

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Fort McClellan, Alabama
17 April 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ike Brown; James Buford; Pete Conroy; Dr. Barry Cox; Donald Cunningham; Jerome Elser; Donna Fathke; Mayor Kimbrough; Fern Thomassy; Ronald Hood

BCT MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Levy; Bart Reedy; Chris Johnson; Phillip Stroud

I. Call to Order. Mr. Hood brought the meeting to order; the roll was called and the minutes approved.

II. Old Business. Mr. Levy discussed the location of the next RAB meeting. Golden Springs Community Center had been selected at the March meeting, but a subsequent inquiry determined the facilities were already scheduled. The Oxford Civic Center was presented without objection as an alternate site for the May 15th meeting. He then stated the Land Use Control Action Plan (LUCAP) discussed at the last meeting was still being reviewed by EPA, ADEM, JPA, and the Army so it would be a little longer before copies could be furnished to the RAB. He explained that the LUCAP would allow controls to be placed on property that cannot be brought to a level of fully clean or would impact health, safety or the environment. The controls also provide for long-term clean-up efforts.

III. New Business. Mr. Levy said he wanted to focus this meeting on what had been placed on the Action Summary Sheet (ASS) provided to the RAB members. Prior to addressing the first topic on the Action Summary Sheet, Mr. Levy passed along an apology from the JPA representative, Ms. Miki Schneider, who could not be present. A short discussion followed on reuse issues with most of the discussion centering on the concept of the Alabama State Troopers moving their school and training facilities to the old Training Brigade Area. The first topic on the Action Summary Sheet was the FOST on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It was stated that all the water distribution system, sanitary sewer system, the storm drainage system and the treatment plant were now under the control of the Anniston Water and Sewer Board. Mr. Levy explained that since there are still consumers at FMC, including some residents, the chlorine residuals levels must be maintained to standard. Therefore, FMC is doing some backflushing at the hydrants even though the Water Board now holds the permit. Mr. Levy then discussed the current lead based paint work in the housing area. He stated that a risk assessment has been completed on half the housing units. This is a DoD/EPA requirement based on HUD guidelines. Recognizing that part of the housing is going to be transferred on 1 July and the rest will be transferred between then and 1 July 2001, this is an effort to look at the condition of the paint prior to the transfer. He said at this point, nothing significant had been found in terms of damage to the paint. Continuing with the topics on the Action Summary Sheet, Mr. Levy identified the off-site drilling location for a test boring. Mr. Pope, from the Mobile District, Army Corps of Engineers, stated a suitable location had been found and permission granted for the boring. He commented the boring was not really to determine the migration of contaminants, rather, it was to get an idea of the subsurface and a better picture of the Jacksonville Fault. Mr. Levy called attention to the copies of the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) on the M-2 Parcel, which

had been provided to each of the RAB members. He described the location of the parcel and informed the members there was considerable interest by the community from a reuse standpoint. Mr. Levy stated that the M-2 parcel was on a "fast track" for redevelopment and investigations under the UXO program and the Hazardous Toxic and Radiological Waste program were currently underway. Mr. Levy then opened the discussion to questions from the RAB. Mr. Johnson told the RAB that they were looking at a revision to ADEM's comments. He said this document and the Army's response would be the topic of discussion at the next BCT meeting scheduled for the following week. Mr. Levy explained the 30-day comment period that began April 10th and invited the RAB to submit comments. Mr. Levy pointed out that the contents of Appendix G might be of interest to the members of the RAB because it contained the comments on the document by ADEM and the EPA and the Army's responses to those comments. Besides written comments, Ms. Kingsbury offered to take any telephonic comments as well. Responding to Mr. Conroy's query about the type of EPA concerns regarding the document, Mr. Levy stated they "run the gamut", to which Mr. Reedy agreed. Mr. Reedy further stated that the EPA just wanted to ensure that the process the Army goes through when selecting and implementing a remedy, does, in fact, use a trackable logic format. He continued by stating the trackable logic the EPA is accustomed to and thinks is appropriate is the National Contingency Plan (NCP). Mr. Reedy added that the EPA was not absolutely in agreement with the Army that the process being used is in agreement with the NCP. Mr. Reedy was hopeful that the BCT meeting would bring clarity to exactly what is going on. Mr. Johnson informed the RAB that there are currently no laws or regulations that pertain to UXO cleanup. He said his biggest issues were closeout criteria, i.e., How clean is clean? How much UXO characterization needs to be conducted before the remedy is implemented? How much UXO can remain and what level of land use controls is appropriate? Mr. Levy stated that much of what is being done is a national issue and not just confined to this parcel or FMC. He said discussions are ongoing between EPA

Headquarters and DoD about Range Rule and about clean-up and that, as of this point, there are very few standards. Mr. Johnson then discussed the reliability of using just the archival search report as a basis. He stated the report doesn't show any range activities on the M-2 Parcel, yet during UXO cleanup currently ongoing north and east of M-2, ordnance and range activity has been identified. So, it has been determined to go back and investigate. Mr. Levy reminded the RAB that is one of the reasons that Range Rule is coming into play — one of the components is to document ranges and impact areas for historical purposes. Mr. Reedy, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Levy all commented that they felt the investigation on the M-2 Parcel would yield very few pieces of ordnance that has not already been rendered safe, however, the main issue is developing proper procedures. Dr. Cox asked Mr. Reedy if he could provide a summary of the BCT meeting. Mr. Reedy agreed to do so and offered to provide a briefing or separate meeting to discuss the BCT outcome. The RAB then entered a long discussion where the differing views of EPA, ADEM and DoD were presented. Mr. Conroy asked that a special RAB meeting be held after the BCT meeting and before the public meeting on May 10th in order to be briefed on the outcome of the BCT meeting. He explained he felt the membership would be better informed in order to make comments at the public hearing. After an extensive discussion, it was determined the special RAB meeting would be held on May 4th, in the EO Conference Room at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Levy recommended that the topic of meeting be to present the issues of Appendix G of the EE/CA, specifically any unresolved issues. A summary of the issues will be provided to the members prior to the meeting. Mayor Kimbrough stated he had some communications from retired military concerning the Post Cemetery and asked for

information about the transfer plans. Mr. Levy stated the cemetery was not going to be transferred and provided an explanation and clarification of its future operation. Dr. Cox asked if the RAB should review the attendance record to ascertain continuing board membership. Ms. McKinney said she would do so and could prepare a letter reminding those members who have not been attending. Following Mr. Conroy's comments about obtaining "duds", a short discussion was held about the possibility of having a display of these items for safety and educational purposes. Mr. Levy said he would look into the possibility.

IV. Adjournment. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.