

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Barry Cox; Mr. Jerome Elser; Ms. Donna Fathke; Dr. Mary Harrington; Mayor Kimbrough; Ms. Margarette Longstreth

BCT MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Phillip Stroud; Mr. Ron Levy

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Robert Wilcox, Center of Expertise for UXO, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville

- I. **Call to Order.** Dr. Barry Cox opened the meeting and asked the audience to introduce themselves, which they did. Besides Mr. Wilcox, the Guest Speaker, other visitors included several representatives of the group, Community Against Pollution (CAP). Dr. Cox called roll; the lack of a quorum prevented the approval of the June minutes.
- II. **Old Business.** The first item under old business was the location of the August RAB meeting. It was determined that a room in the Golden Springs Community Center had been reserved for the August RAB meeting. The members approved the location. It was suggested that a strip map to the community center be supplied with the mailing of the minutes. Next a discussion ensued about the acquisition of applications for new RAB members. Mr. Levy encouraged the members to continue to obtain completed applications from interested individuals in order to create a pool of applicants. Mr. Levy stated that voting on new members would occur during the September meeting. Mr. Levy then gave a summary describing the function of a Restoration Advisory Board to those visiting the meeting.
- III. **New Business:** Mr. Levy introduced Mr. Robert Wilcox from the Center of Expertise for UXO in Huntsville, Alabama. Mr. Wilcox gave a presentation of UXO and Risk Management. The points Mr. Wilcox made were that UXO was much different than chemical contamination and therefore the traditional risk assessment model used for contaminated sites could not be used for unexploded Ordnance. The methodology Mr. Wilcox advocates is to minimize the risk by removing as much UXO as reasonably possible then manage the residual risk and continue to monitor and review the site. Mr. Wilcox used several examples to illustrate and prove his position. The RAB members asked questions and the answers were provided by Mr. Wilcox or members of the Base Cleanup Team (BCT). Next on the agenda was the Action Summary Sheet. The first item was a heliport being built by the Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice needs a heliport located within the CDTF compound fence to allow a dedicated pad for helicopter landings. The second item was the "Fed to Fed" transfer of facilities to the Department of Justice and the Health and Human Services. Some members of the RAB requested copies of the Environmental Condition of the Property (ECOP) document. The last item on the Action Summary Sheet concerned the JPA request to construct a road from Alabama Highway 21 to an industrial site being developed on McClellan. The route requested would require that some of the road be built on an old landfill. Miki Schneider stated that the JPA would continue to pursue the shortest route because of the increase in cost any other route would create. A discussion ensued about the need to close a portion of Alabama 21 for a short period to create a safety fan during cleanup activities on the parcel of land known as M-2. Mayor Kimbrough asked for an update on the status of the Eastern Bypass. Dave Skridulis from the Huntsville Center of Expertise for UXO answered the question. Mr. Skridulis said that the Corps of Engineers had approximately four more weeks of surface clearance left. Mr. Skridulis stated that the next step would be to harvest the timber, but because the Alabama Department of Transportation estimates road construction will not begin until early 2002 the timber cutting may be delayed in order to prevent erosion on any land that would be cleared of trees too far in advance of the road construction.

- IV. Adjournment.** Dr. Cox asked if there were any comments from the audience. Mr. Baker, president of CAP, thanked the RAB and stated he had learned a lot at the meeting. There being no other comments from the audience the meeting was adjourned.