

MINUTES

General Meeting
Restoration Advisory Board
January 13, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Turner, Ron Levy, Mark Anderson, Pete Conroy, Barry Cox, Mary Harrington, Ronald Hood, Ed Kimbrough, Mike Moore, Jimmy Parks, Fernand Thomassy

BASE CLEANUP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bart Reedy, Chris Johnson

I. CALL TO ORDER. Mr. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Because a quorum was not present, the meeting minutes of November 18, 1996 were not approved.

III. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS.

Ordnance, Ammunition and Explosives Archives Search Report (ASR)/Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA). Mr. Tom Murrell from the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers presented a briefing to summarize the findings of the ASR. The ASR is the initial step in the BRAC process that identifies areas that may be contaminated with ordnance, ammunition and explosives. Existing records indicate that approximately 7,500 acres of Fort McClellan property are contaminated with unexploded ordnance. This contamination is the result of training activities by the National Guard, Reserve and Regular Army units over the last eighty-seven years. Ms. Carol Youkey from the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Alabama explained the second step in the process, the EE/CA. The EE/CA is a study done by an engineering firm that is based on sampling in suspect areas to verify the results of the ASR. The EE/CA will characterize the contamination, develop and examine alternatives, and determine the cost for cleanup to clear the land for transfer.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Charter and Membership. Mr. Thomassy presented the RAB with the draft membership application. Because a quorum was not present, the draft application was not approved.

Community Relations. Mr. Anderson presented the RAB with the draft community outreach briefing. Because a quorum was not present, the draft briefing was not approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

RAB Budget. Mr. Levy provided the new Army guidance concerning recent policy on the development of funding requirements for RABs. Mr. Levy explained that the new guidance does not allow funding for costs associated with general community involvement expenses, such as preparation of fact sheets, quarterly news letters or other information materials for public distribution. He stated that since this is the case, he would develop a separate Environmental Program Requirement for community relations support. He also stated that he would inform the RAB on the status of the project once approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

Defense Environmental Restoration Task Force (DERTF). Mr Levy explained that the DERTF is a congressionally established working group that looks at ways in which they can accelerate cleanup at closing installations. He stated that the DERTF would like to attend Fort McClellan's RAB meeting in June. In order for them to be able to attend, the meeting would have to be rescheduled for the third Tuesday of June rather than the third Monday of June.

Mr. Thomassy suggested that the Anniston Meeting Center would be a good place to hold the June RAB meeting because of the additional space that would be required. Because a quorum was not present, a vote on this issue was postponed until the next general meeting.

Site Tour. Mr. Kimbrough suggested that a tour be arranged for the RAB so that they could see some of the sites under investigation and also tour the mountainous area on Fort McClellan to get an understanding of the problems associated with the cleanup of UXO. Mr. Conroy suggested that there be one tour set up for a weekday and one tour set up for a Saturday. Mr. Levy stated that he would propose some tour dates at the next general meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.