

## MINUTES

General Meeting  
Restoration Advisory Board  
July 21, 1997

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Levy, Mark Anderson, Ike Brown, Pete Convoy, Barry Cox, Jerome Elser, Mary Harrington, Ron Hood, Mayor Kimbrough, Margarette Longstreth, James Miller, Jimmy Parks

### BASE CLEANUP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The meeting minutes of June 17, 1997 were approved by the RAB.

### **III. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

**Charter and Membership.** No Report.

**Community Relations.** Mr. Anderson stated that he would make arrangements for a presentation to the Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Joe Baker had sent out letters to the organizations on the master mailing list. Mr. Levy stated that he could not confirm that the letters were mailed. Mr. Levy also stated that Mr. Joe Baker is no longer with us and that someone from the Public Affairs Office should be replacing him soon.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS.**

**Review RAB Applications, Make Nominations, & Vote.** Mr. Levy stated that of the six hundred and thirty-two applications that were mailed to the community, only nine applications were filled out and returned. Mr. Levy also stated that with the recent resignation of Mr. Moore, there were now three positions that needed to be filled. Mr. Levy asked the RAB to consider membership diversification while reviewing the applications. After lengthy discussions, Mr. Conroy nominated Mr. John Johnson. Ms. Longstreth nominated Mr. James Buford. Both nominations were seconded and both nominations carried. To fill the third position, Mr. Parks nominated Mr. Dale Garrett and Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Alan Faust. With a show of hands vote, Mr. Faust was also chosen to serve on the board.

**Movement of Meeting Locations.** The RAB agreed to hold their monthly meetings at different locations with the first off-site meeting in September. The RAB also agreed that the meetings will be held in Anniston, Jacksonville, and Weaver first and then be moved out to surrounding

communities. Mr. Anderson volunteered to provide a list of meeting places and points of contact for each location prior to the next general meeting of the Board. Mr. Miller volunteered to make sure advertisement is placed in the Anniston Star.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS.**

**Election of Vice Chairperson.** Deferred until the next general meeting of the RAB.

### **Update on Cleanup Program.**

**Environmental Baseline Survey.** Nearing completion. Incorporating additional comments from the EPA and State.

**Base Cleanup Plan.** On hold until funds which were frozen by DA are released.

**Background Metals Survey.** Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) began field work on 7 July 1997 to collect additional data needed to establish background concentrations for Target Analyte List (TAL) metals in surface water, sediments, surface soil, subsurface soil, and groundwater. The background concentrations will be used during the assessment of site related contamination to ensure that naturally-occurring and non-site related constituents are not unnecessarily carried forward in risk assessments.

**Site Investigation.** Field work for the Site Investigation of 17 category 7 (grey) sites will begin this fall. The individual sites identified for the SI and the related environmental sampling is included in a workplan that will be distributed at the next general meeting.

**Remediation of Building 3192 "Hot Cell".** Remediation completed in December 1996. The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (CHPPM) will perform a verification survey on August 18-22, 1997. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the EPA will do spot checks during that week to verify the sampling results.

**UXO.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville District, visited Fort McClellan on July 8-10, 1997 to perform field work required for the preparation of a cost estimate for cleanup of UXO on a section of the proposed Eastern By-pass alignment. The estimate will be used by the BCT to determine the feasibility of relocating that section of the by-pass. Mr. Hood asked if there was any information on natural degradation of UXO to the point of being safe, such as how does it happen and how long does it take for the casing to rust away and for the internal explosives to be reduced to an inert form by natural processes. Mr. Levy said that he would find out and get back with him.

**Presentation for August 1997 Meeting.** Mr. Conroy volunteered to present the findings of the feasibility study for a wildlife refuge at Fort McClellan during the next general meeting.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.