

## **MINUTES**

Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board  
Fort McClellan, Alabama  
10 January 2000

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Pete Conroy; Mr. Don Cunningham; Mr. Jerome Elser; Mr. Ron Hood; Mayor Kimbrough; Ms. Margarette Longstreth; Mr. Fern Thomassy; Mr. Bobby Weston

**BCT MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Ron Levy; Mr. Bart Reedy

- I. **Call to Order.** Mr. Ron Hood opened the meeting by calling the roll. The minutes were review for content. Since there was not a quorum, no official business could be conducted. Due to postal problems, the monthly mailing notifications were not delivered and the Court Reporter was not notified. Mr. Ron Hood then introduced Hank Hubbard, UXO Safety Specialist, Huntsville Corp of Engineers. Mr. Hubbard provided a presentation of the Eastern Bypass UXO Work, which included a summary of cleanup status. He identified the general location of work and outlined the safety and detection procedures used. Mr. Hubbard discussed the 2.36" rocket and the 3" Stokes Mortars that had been discovered and the locations of each.

Mr. Hubbard informed the RAB board that Eastern Bypass UXO cleanup is done in grids. One grid is 100ft x 100ft and there are 914 grids in the Eastern Bypass. As of January 10<sup>th</sup> 126 (13%) grids had been swept. The clearance depth of a grid is 1ft and the Huntsville Corp of Engineers is responsible for clearing a lot of the vegetation and will also do brush clearing to get counter production in lanes. He also explained that the terrain greatly affects the progress making the work very tedious, time consuming and costly. Discussing safety, he said daily briefings are held so all crew members are aware of exactly what is being done on a day-to-day basis. Because of the nature of the work, it cannot be rushed and the teams must maintain peak production, a 40-hr workweek is necessary for safety purposes. Everything found during a workday is handled that day. Nothing is left overnight. A discussion period followed which included timbering areas by both Ft. McClellan and ALDOT; cleanup requirements for proposed NWR; grubbing by both the Army and ALDOT and examination of samples of UXO items on display. Ending the presentation, Mr. Hubbard stated there is no formula for detecting and handling of UXO; each type is different and requires a different technique. Mr. Levy reminded the RAB that while the process is slow and precise, it

is not 100% accurate. He said the Army is committed to doing the best it can in cleanup and the contractors are considered the best in their field and use the latest technology, but no one can give a 100% assurance.

- II. **OLD BUSINESS.** Mr. Levy then presented the newly created Summary Action Sheet. He informed the RAB it would be a monthly item and discussed the two items: Status of Master Lease FOSL and Closing of the Open Burning/Open Detonation (OB/OD) Ground – Pelham Range.
- III. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS.** Mr. Hood reminded the RAB that we did not have a quorum; therefore a selection could not be made to fill the two vacancies on the board. Mr. Levy asked Ms. McKinney to identify the nominees, which she did. She then stated that if the board members had other nominees they wished to be placed into consideration to bring them to the next months meeting at which time the selection process would continue. Ms. McKinney then reminded the RAB that the Feb meeting was scheduled to be in the community and the location was not determined, however it would probably be held in the Golden Springs area. The members would be notified.
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.