

MINUTES

General Meeting
Restoration Advisory Board
March 16, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Turner, Pete Conroy, Barry Cox, Don Cunningham, Ronald Hood, Mayor Kimbrough, Margarette Longstreth, James Miller, Alan Faust, Jimmy Parks, Fern Thomassy

BASE CLEANUP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Levy, Chris Johnson

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The meeting minutes of February 9, 1998 were approved by the RAB.

III. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION.

Mr. David Taylor, the BRAC Officer from Headquarters, TRADOC made a presentation on the draft EIS. Mr. Taylor explained the public comment process, who had provided comments and identified the key players. He then discussed where the current FMC active component missions are going and stated the realignment and draw-down process is on track. Mr. Taylor identified several environmental laws which must be followed during the BRAC process, discussed the requirements and how they are being complied with. He explained the primary sections in the EIS and went over the major details of each section. Pointing out that the EIS provides a mechanism to consider as the reuse plan is being developed, Mr Taylor further explained encumbered and unencumbered disposal actions and alternatives. He then discussed the time line, public comment period and record of decision completion.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Community Relations. Ms. McKinney asked the RAB membership to identify some civic organizations where our presentation could be made and she would do the follow-up and schedule the programs. She then proposed the RAB consider additional minority members and presented some names for nomination. A discussion followed and it was decided the issue would be continued at the next meeting after a review of the bylaws determined the appropriate procedures to follow.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

BRAC Cleanup Plan. Mr. Levy stated the Draft BRAC Cleanup Plan still has not arrived. It is expected either the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

Guest Speaker Presentation for April. Mr. Levy reminded the RAB that Ft McClellan was just visited by the Peer Review Team and suggested the RAB focus the next meeting on the recommendations made by the peer review. A discussion followed about the purpose of the peer review team and the interaction with the RAB. Ms. Kingsbury stated the team wants to explain what they've learned after looking at our different programs and what their recommendations are. Mr. Thomassy felt we need to understand the base cleanup plan first and suggested that be the subject at the next meeting. Several other members agreed. Mr. Chris Johnson asked about the need for a formal presentation at each meeting and felt an open discussion might be helpful. It was decided that copies of the base cleanup plan be available at next month's RAB, an overview be presented and the RAB participate in discussion and questions.

Army Environmental Policy Institute. Mr. Thomas informed the RAB that approximately 10-15 visitors from the Army Environmental Policy Institute would be visiting Ft McClellan on April 20th and would probably attend next month's meeting.

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