

Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board  
Fort McClellan, Alabama  
19 June 2000  
Meeting Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. James Buford; Mr. Ronald Hood; Dr. Barry Cox; Mr. Don Cunningham; Mr. Jerome Elser; Ms. Donna Fathke; Mayor Kimbrough; Mr. Fern Thomassy; Mr. Tom Turecek; Mr. Bobby Weston

**BCT MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Bart Reedy; Mr. Phillip Stroud; Mr. Ron Levy

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Ms. Karen Wilson, U.S. Army Environmental Center

**I. Call to Order.** Mr. Ronald Hood opened the meeting and called the roll. The May minutes were approved. Since there was not a quorum at the May meeting, the April minutes had not been approved. A vote was taken and the April minutes were approved.

**II. Old Business.** Mr. Levy reported to the RAB that the results of the off-post borings were still six weeks away. This comment was in response to Mayor Kimbrough's query at the last meeting if any results were available. Mr. Levy brought the Action Summary Sheet to the attention of the RAB and raised the proposal by Ms. Fathke to change the meeting start time from 6:30 to 5:30. After a discussion a vote was taken and the proposal was turned down. The next topic was the RAB budget. Mr. Levy stated that the RAB budget was \$24,000.00 per year. He asked the RAB members to examine the sheet provided with the breakdown of the year-to-date expenditures and remaining balance of the RAB Budget. Mr. Levy pointed out the projected cost of transcripts and informed the RAB that printing costs for specific documents desired by the RAB could be funded from this budget. Mayor Kimbrough asked what expenditures could be made using the RAB funds available. Mr. Levy directed the question to Ms. Karen Wilson. Ms. Wilson stated that the funds could be used for administrative costs of the RAB meetings. They could not be spent on equipment or computers. Dr. Barry Cox said the funds could not be used for travel. Ms. Wilson said that it should not be used for travel or training. Mr. Levy reminded the RAB that guest speakers could be brought in and paid for with RAB funds. Mr. Levy went on to the next Action Summary Sheet item and stated that neither Mr. Charles Turner nor Mr. James Miller had responded to the letters that were sent to them concerning their attendance and continuance as Board Members. Mr. Levy said that a decision could be made whether or not to fill those positions or continue to wait to see a response or if Mr. Turner or Mr. Miller would show up. Mr. Levy invited the RAB to open this for discussion and a vote. A discussion ensued over the number of meetings that had been missed in 1999 and 2000 and the wording of the bylaws in regards to removal from the board. After the discussion it was moved that Mr. Charles Turner and Mr. James Miller be sent letters notifying them that they had been terminated from the RAB. The motion was seconded and carried. The RAB talked about the replacement process. Mr. Hood wanted to attempt to pin down when a vote would be taken on the new members. Dr. Cox asked how long it had taken last time. Mr. Hood replied that it had taken quite a while. Mr. Levy said he felt that part of the reason it took so long was trying to get the applicants together. It took a while to put the pool together. Mr. Levy stated that the Environmental Office would have something to put before the board by the next meeting. A motion was placed before the board to purchase a display advertisement; after a brief debate the motion was tabled. Ms Miki Schneider, JPA, was

asked by Mr. Levy to provide an update on reuse. Ms. Schneider reported that Sacred Heart had occupied the former post elementary school and would open on August 17th. Three hundred and fifty housing units were being sold to a Birmingham company for renovation and resale. Negotiations were under way for Buckner Circle and for some of the big administrative buildings. Auburn approved the ninety-nine year lease and the canine training project is moving along. Ms. Schneider stated that Jacksonville State University would be moving into the MP School and some surrounding buildings for their Continuing Education and higher Ed programs. Dr. Cox added that the In-Service Center would be there as well as a 911-training center. There is the possibility that Gadsden Community College would move its Anniston campus to this location as well.

**III. New Business.** Mr. Levy introduced Ms. Karen Wilson from the U. S. Army Environmental Center. She is the Army point of contact on RABs. Mr. Levy announced that Ms Wilson would present a briefing on the Army's Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) program. Speaking to the RAB, Ms Wilson defined TAPP as a mechanism for the Army to assist RABs by obtaining a contractor to review and discuss scientific and technical aspects of cleanup. The goal is to provide RABs with a better understanding of scientific and technical aspects of cleanup. In turn, this will assist RAB members in voicing their opinions on what they like or dislike about a remedial action technology that is being proposed. Ms Wilson stated the rules for TAPP were: (1) A RAB must have at least three members; (2) A majority must want assistance; and, (3) There must be a need for TAPP. Several conditions must be met as well. These include: there must be a *specific* technical assistance project; the expertise being asking for does not already exist and the RAB must check for the availability of other sources of assistance before submitting for TAPP. Next Ms. Wilson described the application process. Ms. Wilson listed the projects that would be ineligible. The interpretation of a study was permissible but an actual study would not be permissible. TAPP cannot be used for litigation. TAPP should not be used for Community Outreach. TAPP cannot be used for general contractor support. Ms Wilson finished her presentation and answered questions from the RAB. Mr. Levy moved on to the Action Summary Sheet. The first bullet on the Action Summary Sheet was the opening of the 30-day review period for the JPA E-1 FOST. The next bullet dealt with UXO found by a surveyor and his following the procedures he had learned in the Safety Briefing. The public meeting for the Eastern Bypass EE/CA followed by the status of the LUCAP was addressed. Fern Thomassy suggested that for the next public meeting some type of media coverage should be present. He suggested that something be put in the newspaper and on television and radio. Mr. Levy replied that a display ad had been placed in the newspaper and the media had been notified of the event. Mr. Levy further stated that a newspaper article on the public meeting had been published.

**IV. Adjournment.** Mr. Hood called for comments from the audience. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.