

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Fort McClellan, AL
May 21, 2001

CO-CHAIR: Mr. Glynn Ryan; Dr. Barry Cox

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Craig Branchfield; Mr. James Buford; Mr. Pete Conroy; Mr. Donald Cunningham; Mr. Jerome Elser; Ms. Donna Fathke; Mr. Curtis Franklin; Mr. Fern Thomassy.

BCT MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Doyle Brittain; Mr. Ron Levy; Mr. Phillip Stroud; Mr. Shannon Golden

- I. Call To Order:** Dr. Cox called the roll and those present are listed above. The minutes from the April meeting were approved. The audience was then asked to introduce themselves.
- II. Old Business:** None
- III. New Business:** Mr. Levy introduced Mr. Josh Jenkins, IT Group, who gave an update on the status of sampling for landfill three. This landfill is located on the northwest corner of the main post and is bordered to the west by State Route 21. The surface water flow is in a westerly direction. Sampling of the wells has begun and the two Weaver City wells were sampled on May 15th. A privately owned well, located just across Highway 21, was sampled on May 16th. There are two other wells yet to be sampled. The sampling was done to check for any contaminants associated with landfill number three that might have reached these wells. The analytical results revealed that no contaminants linked with landfill three have been detected in any of these wells. Mr. Jenkins then pointed out on the map the location of the landfill and the wells and discussed the geological features in that area which indicated the possible groundwater flow in a westerly direction. In fact, there are indicators it might actually be moving back underneath the landfill. In addition to these sampling efforts, it is proposed to install nine monitoring wells to the west of the landfill. One well is on-post and eight are off-post. Two wells were started on Blarney Drive within the City of Weaver on May 2nd with a projected completion date of June 1st, 2001. Four wells are proposed to be installed in the median of Highway 21, with a projected start date of June 4th and completion on or before July 12, 2001. The sites of the wells were identified on a map. Two wells are to be installed on Midtown Community Church property and the last well is going to be adjacent to a well that is on post, but is west of landfill three. Ms. Schneider asked how long it would take the analysis results to be returned after the nine wells were installed and Mr. Jenkins replied that results should be back within six to eight weeks after sampling the wells. Ms. Fathke asked how often these wells would be sampled after that, even though there is no contamination now, but could be in a year or two. Mr. Levy replied that it would be dependent upon what was found in the initial round of sampling and this would determine what and if additional work needs to be done. He added that additional monitoring would be done depending on the data that the Army comes up with and will have to be looked at as an entire range of data, not a well-by-well basis. He concluded by stating that if the Army finds contamination in the wells, then it will probably start looking at some modeling for some plume purposes.

The agency reports were then presented beginning with Mr. Stroud, ADEM, who pointed out sites on a map corresponding to reports that have been reviewed as well as showing a list of other reports. He reported that thirty reports were reviewed at a recent on-board review, and the big thrust now is to turn over as much clean property as possible. Mr. Levy reiterated that the Army did an environmental baseline survey to identify clean property right up front that was immediately available for the community for reuse purposes. He then provided a detailed explanation of the

remaining categories identified in the survey and the evaluation/investigation process. Mr. Stroud briefly discussed his visit with the Alabama National Guard and Pelham Range and said there are certain sites that potentially could be contaminated. Mr. Levy added that Department of Army and TRADOC had agreed to do some characterizations of the property before it is turned over to National Guard. Mr. Ryan informed the RAB that Pelham Range is still Army owned and the property had not undergone a transfer.

Mr. Doyle Brittain, EPA, had nothing to add beyond what Mr. Stroud had said.

Ms. Schneider stated that JPA had closed on four pieces of property last week. The forty-four houses on Buckner Circle area, the library (near the traffic circle), and the child development center were sold. Jacksonville State University is taking over the child development center and moving their early childhood education training to that facility. Three hundred and eighteen units of the Capehart housing were sold to a developer last week. JPA is still concerned about the landfill number three because of the access road, needed from Highway 21 to the landing strip, that has to go between two landfills.

Mr. Levy then discussed the Action Summary Sheet items. He informed the RAB that the hunting program on main post was suspended for safety reasons effective March 21, 2001, due to cleanup that is ongoing in the undeveloped areas.

He discussed the USFWS prescribed burn that is planned for the week of May 21st, pending favorable weather conditions.

He informed the RAB that a FOST has been completed on Tract One of the Eastern Bypass. The deed is being reviewed by ALDOT and acceptance and signature is expected by late June.

He reported that work had begun on T-38 on April 24th, and at this point there is nothing substantial to report. He said nothing unique or any actual CWM material had been found.

A short discussion ensued concerning barricades and safety.

Ms. McKinney discussed the two vacancies of the RAB and announced that the nominations were available for review and ballots were prepared for voting. The members voted and results will be presented at the next RAB meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the location for next month's community meeting with proposed sites being Weaver, Golden Springs Community Center, and the County Administration Building Extension Service Auditorium. The RAB agreed to permit Ms. McKinney to make the selection.

IV. Audience Comments: None

V. Adjournment: Dr. Cox received a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.