

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Fort McClellan, AL

Monday, November 18, 2002

Submission to RAB for approval – minutes of meeting November 18, 2002

PRESENT:

Co-Chair: Glynn Ryan, Mary Harrington

Board Members: James Buford, Monty Clendenin, Pete Conroy, Jerome Elser, Donna Fathke, Curtis Franklin, Lamar Freeman, Craig Branchfield, Ron Hood, William Kimbrough

BCT Members: Ron Levy, Doyle Brittain, Philip Stroud

JPA:

A. CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES

Dr. Harrington called the meeting to order, conducted roll call, and asked for guest introductions. The Board approved the minutes for the September meeting. There were no minutes prepared for the October meeting because there was not a quorum present for that meeting (ed: a transcript of the meeting is on file). The RAB voted to conduct New Business prior to the program presentation.

B. OLD BUSINESS

The RAB did not have a quorum present for the October meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of New Members

The RAB members voted for three new members from a list of applicants. Dr. Harrington announced later in the meeting that the newly elected members are Jim Miller, general manager of Anniston Water Works Board; Cheryl Bragg, director of Anniston Museum; and Dwight Mitchell, director of Public Works for the City of Weaver.

2. Consideration of Amendments to the By-Laws

Dr. Harrington called the Board's attention to proposed amendments to the by-laws and asked the board members to consider these amendments for voting at the next meeting. She stated the purpose of amending the by-laws is to facilitate the business of the RAB.

3. Agency Reports

ADEM – Mr. Stroud stated he is busy reviewing reports from Fort McClellan. Mayor Kimbrough asked if there were any standards set for cleanup of ranges containing UXO to which Mr. Levy responded that tonight's program on risk assessment may help with the understanding of this issue. Mayor Kimbrough then questioned which reuse plan the Army was using for basing cleanup decisions. Mr. Levy and Mr. Ryan responded the Army was operating under the plan the JPA submitted to the Army with the economic development conveyance application in 2000. That plan was a 1998 plan with a reuse map updated in 2000.

EPA – Mr. Brittain submitted to the RAB a list of documents EPA reviewed and submitted comments on since the last RAB meeting. Mr. Branchfield posed a question concerning one of the reports on the EPA list, a draft field sampling plan for surface soil and groundwater for the remedial investigation at ranges near training area 24 Alpha, and whether it had been brought before the RAB. Mr. Levy explained the Army has not released the report to the public because the Army is still sampling, and there is no data to show the public. Mr. Moran stated the Army is looking at benzene and carbon tetrachloride in the groundwater. Mr. Levy explained the chemical school used the site for live agent training, and the site has been cleared of chemical warfare materiel (CWM) contamination. The Army is now looking at groundwater contamination associated with decontamination operations used in CWM training. Mayor Kimbrough asked when the responses to the landfill EE/CA would be available, and Mr. Ryan responded March is the Army's expected date for those responses.

4. Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

There was no report from the JPA.

5. Technical Review Committee (TRC)

There was no report from the TRC.

6. Action Summary Sheet

Mr. Levy briefed the RAB on the contents of the summary provided to the RAB. There were no questions from the RAB concerning the Summary.

8. Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Report

Mr. Levy reported there are 451.75 hours remaining on the contract.

D. Program

Mr. Dan Copeland of the Huntsville Corps of Engineers office introduced the speakers for the program entitled *Ordnance and Unexploded Ordnance Risk Assessment*. Speakers were Mr. Jim Manthey from the Huntsville Ordnance and Explosive Center of Expertise and Dr. Ron Marnicio with Foster Wheeler Environmental, the Corps' contractor for the ordnance and explosives investigation. Mr. Manthey provided an introduction to the risk assessment methodology and the risk assessment tool, Ordnance and Explosives Risk Impact Assessment (OERIA), recommended by the Center of Expertise. Dr. Marnicio

provided a detailed discussion of how the risk assessment tool was applied at Fort McClellan to communicate the factors involved in risk. Mr. Conroy asked that a written definition of passive recreation be provided to the RAB. Mayor Kimbrough questioned whether UXO EE/CAs had been done for the landfills and fill areas. Mr. Levy replied that if the fill area fell within areas where there was known ordnance activity, they were evaluated under those EE/CAs. Then the Mayor asked specifically about 18 practice hand grenades and an inert practice armor piercing round found in the Fill Area Northwest of Reilly Airfield, parcel 229(7) and the Army's decision of no further action for this site that is designated as active recreation reuse. Mr. Ryan stated the Army would provide an answer to that question.

E. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Dr. Harrington asked for audience comments. Mr. Levy mentioned a survey of wells and springs that the Army will conduct within a 2 mile arc of the fort. Data from this survey will be used in determining final actions related to landfill #3. Mr. Conroy announced that President Bush is scheduled to sign the Defense Authorization Bill the following day wherein there is legislation to create the National Wildlife Refuge at Fort McClellan.

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned.