Bonner is an Oak Ridge resident who served as the board’s Stewardship Committee chair for four years and vice chair for two.

Steve Dixon, who lives in Louisville, served as the ORSSAB chair in 2009, vice chair in 2008, and chair of the Board Finance & Process Committee for four years.

Ted Lundy, who lives in Knoxville, served as a member of the Stewardship Committee from 2008 to 2011, and served on the Public Outreach and Board Finance & Process committee.

Lance Mezga of Knoxville was ORSSAB chair in 2007 and 2008, and served on the EM committee during the entire six years of his tenure on the board.

Bob Olson is an Oak Ridge resident, who served on the EM committee during the entire six years of his board tenure, serving as committee chair in 2010 and 2011.

Kevin Westervelt of Knoxville served as ORSSAB vice chair in 2010 and 2011, and was chair of the Public Outreach Committee in 2008 and 2009.

ORSSAB is a federally chartered citizens' panel that provides recommendations to the DOE-Oak Ridge EM program. The board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the DOE Information Center in Oak Ridge. Information about the board is available on the internet at www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab or by calling (865) 241-4583 or 241-4584.

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