

Minutes (with 6 amendments added)
Restoration Advisory Board, Fort McClellan, AL

Monday, January 13, 2003

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Mr. Clendenin called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: No guests were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Fatke made the motion to accept the November minutes and Mr. Elser seconded. Board approved the minutes for the November 2002 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board voted on and approved amendments to the By-Laws.
- Mr. Conroy requested clarification regarding two standards of cleanup for the Refuge, one standard being passive recreation with cleanup of surface to six inches and the other standard being surface cleanup. Mr. Ryan replied the Army is still looking at recommendations and decisions have not been made, still discussing cleanup with Fish and Wildlife.
- Mr. Ryan discussed Mayor Kimbrough's question from the previous RAB meeting concerning whether the Fill Area Northwest of Reilly Airfield was investigated in a UXO EE/CA. Mr. Ryan provided a letter to the Mayor and RAB members explaining the Army's position for investigating this area in the landfill EE/CA and the reason for recommendation of No Further Action. The Mayor expressed his concern regarding the area being identified for active recreation and potential risk to families.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Agency Reports:**

ADEM: Mr. Stroud provided a list of documents that ADEM is working on.

EPA: Mr. Brittain was unable to attend; however, he sent list of documents on which EPA is working which was handed out to RAB members.

- **JPA**: Ms. Schneider presented the JPA report. Ms. Schneider reported the JPA had voted in December to pursue early transfer and privatization of cleanup at McClellan. The JPA Board will begin negotiations with a conservation group to protect the gray bat habitat on McClellan that will additionally create open space corridors where no development can occur. JPA has hired a design group to work on design issues including infrastructure and design aesthetics.

- **TRC**: Mr. Branchfield stated that the committee had nothing to report. Mr. Conroy reported that he had been to the UXO basic training in Monterey and that he had been challenged on several issues, including EE/CA review and ordnance characterization. A discussion ensued primarily on RAB receiving draft and final versions of the EE/CA, as well as questions posed by ADEM.

- **Action Summary Sheet:** Mr. Levy briefed the RAB on the contents of the summary provided to the RAB. Mr. Levy reported with more detail than usual for the benefit of new RAB members. Some discussion revolved around the landfill investigation.

- **Update of TAPP Contract Hours:** Mr. Levy reported there are 448.25 hours remaining on the contract.

- Mr. Ryan brought up the topic of the Weaver groundwater study and asked the RAB if it would like this study to be presented to the RAB. A discussion of pre-briefing requirements ensued.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Conroy made the motion to adjourn and Dr. Cox second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NOTE: Transcript of meeting is available at Repositories.