

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Fort McClellan, Alabama
15 November 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ike Brown; Mr. James Buford; Mr. Pete Conroy; Dr. Barry Cox; Mr. Don Cunningham; Mr. Jerome Elser; Dr. Mary Harrington; Mr. Ron Hood; Mayor Kimbrough; Mr. James Miller; Mr. Charles Turner

BCT MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Chris Johnson; Mr. Ron Levy

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- I. **Call to Order.** Mr. Conroy opened the meeting and instead of calling roll, asked members to introduce themselves, which they did. Mr. Levy then stated that Mr. Jimmy Parks verbally informed the RAB that he would have to resign due to illness. Mr. Levy recommended that Mr. Parks be retained in ex-officio status and his board vacancy be filled through the normal applicant process. This was so moved. The minutes were approved. Mr. Conroy then asked the guests to introduce themselves. Mr. Conroy called on Mr. Ken Whitley, Exec Dir, JPA, to provide an update of the activities of his organization. Mr. Whitley stated that the JPA was on track and expected the Master Lease in December, assuming the FOSL gets worked out. He then described the negotiation status of several prospective clients and the facilities they are interested in as well as identifying Pets America as one that has completed their business plan. He informed the RAB that there would be a tour on November 17th for site selectors and developers.
- II. **Old Business.** Mr. Levy referred the RAB to the copy of the FOSL that had been given to them at the October meeting and asked if the members had reviewed it or had any comments. Mr. Johnson opened the discussion and stated that ADEM was concerned about the maps. He explained that they were not as clear as they could be and it appeared that there was land getting into ranges. He wanted to make sure those properties aren't within the lease. He then pointed out that the prospective clients need to be made well aware of what they're getting and the areas to stay out of as well as the problems of any land they're looking at. Responding to Mr. Thomassy's question about timeline for the FOSL, Mr. Levy stated that he expected to get the comments from EPA and resolve any issues before the month's end. A short discussion followed concerning the status of the utilities transfers. Mr. Conroy asked Ms. McKinney to discuss the application and nomination process for the two board vacancies. Ms. McKinney reminded the RAB that, in lieu of a community mailing, they had agreed to fill the vacancies using existing applications and any others they might bring to the meeting in January. She said she will have copies of the applications and the members can review and vote on two vacancies. The meeting calendar for the year 2000 was presented and approved. Ms. McKinney then informed the RAB that the next community meeting is scheduled for February. After a short discussion, it was determined to hold the February meeting either at the Friendship Community Center or the Golden Springs Community.
- III. **New Business.** Mr. Levy called attention to the copy of the Environmental Assessment for Decommissioning the Pelham Range Burial Mounds that had

been provided to each member. He provided a summary of the background and current status of the site. A discussion followed concerning regulatory requirements, risk level, amount of dirt, disposal method and location. He reminded the RAB that this is a prime example of the full disclosure policy of the cleanup issues. All documentation is available at the JSU and Anniston Libraries for public scrutiny and comment. Mr. Levy concluded by stating that since the comment period would expire before the next RAB meeting, any members having comments should contact his office. Several RAB members asked if information such as this could be provided in advance rather than seeing it in the paper and discussing it after the fact. Mr. Levy agreed that improvements could be made and in the future, advance mailings would be provided to the RAB members. He indicated he might be able to provide a monthly Action Summary sheet and would work on format. Mr. Conroy called for election of a new vice chair. Mr. Levy reviewed the bylaws, explained the requirements and responsibilities and stated that Mr. Conroy would be stepping down; Mr. Hood, the current vice-chair, ascends to the co-chair position and elections are held for a new vice-chair. Mr. Cunningham was nominated, he declined and nominated Dr. Cox. Dr. Cox accepted the nomination, it was closed and the RAB voted unanimously for Dr. Cox.

- IV. Adjournment.** Mr. Conroy called for comments from the audience. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.