

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Fort McClellan, AL
January 14, 2002

CO-CHAIR: Mr. Glynn Ryan; Mr. Craig Branchfield.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. James Buford; Mr. Pete Conroy; Dr. Barry Cox; Mr. Don Cunningham; Mr. Lamar Freeman; Ms. Donna Fathke; Mr. Curtis Franklin; Dr. Mary Harrington; Mr. Ron Hood; Mayor Ed Kimbrough; Mr. Fern Thomassy.

BCT MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ron Levy; Mr. Philip Stroud.

I. Call To Order: Mr. Branchfield called the roll and those present are listed above. The minutes from the November meeting were approved, however Mr. Philip Stroud, ADEM, requested a clarification of the November minutes pertaining to his statement for an Alternative 5.5 in M1.01 parcel. He explained that Alternative Five was complete cleanup to one foot and Alternative Six was to clean the entire area to depth. Mr. Stroud proposed that the Army do a little more than was stated in Alternative 5, thus what Mr. Stroud called an alternative 5.5 at the November RAB meeting, where if the Army finds unexploded ordnance between 0 and 1 foot, they would remove as stated in Alternative 5; but then if there is another anomaly below that, the Army would dig down to it even though it was below 1 foot. It was moved and seconded to add the clarification to the minutes of the January meeting.

II. Old Business: Mr. Branchfield stated that members had been provided a new RAB Membership List that includes email addresses. He asked the members to review for accuracy and provide any corrections to Ms. McKinney.

He then reminded the RAB of the discussion regarding procedures and membership of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) that occurred in the November meeting. He and Mr. Thomassy then discussed the process of providing written comments on documents reviewed by the TRC. It was agreed that a formal procedure should be established which provides committee consensus and distribution of the comments to the RAB and then on to Army. Mr. Doyle stated that the Army has a standardized form that is used for review of documents that he would be pleased to share. Mr. Thomassy then asked if Army could provide some administrative support to the committee by taking their comments, compiling them into a standard format and submitting them to the RAB for consideration before submitting to Army. Mr. Ryan agreed to support their efforts. Mr. Branchfield then reminded the RAB that in the November meeting, Dr. Cox said that Mr. Hopper had expressed an interest in joining the TRC and proposed that he be added to the TRC. Mr. Branchfield said that there are currently four TRC members and asked the RAB if they had any questions or issues relating to

membership of TRC members. There were none. The RAB agreed to add Mr. Hopper to the TRC. He added that if there were any other volunteers, they could contact Mr. Branchfield or Ms. McKinney.

At this time, Mr. Branchfield asked the audience members to introduce themselves.

There was a brief discussion of applying for assistance through a TAPP grant. Mr. Branchfield reported that he had had no additional feedback from the RAB since the last meeting in requesting assistance. Mr. Ryan suggested that a committee be formed to determine the need for TAPP funding. Mr. Branchfield, Mr. Conroy and Dr. Cox then volunteered to assist. Anyone who was absent from the January meeting will have the opportunity to volunteer. This topic will be brought up at the February meeting. Mr. Branchfield will take the lead to determine a date for the three members listed above as well as Mr. Levy and Mr. Ryan to meet to further discuss TAPP opportunities.

- III. New Business:** Mr. Levy gave a presentation of the new RAB Website for the members to view. The members were also given a hard copy. He explained what could be found on the website, such as fact sheets, minutes, newsletters and documents and reminded the RAB that most repository items are on the website. All members are listed on the website, and if someone has a question, they can click on the RAB member's name and send a message to them. There is also a comment section for suggestions to improve the site. The comment mail goes to the system administrator and is then sent to Mr. Levy.

Mr. Philip Stroud, ADEM, led the agency reports and stated that they are now working on time-consuming issues such as unexploded ordnance and underground storage tanks. He said that the first CERFA parcel has just been turned over and the FOST for the Parks and Recreation is about to be turned over. He reported that the EPA representative, Mr. Doyle Brittain, was still experiencing funding constraints and is therefore unable to attend the RAB meetings. However, Mr. Brittain and Mr. Stroud are coordinating on the same issues.

Mayor Kimbrough asked the disposition of Underground Storage Tanks (UST) in the event JPA does not accept the transfer. Mr. Levy stated the Army would work with the JPA to transfer the tanks. Mr. Ryan reminded everyone that the USTs do meet environmental standards or the Army wouldn't transfer them. A short discussion ensued concerning current status of the tanks. Mr. Levy went on record to state Army's position that those tanks are in full compliance with the law and have been inspected by ADEM. There are no notices of violations on any of the tanks or requirements to remove any of the tanks. Mr. Stroud reiterated that no tank would be transferred until it has 100% approval from ADEM. Ms. Schneider, JPA, stated that JPA is concerned about the marketing of the property if it contains USTs and therefore had hired a third party engineer to evaluate and give recommendations as to whether the tanks are needed and if there is a liability. JPA is taking another look to insure that the tanks are needed for the use and

function of the building and to keep the community informed that they are accepting these tanks.

Continuing with JPA report, Ms. Schneider stated that several houses had sold and there is daily interest in the properties. The apartments on Baker Road should be completed in approximately six weeks. Hunjan is renovating their building and they are working with AIDT for a hiring program. This will initially create approximately thirty-five to forty jobs with up to two hundred at the end of the 2nd year. A commercial study is being conducted to determine what kind of business would make people come here. Ms. Schneider said they have hired an engineer to evaluate and give recommendations on the landfills as well as the underground storage tanks.

Mr. Levy then reiterated the information contained in the Action Summary Sheet that was provided to each RAB member. He informed the audience that this is a document that identifies the monthly progress on cleanup issues that come before the Restoration Advisory Board. In his discussion of the M1.01 EE/CA, he mentioned the Army had made changes to the EE/CA based on numerous comments from the RAB technical review committee and had responded to the TRC comments. It was noted that to date one TRC member had received this Army response. He called for questions to his summary.

Using a map, Mr. Levy pointed out all the area that has been transferred, is Army retained, or is pending transfer.

Mr. Levy suggested that the 2002 RAB Meeting schedule be developed for review at the next meeting and changes could be made at that time. Ms. Donna Fathke proposed that the start time for RAB meetings be changed from 6:30 to 5:30. After a discussion among the RAB members, it was determined that it would not be in the best interest of the RAB members to change the time.

There was a brief discussion between Mayor Kimbrough and Mr. Levy concerning Weaver's well-head protection study, and Mr. Levy stated he would support the Mayor in requests for data from groundwater monitoring wells installed by the Army.

Mr. Branchfield asked for any audience comments and there were none.

IV. Adjournment: Mr. Branchfield received a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.