

Tenaska Expedition Project Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting Summary

Date: July 7, 2026

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Location: Existing Tenaska Facility, Fluvanna County, Virginia

1. Meeting Overview

The inaugural meeting of the Tenaska Expedition Project Community Advisory Board (CAB) began with a tour of the existing facility at 11:30 a.m., providing members an opportunity to familiarize themselves with plant operations. A working lunch followed at 12:30 p.m., during which introductions were conducted, and meeting logistics were discussed. It was noted that future CAB meetings will not be held on Thursdays due to scheduling constraints raised by CAB member Stacie Fraser.

The meeting focused on establishing the CAB's purpose, reviewing bylaws and member responsibilities, discussing expectations for engagement, and receiving an overview of the Expedition Project from the Tenaska project team. Members also discussed the role of the CAB in facilitating communication between the project team and the broader community.

2. Attendance

- Community Advisory Board Members in attendance
 - Brian Faulknier
 - Captain Mark Black
 - Donna Schroeder
 - Gene Goin
 - Honorable Cheryl Turpin
 - Mario Kuhar
 - Rudy Garcia
 - Stacie Fraser
- Community Advisory Board members not in attendance
 - Gary Clore
- Tenaska Representatives
 - Timberly Ross, Tenaska
 - Jarrod Pitts, Tenaska
- Facilitation Team
 - Renee Hoyos, ERM
 - Krystal Lacayo, ERM

3. Bylaws Discussion

ERM led a review of the CAB bylaws and governance framework. During the discussion members:

- Asked how information would be communicated to the public and whether meeting materials would be posted online.
- Inquired whether communications would occur between formal CAB meetings.
 - ERM confirmed that communication with CAB members would occur between meetings as needed.
- The Tenaska team indicated that commercial operation is currently anticipated in **2031**, with the CAB expected to continue through approximately **2032**.
- CAB members agreed to the bylaws and governance structure as written.

4. CAB Structure and Member Responsibilities

The group discussed member expectations and established rules of engagement to guide future conversations. Key principles included:

- Maintain respectful and constructive dialogue.
- Avoid excessively political discussions.
- Refrain from shouting, name calling, or interrupting others.
- Practice active and intentional listening.
- Keep cell phones on silent during meetings.
- Focus discussions on county needs, project impacts, and community concerns.
- Assume everyone is telling the truth.

Several members emphasized the importance of creating an environment where all perspectives can be heard and addressed respectfully.

5. Project Update Presentation

The Tenaska project team provided an overview of the proposed Expedition Project, including key development features, facility renderings, and anticipated construction activities.

Project Location and Infrastructure

- The project team noted that the proposed development may not require construction of an additional water pipeline.

Facility Equipment and Longevity

Following the project rendering presentation, members:

- Asked about the expected service life of major facility equipment.

- The project team explained that major equipment is generally designed to operate for 40 years or longer, with ongoing maintenance and component upgrades extending operational life.
- The project team also discussed limitations associated with retrofitting facilities with emerging technologies, noting that while upgrades are possible, certain physical and engineering constraints exist.

Transportation and Construction Impacts

During discussion of large equipment transportation, members

- Discussed how the transportation of oversized equipment could affect the local community.
 - The project team indicated that delivery schedules would be coordinated and staggered to minimize impacts.
 - Members referenced challenges experienced during construction of the existing facility, as well as a recent transportation-related accident involving equipment for the existing plant, highlighting the importance of proactive planning and communication.

6. Discussion on the Purpose of the CAB

A significant portion of the meeting focused on defining the CAB's role and objectives. The project overview was not completed.

Members discussed whether the CAB's primary purpose was to influence public opinion, support community engagement, or address project concerns, noting that public sentiment may not necessarily change over time.

Members shared perspectives.

- Community sentiment could change and CAB members noted their intention to engage with neighbors and share factual project information.
- CAB members should educate themselves about the project, listen to community concerns, and bring those concerns back to Tenaska for discussion and response.
- Many residents receive information through informal channels and word of mouth, which can contribute to misunderstandings about projects.
- Misinformation circulates that is commonly associated with industrial projects, including concerns about noise and pollution.
- Shared personal experiences related to public opposition and its effects on some members of the CAB.
- Emphasized that while misinformation can occur, concerns regarding noise and traffic should be recognized as legitimate issues deserving thoughtful consideration.
- Expressed appreciation for Tenaska's transparency throughout project development and emphasized the importance of gathering facts and sharing accurate information with the public.

- Asked whether non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) had been signed during earlier project phases.
 - The project team noted that participants had been informed that such agreements are a standard business practice.
 - Members added that developers often utilize confidentiality agreements during project development to allow planning and evaluation activities to proceed without competitive interference.
 - Members noted that this context helped answer questions they had received from constituents.

Overall, members agreed that the CAB can serve as a valuable forum for information sharing, community education, and two-way communication between Tenaska and the public.

7. Environmental Open House

The project team announced an upcoming Environmental Open House:

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Fluvanna County High School

The event will focus on environmental topics, including:

- Air quality
- Water resources

The team indicated that outreach efforts would include postcard mailings and email communications.

8. Other Discussion Items

Members identified Fluvanna Area News as a local information source that provides timely county updates and may be useful for communicating project information to the community.

9. Key Takeaways

- CAB members reviewed, discussed, and approved the board's bylaws, purpose, and engagement expectations.
- The Expedition Project is anticipated to begin operations in 2031, with the CAB expected to continue through approximately 2032.
- Members emphasized the importance of respectful dialogue, fact-based discussions, and community-focused engagement.
- Transportation, traffic, noise, and public perceptions were identified as important topics for future discussion.
- The CAB generally viewed its role as serving as a bridge between the community and project team by sharing accurate information and elevating community concerns.

- An Environmental Open House will be held on July 28, 2026, at Fluvanna County High School.