

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Fort McClellan, AL

Monday, February 11, 2002

PRESENT:

Co-Chair: Glynn Ryan

Board Members: Monty Clendenin; Jerome Elser; Curtis Franklin; Ron Hood; James Buford; Donna Fathke

BCT Members: Philip Stroud (ADEM), Ron Levy

JPA: Leann Meshel

A. CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order and stated that because there was not a quorum, the RAB could not approve the minutes of the January 2001 meeting.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Membership Roster and Meeting Dates

Mr. Levy noted that a revised membership roster was provided to the members and asked that everyone again verify the information. He also presented a listing of tentative dates for the 2002 RAB meetings and stated that because there was not a quorum, the dates could not be approved at this meeting.

2. March Meeting

Mr. Levy stated the next meeting will be held at the Jacksonville Community Center based on the requirement to hold meetings off-site quarterly. The Transition Force will schedule that meeting even though the RAB does not have a quorum to approve the site.

3. Technical Review Committee Membership

Mr. Ryan stated we have not received additional requests for TRC membership but will put it on the agenda for the next meeting in case someone wants to be a part of the TRC.

4. Technical Assistance Public Participation Startup Meeting and Volunteers

Mr. Ryan, Mr. Branchfield, and Dr. Cox could not find a date to meet and discuss the TAPP program. Mr. Ryan stated Mr. Levy would work with the RAB to put together their request for TAPP assistance.

C. PROGRAM

Mr. Levy explained that he could not present the landfill EE/CA and CWM EE/CA findings at the February meeting because they are not quite ready for the RAB members to review.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Reports

ADEM - Mr. Stroud passed out information on the status of reports he is reviewing and stated he is dealing with serious issues related to unexploded ordnance and HTRW. He also said he is working on quite a few issues at Pelham Range. He mentioned that Mr. Brittain is reviewing reports and has other people looking at the reports, too. Mr. Stroud stated he has another person working with him now; thus, many of the items that are showing pending should be complete by next month.

EPA – Mr. Doyle Brittain was unable to attend due to budget constraints at EPA.

JPA – Ms. Leann Meshel had nothing to report.

2. Action Summary Sheet

Mr. Levy discussed the items included in the summary. The Army will provide results of the quarterly well samples taken in January for landfill 3 when they are available. He explained that the Army is installing additional wells to define the plume around landfill 3. Installation of wells slated for the median of Highway 21 has begun, and the Army is working to award construction of the remaining wells in other areas. The Army is incorporating data from T-38 and the smoke range into the Alpha Area EE/CA prior to releasing it for regulatory agency review. Requirements for additional fieldwork in the Bravo Area have extended fieldwork into March. The EE/CA will be released to the regulatory agencies prior to being released for public review. The EPA is still reviewing the Charlie Area work plan; we have received comments from ADEM. Fieldwork for Charlie may not start until March due to the time it takes to process the comments. The Army is continuing to remove ordnance in the Eastern Bypass area. The Army is responding to comments on the CWM EE/CA and hopes to have it available for RAB review by March or April with the signing of the action memorandum expected in summer. The Landfill EE/CA public comment period may be delayed until April due to comments from the Army and regulatory agencies. The JPA is still reviewing the document. The Army will brief the RAB regarding the CWM and Landfill EE/CA investigations for the upcoming public comment periods. The FOSTs for the parks and recreation property and the First CERFA Parcel were signed on February 5th. Mr. Ryan stated that deeds for the property should be ready 60 days from the time the Army receives a final survey from parks and recreation and the JPA. Mr. Levy pointed out on a map the parks and recreation property and the first CERFA parcel FOST property. Finally, Mr. Levy reiterated the safety issues associated with the investigations on post and the necessity for people not to bypass barriers.

3. Radiation Site

Mr. Levy discussed a site formerly owned by the Army but now owned by the City of Anniston and located in the LaGarde Park area. The site is located about a hundred feet outside the Fort's fence line and was found to be contaminated with Cobalt 60 and Cesium 137. The site was identified from a flyover of the area. Responsibility for the site falls with the Army Corps of Engineers under property called formerly used defense sites, which is a program that the BCT and Transition Force do not manage. The Army notified the City of Anniston. There was discussion regarding the level of radiation, and Mr. Levy stated the numbers are not significant in terms of exposure. Mr. Stroud stated it is a Health Department issue but he will be in touch with them. In response to Mr. Hood's statement that the site was discovered after it sat there for 30 years, Mr. Levy discussed previous work at the site and stated there were different standards in effect in the early 70's when the site was released. He stated that the instrumentation could read lower now. Mr. Ryan stated Mr. Ellis Pope is currently handling the project for the Corps of Engineers at Mobile, and we will keep the RAB members informed.

4. Meeting Site for April

Mr. Levy informed the RAB that the April meeting would be in a conference room located at the opposite end of this building.

5. Community Relations Work

Mr. Levy stated because some of the environmental office workload is scaling down, his staff is able to pick up the RAB community relations work. Because we can pick up the work internally, we decided not to renew Ms. Joan McKinney's contract. Both he and Mr. Ryan applauded Ms. McKinney's and Ms. Diane Wilkerson's work. Mrs. Brenda Cunningham will contact RAB members about meetings and maintain the information repositories and administrative record while Mrs. Karen Pinson will prepare the minutes and action summary.

E. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Ryan called for audience comments, but there were none.

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.