

**Minutes**  
**Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board**  
**Fort McClellan, Alabama**  
**18 September 2000**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Barry Cox; Mr. James Buford; Mr. Donald Cunningham; Mr. Jerome Elser; Ms. Donna Fathke; Dr. Mary Harrington; Mayor Kimbrough

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

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- I. **Call to Order.** Dr. Cox called the meeting to order and called the roll. A quorum was not present; therefore the minutes from the August meeting were not approved. Mr. Levy introduced Mr. Glynn Ryan, the new Site Manager for Fort McClellan and Dr. Cox asked the audience to introduce themselves, which they did.
  
- II. **Old Business.** Mr. Levy asked Ms. Schneider to update the RAB on JPA actions. Ms. Schneider told the RAB that the M2 Parcel was completed and a "Right of Entry" had been assigned to the JPA. Ms. Schneider explained that a "Right of Entry" allowed the Consolidated Publishing engineers to access the property to begin to do some work. Mr. Levy further explained that even though some field work and investigation is going on, the Army is trying to accommodate the transfer. It is anticipated that the initial engineering work can be completed and construction can begin as soon as possible after the transfer with little or no delay. Ms. Schneider went on to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the JPA and the Army, which outlines how the JPA will take the property from the Army. The MOA is a long-term agreement that will allow the deed to be signed on the first phase of the transfer. Ms. Schneider said that would be approximately thirteen to fourteen hundred acres. Mr. Levy mentioned that the Army was working hard to get the 501 Parcel, which is located on the northern part of the installation, right below the airfield, released as soon as possible. Mr. Levy further stated that after BCT review, the property would be transferred with no land use controls. Ms. Schneider expressed her appreciation of the Army's efforts, since this is a very marketable parcel and several prospects have expressed interest in it. Mr. Levy stated that his office was still working on the list of EE/CAs and other documents that would be released in the near future. Mr. Levy said the list would hopefully be provided at the next RAB. Responding to Dr. Cox's query, Mr. Levy stated there was no significant activity completed during the past month which would be reported in an Action Summary Sheet. Mr. Stroud stated that a lot of sites were being determined to have unrestricted use and would be coming to JPA soon. Mr. Cunningham asked Ms. Schneider about the Buckner Circle deal. Ms. Schneider informed the RAB that it was still in

negotiations but expected to have signed contracts in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Levy added that the Army had supplied the historical data to apply to the Alabama Historical Commission registry and the National Historic Register.

**III. New Business.** Dr. Cox went on to the new business of RAB new member applications. Ms. McKinney addressed the RAB regarding the new member applications. Ms. McKinney requested direction from the RAB on what to do with applications that had been on file for a considerable period of time. Mayor Kimbrough suggested that the applications be kept for a certain time and after that time if they are still interested a new application would have to be submitted. Ms. McKinney went through each application and provided any additional information known about the applicant. When a RAB member or member of the audience had additional information concerning an applicant they were given the opportunity to share their knowledge with the RAB. Dr. Cox stated that after replacing the two current vacancies, there are additional members close to meeting the criteria for removal for non-attendance. It was determined that four members of the RAB have qualified or will qualify if they fail to attend the next meeting. Dr. Cox suggested that a letter be sent to the members who had missed six of the last nine meetings. The letter would state that the members are in danger of being removed. A second letter would be sent to those members who had missed four or more of the last meetings. The second letter would ask the member to reaffirm their interest in continued membership on the RAB. Ms. McKinney suggested that the letter also contain a statement suggesting if a member were unable to continue with the RAB, that they recommend a replacement. Mr. Stroud told the RAB that an additional ADEM representative, Mr. Shannon Golden, would be attending the RAB meetings starting with the next meeting. Dr. Cox said a letter should be penned and sent to the EPA asking that a representative be present at each scheduled RAB meeting. Mr. Hall asked for a list of the RAB members. Mr. Stroud suggested the MOA Land Use Controls Assurance Plan (LUCAP) be discussed briefly. Mr. Levy stated that the Fish and Wildlife Service had not yet decided whether they would be a full signatory or only an interested party. An extensive explanation and discussion followed on the significance of the LUCAP and Mr. James pointed out that this was expected to be a precedence setter for all Department of Defense. He further explained that this document might be the standard for any future BRAC closures. Mayor Kimbrough provided a new timeline for the construction of the Eastern Bypass that he had discussed at the last RAB meeting. He stated this had been provided at the Metropolitan Planning Organization of which he is a member and that some changes had been made to the right-of-way. Mr. Levy replied that the changes to the right-of-way have affected the cleanup. Mr. Levy told the RAB that the changes include acreage that was not part of the original right-of-way and there may be additional time required for cleanup.

**IV. Adjournment.** Dr. Cox asked for audience comments; there being none, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.