

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Hodges Recreation Center, 3125 Spring Valley Rd, Anniston, AL
June 18, 2001

CO-CHAIR: Mr. Glynn Ryan; Mr. Don Cunningham (Acting Co-Chair)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Scott Beckett; Mr. James Buford; Mr. Monty Clendenin; Mr. Jerome Elser; Ms. Donna Fathke; Mr. Curtis Franklin; Mr. Lamar Freeman; Mr. Ronald Hood; Mayor Ed Kimbrough; Mr. Gary Stratton; Mr. Fernand Thomassy.

BCT MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Doyle Brittain; Mr. Philip Stroud.

- I. Call To Order:** Mr. Cunningham explained that he was sitting in as Co-Chair since both Dr. Cox and Mr. Branchfield were unable to attend the meeting. He introduced a new member, Mr. Gary Stratton, and asked the audience to introduce themselves. He then called the roll and those present are listed above.
- II. Old Business:** None
- III. New Business:** Mr. Cunningham introduced Mr. Phil Potter, Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, who gave a presentation on the status of the ordnance and explosive EE/CA sampling program in the Alfa and Bravo areas at Ft McClellan. He began by giving an explanation of the EE/CA process. Utilizing a map, Mr. Potter pointed out the various sites and discussed the studies and historical information concerning the known range fans. He then explained each area in detail and informed the RAB of the methodology involved in the sampling process. After a short discussion, the RAB moved on to the next agenda item. The agency reports were then presented, beginning with Mr. Philip Stroud, ADEM. He handed out summary reports describing all the documents that had been reviewed during the past month. He informed the RAB that he attended a meeting of the National Association of Ordnance and Explosive Waste Contractors in Las Vegas the previous week and gave a presentation topic on the successes and concerns of Fort McClellan. He reported that he received many favorable comments concerning the FMC clean-up process and the apparent positive teamwork among the BCT as well as the interest and input from the RAB. Mr. Stroud stated that he visited the drilling rig on Highway 21 and related his observations. Complimenting the contractor, he said the whole project met health and safety standards, the field books were in excellent order and the overall attitude of the workers was positive. He felt the Army is getting a good quality well and being constructed by a good professional. Mr. Stroud closed by stating that Mr. Shannon Golden had departed to accept a position in another division in ADEM. Mr. Brittain, EPA, endorsed Mr. Stroud's comments and stated that the review of documents was an ongoing task and a lengthy process. Mr. Cunningham stated that although JPA was not represented at the meeting, the local newspaper has reported a lot of recent JPA activities. Mr. Ryan continued the discussion of the Action Summary Sheet items and asked Mr. Lee Jay, for an update on Landfill #3 off-site ground water monitoring. Mr. Jay introduced Mr. Josh Jenkins, IT Group, who had made a previous presentation to the RAB on the subject. Using a map, Mr. Jenkins identified the sites and discussed the status. Stating that Weaver city wells and two homeowner wells had been previously sampled, he then explained that they are in the process of gaining access to a site on private property to take an additional sampling. He reported that two wells have been installed on Blarney Drive within the City of Weaver and have been designated as 27 and 28. These wells are ready and plans are to sample them within the week. Mr. Jenkins discussed the current status of the wells in Highway 21 median which are designated as 21, 22 & 23. He explained that these are deep, bedrock

wells and will require an outer casing at about a hundred feet. Casing has also been set on OLGF-20 on Main Post as well as on the wells at the Midtown Community Church. He said that all wells were sampled within the past several weeks and the analytical results should be coming in around the first or second week of July. Mayor Kimbrough asked how often these wells will be tested and if the drought conditions could affect the testing. Mr. Ryan responded that if any contamination is found, it will go back to the BCT and a determination will be made as to what sampling plan will be established. Responding to Mayor Kimbrough's query concerning drought conditions, Mr. Jenkins stated there is a possibility that contamination may not be detected during the drought-sampling event in wells installed in shallower depth than others that are deeper. He continued by stating he did not think it was an issue since previous samplings of OLFG-7 and OLFG-12 indicated contamination and current conditions are consistent with what had been encountered in the past. Continuing with the Action Summary Sheet topics, Mr. Ryan discussed the chemical warfare munitions (CWM) EE/CA and stated no CWM items have been discovered to date and reported that weather has hampered the progress. He then informed the RAB of current status of the Army's actions for the Eastern Bypass. Mr. Ryan stated that the Army completed logging operations on Tracts two and three in early June. He reported that ALDOT is now logging on Tract three and also in the process of placing a fence for their right of way. Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Bill Garland, Fish and Wildlife Service, to report on status of prescribed burn. Mr. Garland stated the burn has been postponed due to weather conditions. They will look at it for a couple more weeks and if weather does not permit, the burn may be delayed until winter. Mr. Ryan then pointed out Ft McClellan map and identified the property that required no cleanup; the property that has been cleaned and the property for Fish and Wildlife. He told the RAB that might give them a better portrayal of what property is available for transfer to the JPA. Mr. Cunningham then introduced Anniston Councilman John Norton, who was a visitor at the meeting. Ms McKinney asked the RAB members to complete a Privacy Act form, so the website could be updated. She also explained that since the minutes are becoming more detailed and require a little more scrutiny to insure accuracy, it is taking longer to get them completed for mailing. She asked if the RAB would agree to receive them via email rather than mail. She acknowledged there are two members who do not have email and stated they would continue to receive theirs by mail and all efforts would be made to get the minutes to them in a proper time frame. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously. The next RAB meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at Fort McClellan Environmental Conference Room, 215 Jimmy Parks Blvd, Fort McClellan, AL on July 16, 2001.

IV. Audience Comments: None

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