

MINUTES

General Meeting
Restoration Advisory Board
April 20, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ike Brown, Barry Cox, Ronald Hood, Jimmy Parks, Fern Thomassy

BASE CLEANUP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Levy, Bart Reedy

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The meeting minutes of March 16, 1998 were reviewed and approved.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS IN AUDIENCE. Special audience guests were representatives of the Army Environmental Policy Institute led by Colonel Roland Weisser, who informed the RAB the visit was to give the AEPI representatives a familiarization of an active military installation as well as attend the RAB.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION.

Mr. John Herbert, Project Officer, QST Environmental (formerly Environmental Science & Engineering, Inc) made a presentation on the Draft Version I of the BRAC Cleanup Plan. Mr. Herbert gave a short overview of the plan and explained that the document outlines how the Army is going to approach the investigation, remediation and transfer of property at Ft McClellan. Stating that expeditious transfer of this property is what the process is all about, he outlined several sections of the plan and discussed their contents and purpose. Explaining various figures and tables in the plan and referring to maps and overlays, Mr. Herbert informed the RAB that a lot of information in the sections and tables came out of other documents such as the Environmental Baseline Survey and LRA Reuse Plan. He explained the tables in the appendix contain all the environmental sites plus the buildings on Main Post which ensures the BCT will have all the information before the property is transferred. Mr. Parks asked about completion date for final version of plan, and a discussion ensued as to various sites, parcelization, relationships to

the LRA priorities, investigations, contracts and cost estimates. Following a call for questions, Mr. Levy closed the presentation by reiterating that the RAB is separate from the FMDC and is established to listen to the citizens. He stated that concern for health and safety are issues of utmost importance and reuse is not the overriding factor in this process.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

Membership Nominees and Participation. Mr. Thomassy reported he had contacted Mr. Johnson who is currently unable to attend due to schedule conflict, but continues to have an interest in the board and wishes to be placed in nominee status rather than active board member. Mr. Thomassy then reported he had reviewed the bylaws and feels it is appropriate and timely to reissue letters inviting nominations on which to build an applicant pool. The last mailing, approximately a year ago did not produce a large enough pool and he recommended another mailing, including one to those who had responded but were not selected, be prepared and dispatched. He reminded the board of the necessity to reach all segments of the community to insure appropriate representation of all the citizens. A short discussion followed concerning membership participation and nominee application process. The seated membership then agreed to begin to process a new mailing.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

May Meeting. A proposal was made and agreed upon that the next meeting be held at the Anniston Meeting Center. This follows the RAB's intent to hold a meeting in the community once a quarter. The topic will be a continuation of the Base Cleanup Plan and comments and discussion between the BCT and the RAB. A Peer Review Team presentation was discussed and it was determined to have a representative speak at a meeting in a month or two. Planning will begin for that presentation. Mr. Levy stated however, that we need to keep focus on the Base Cleanup Plan over the next several months and the RAB should continue with discussion and input.

VII. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.