

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Fort McClellan, AL
October 15, 2001

CO-CHAIR: Mr. Glynn Ryan; Mr. Craig Branchfield

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Scott Beckett; Mr. James Buford; Mr. Monty Clendenin; Mr. Jerome Elser; Ms. Donna Fathke; Mr. Curtis Franklin; Dr. Mary Harrington; Mr. Ron Hood; Mr. Jerry Hopper; Mayor Ed Kimbrough;

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

- I. **Call To Order:** Mr. Branchfield called the roll and those present are listed above. The minutes from the September meeting were approved. The audience members were then asked to introduce themselves.
- II. **Old Business:** Responding to Mayor Kimbrough's query regarding status of sample wells on the Brown property, Mr. Levy stated that the Army is still in negotiations.
- III. **New Business:** In order to accommodate an early departure of Ms. Schneider, the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) report was given first. She stated that JPA had closed on the Buckner property and it is under renovation. Ms. Schneider reported that Colyer-Lloyd and Harbert Construction purchased the Capehart housing as well as the land along the golf course. She stated that two of the Capehart houses have been demolished and new homes are going to be built along the golf course. She reported that JPA has been proceeding with the privatization issue and has forwarded a map up to Army for review. Ms. Schneider hopes she can give the RAB a report at the January meeting. For the benefit of the audience, she explained that the privatization concept is where the property will transfer from the Army's hands to the JPA. The JPA, in turn, would continue with private industry handling the cleanup utilizing funds that are provided by the Army. It is anticipated this would make the process quicker. She concluded by reporting that HUNJAN, a Canadian company, is to close on the purchase of building 350 in the coming week. The agency reports were then presented, beginning with Mr. Philip Stroud, Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). He handed out summary reports describing all the documents that had been reviewed. He informed the RAB that many drafts are taking a lot of time, such as the landfill Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) and unexploded ordnance. He stated that progress was being made. A short discussion ensued concerning annotations/comments relative to some of the documents. Mr. Brittain, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was unable to attend this meeting, but Philip stated that he had spoken with Mr. Brittain and he is

sending in some comments and the ADEM and EPA comments are very parallel. Ms. Schneider stated that ADEM is helping JPA with the potential impact the issues of underground storage tanks, asbestos and lead based paint might have on property they accept for the community. Mr. Levy wanted to inform the RAB that Ms. Schneider is now part of the BRAC Cleanup Team and participates in the dialogue at those meetings.

Mr. Levy introduced Ms. Suzanne Murdock, a technical engineer from Huntsville who is overseeing the cleanup of UXO on Ft McClellan through its contractor, Foster Wheeler. She provided a briefing on JPA parcel M1.01. Using maps she identified the parcels and discussed the data which led up to a decision made last spring to do a fast track cleanup of property around the Eastern Bypass and the JPA M2 Parcel. She said the M1.01 EE/CA is almost complete and ready for publication. The tentative publication date is November 1st with a 30-day public comment period. The documents can be reviewed at repositories at the Anniston Library and Houston Cole Library. She stated that they would like to brief the RAB at the November 19th meeting and hold a public meeting on or about December 5th. Mr. Levy discussed the contents of the document, and the need to involve public input. A discussion followed whereby the RAB was reminded that several months ago, the RAB formed a Technical Review Committee and that this might be one of those documents the committee would review and report to the RAB. Mr. Branchfield asked if there were any objections to this and there were none. The documents would be Fed Ex'ed to the committee members for review. Mr. Levy also stated that at the November 19th meeting, any RAB member could add additional comments. Ms. Fathke voiced concern over the dates of public meeting and whether there would be adequate time allowed for public comment. Mr. Levy stated that this is a proposed date and he would look at it again. Responding to Mr. Hopper's query about the use of M1.01, Ms. Schneider replied that it would be commercial. A brief discussion ensued concerning the clearance process, the schedule and the close proximity to Sacred Heart School and the Youth Services facility. It was determined there would be no impact to the school due to the small exclusion zone of 200 feet; however, there would be impacts to the Youth Services facility. The RAB discussed the usage of M1.01, and Mr. Levy then reminded the RAB of the steps to be followed before actual clearance and removal can commence. Mayor Kimbrough asked if privatizing would cut out going through all the different groups. Mr. Ryan replied that unexploded ordnance (UXO) must be approved by Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board, even if it is privatized.

Mr. Levy stated that since Mr. Branchfield ascended to Community Co-Chair that a new Community Vice Co-Chair needed to be elected. He then turned it over to Ms. McKinney, who explained the election process. Nominations were obtained, an election was held and Dr. Mary Harrington was elected as the Community Vice Co-Chair.

Mr. Levy then reiterated the information contained in the Action Summary Sheet that was provided to each RAB member. He informed the audience that

this is a document that identifies the monthly progress on cleanup issues that come before the Restoration Advisory Board. He called for questions to his summary and there were none.

- IV. Audience Comments:** Mr. Whitener asked about the City of Anniston cleanup responsibilities and Mr. Ryan explained that the Army has that responsibility and Anniston does not. Mr. Crump brought up issues that were determined to be an issue with JPA. He was given the times and dates of JPA's next meeting.
- V. Adjournment:** Mr. Branchfield received a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.