

**Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Church of the Covenant Presbyterian
401 East Lenlock Lane
Anniston , AL**

Monday, May 20, 2002

Submission to RAB for approval - minutes of meeting May 20, 2002

PRESENT:

Co-Chair: Craig Branchfield, Glynn Ryan

Board Members: Scott Beckett, James Buford, Monty Clendenin, Pete Conroy, Barry Cox, Jerome Elser, Curtis Franklin, Mary Harrington, Ronald Hood, William Kimbrough

BCT Members: Philip Stroud, Doyle Brittain, Ron Levy

JPA: Miki Schneider

A. CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES

Mr. Branchfield called the meeting to order, conducted roll call, and asked for guest introductions. The board approved the minutes from the April meeting.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Technical Assistance Public Participation (TAPP) Contract

Mr. Branchfield welcomed Mr. Ron Grant and stated that Mr. Grant was awarded the TAPP contract. Mr. Levy informed the RAB that Mr. Grant's billing rate is fifty dollars an hour amounting to 500 hours of time under the \$25,000 contract. Ms. Pauline Pituk, contracting officer for Fort McClellan transition force, and Mr. Joe Doyle, legal office transition force, discussed the contracting requirements. Mr. Branchfield stated he would solicit input from the RAB technical review committee as to what documents they wanted Mr. Grant to review and then make a recommendation to the RAB. There was extensive discussion regarding Mr. Grant's requirements under the TAPP contract. Mr. Doyle pointed out that Mr. Grant would evaluate the data for the RAB so that the RAB could make a judgment as to what comments it may want to provide during the public comment period that ends June 18. The RAB asked Mr. Grant to provide his evaluation of the Landfill EE/CA to the membership by June 10. In discussing where they wanted Mr. Grant to focus his efforts, the RAB mentioned landfill #3, the basis for the decision of No Further Action for the three landfills where there was ecological risk, and review the alternatives and the BCT recommendations for the landfills. Mr. Branchfield asked the RAB members to give him their concerns in writing so that he could consolidate them for presentation to Mr. Grant.

2. Landfill EE/CA - Extension of Public Comment Period

The public comment period for the Landfill EE/CA was extended 60 days to June 18.

3. Landfill EE/CA in Repositories

Based on questions at the previous RAB meeting, the transition force verified that the landfill EE/CA was in the repositories at the Jacksonville and Anniston libraries.

4. Status of Dye Testing by City of Weaver

There was discussion regarding a letter sent by Mr. Ryan to Mayor Kimbrough requesting the Mayor provide information in writing regarding the request for dye testing. Discussion continued regarding the Mayor's concerns about regulatory requirements to determine water sources that are feeding Weaver's two drinking water wells.

5. Status of Letter to JPA Supporting 1300 Acres for FWS

Mr. Conroy reported there is ongoing dialog between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the JPA regarding these 1300 acres of property.

6. Status of Letter to EPA Region 4 Requesting Funding for EPA to Attend BCT and RAB Meetings

Mr. Brittain stated that issue had been resolved.

7. Status of Letter to EPA Region 4 Regarding UXO Issues

Mr. Conroy reported he will continue to discuss with EPA's Atlanta and Washington offices that EPA needs to have a higher level of involvement with UXO issues. He did not write a letter because he spoke personally with Mr. Jimmy Palmer, the Region 4 administrator, about this issue.

C. PROGRAM

Results of Quarterly Monitoring of Landfill 3 Wells

Mr. Josh Jenkins of Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure (formerly IT) presented the findings from the first quarter of groundwater sampling conducted in January 2002 at 10 wells in the vicinity of landfill 3 and the two City of Weaver water supply wells. Mr. Jenkins reported that between summer 2001 and January 2002 there was a slight increase in the total volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the wells in the median, but there was a decrease in total VOCs in wells on the church property, G-26 and 25. Two compounds, Trichloroethene and 1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane, in wells OLF-G7 and OLF-G12 in the median exceed maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) established by EPA. In response to a RAB member's question, Mr. Jenkins stated he believed those compounds were suspected carcinogens. He went on to explain that the Army has installed 10 additional groundwater monitoring wells to the west and northwest of landfill 3 and will be sampling those wells in addition to some existing wells on post and the two Weaver water supply wells. Those results will be presented to the RAB when they are complete.

Mayor Kimbrough asked if any tests were done on Reilly Lake, his concern being that the lake drains into the creek that runs through Weaver. It was determined that the information was in the Landfill EE/CA.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Agency Reports

ADEM – Mr. Stroud prepared a handout of his document reviews and asked the RAB to change the date from 2001 to 2002 on the fourth document on the first page. He stated the UXO contract was awarded and is awaiting the finance director's signature. Mr. Conroy indicated he wanted to call that office and check on it.

EPA – Mr. Brittain stated EPA is reviewing the same documents as Mr. Stroud with the exception of the UXO documents.

JPA – Ms. Schneider stated the JPA will begin underground storage tank removals in June. The JPA has hired a team to conduct a review of the landfill EE/CA because the JPA board is concerned about impacts to the community due to leaving landfills in the ground. Ms. Schneider agreed to Mr. Brittain's request that he be notified in advance when the JPA risk assessors make their presentation so that he can have his risk assessors attend. She discussed sales of property and housing.

2. Action Summary Sheet

Mr. Levy stated he would take any questions on the action summary sheet. There was brief discussion on the additional 40 acres requested by ALDOT for right-of-way for the eastern bypass and the Army's Explanation of Significant Differences prepared for that property. There was discussion concerning completion of investigation and/or cleanup work in the eastern bypass areas. In response to a question on whether the Army is holding up ALDOT's construction schedule, Mr. Ryan said he was unaware of any holdup caused by the Army; but that the Army and ALDOT were meeting soon to discuss the issues of exclusion zones and how they may impact the ALDOT contracts.

3. Technical Review Committee Report

Mr. Branchfield stated he did not have anything to report at this time. He hoped the TRC would have comments to send the RAB members a week before the next RAB meeting.

4. Other

Mr. Ryan stated he and Mr. Levy would not be able to attend the next RAB meeting due to another meeting where their attendance is required.

E. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Wanda Champion asked about obtaining E-mail addresses for RAB members to which Mr. Doyle responded she could send comments to the web master at Fort McClellan who would pass it on to the RAB. Mr. Branchfield added that she could E-mail him directly.

F. ADJOURNMENT

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