

MINUTES

General Meeting
Restoration Advisory Board
June 17, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Turner, Ron Levy, Mark Anderson, Pete Convoy, Don Cunningham, Jerome Elser, Mary Harrington, Ron Hood, Mayor Kimbrough, Fern 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. The meeting minutes of May 19, 1997 were approved by the RAB.

III. WELCOME DERTF. Mr. Turner presented welcoming remarks to the DERTF and invited Ms. Pat Rivers to say a few words on their behalf. Ms. Rivers thanked the RAB for changing their schedule to allow the DERTF the opportunity to observe their meeting. Ms. Rivers stated that the DERTF was interested in learning how established cleanup policies are fairing in actual practice at closing installations. Ms. Rivers then invited the members of the DERTF to introduce themselves.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION.

Eastern Bypass. Mr. Peter Green from Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon Inc.(BWS&C) presented a briefing on the status of the Eastern Bypass to the RAB. BWS&C were contracted by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to develop a corridor study for the bypass.

Mr. Green stated that the corridor study includes two separate elements. The first one being the widening of Golden Springs Road from Interstate 20 to Choccolocco Road from its existing two-lane configuration to a five lane configuration. The second element of the project is development of an alignment for the eastern bypass. The alignment will be a four-lane median divided road, approximately five miles in length, starting at Choccolocco Road, intersecting with Golden Springs Road to U.S. Highway 431, north of Anniston. Mr. Green stated that the environmental documentation for the corridor study is in the process of being finalized, with a public hearing scheduled for late summer.

Mr. William Adams from the ALDOT discussed issues related to funding. Mr. Adams stated that the project was initially authorized under the Intermobile Service Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and that Congress appropriated fourteen million dollars for study, design, right-of-way purchase and construction of the first two phases of a three phase project. The bypass will go from I-20 to north of Greenbrier, from north of Greenbrier to north of Choccolocco Road and then north of Choccolocco Road to 431. Funding for the third phase of the project is dependent

on reauthorization of Intermobile Service Transportation Efficiency Act.

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Charter and Membership. Mr. Levy stated that six hundred and thirty-two applications were mailed out on June 12, 1997, with a cutoff date for acceptance of July 14, 1997. Mr. Turner suggested that the Charter and Membership Committee meet a half an hour before the July RAB meeting to review the applications and to make a recommendation for new membership.

Community Relations. Mr. Thomassy stated that Military Affairs might be interested in a presentation from the RAB. No details have been worked out to date.

VI. OLD BUSINESS.

Risk Assessment Training. Mr. Levy stated that the Risk Assessment Training previously scheduled for July 22-24, 1997 has been rescheduled for July 29-31, 1997. Mr. Levy also stated that 5 slots were available for members of the RAB. With a show of hands, there were two volunteers, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Johnson stated that the training is a great opportunity to understand how one quantifies risk at sites and how cleanup levels are established. RAB members were asked to notify Ms. Kingsbury if they decided that they were interested in attending.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

EPA/State Report on UXO Forum. Mr. Johnson stated that the Draft Final Range Rule is due to be released in June '97, with the Final expected in September '97. Mr. Johnson concentrated most of his energy learning more about the risk rule model and how it is set up. Mr. Johnson also stated that Ms. Goodman wants industry and DOD to partner on issues related to UXO remediation. Mr. Reedy focused most of his attention on technologies and stated that he came away from the forum with the impression that it had not advanced much. He believes some advances have been made in being able to sort false positive hits. Mr. Reedy also learned that if land is not cleared, then deed restrictions are to be placed on it. He stated that his concern was being able to make sure deed restrictions are enforced.

Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Turner asked Mr. Convoy to give a brief update on work being performed by Jacksonville State University for the Fort McClellan Reuse and Redevelopment Authority on the feasibility of a wildlife refuge being sited at Fort McClellan. Mr. Convoy distributed a fact sheet that discusses UXO related issues and problems associated with the steep slopes in the mountainous area. Mr. Convoy stated that he would continue to keep the RAB informed as the study progresses. Mr. Convoy also distributed a handout on DOD's environmental training grants.

Discussion with the DERTF. The RAB had a question answer period with the DERTF.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.