

## MINUTES

General Meeting  
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board  
May 18, 1998

### MEMBERS PRESENT;

Fernand Thomassy, Mark Anderson, Ike Brown, Pete Conroy, Jerome Elser, Alan Faust, Mary Harrington, Mayor Kimbrough, Margarette Longstreth, James Miller, Jimmy Parks, Charles Turner

### BASE CLEANUP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Levy, Bart Reedy

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**I. CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Thomassy called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The meeting minutes were corrected to add Mr. Faust who was in attendance at the meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, but was not listed.

**III. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE.** Mr. Thomassy recognized two members of the community who were in the audience and expressed appreciation for their interest and attendance. He then provided a brief overview of the purpose of the RAB, its activities and membership.

**IV. BASE CLEANUP PLAN DISCUSSION.** Mr. Reedy began the discussion by giving a short review of the process which produced the document and explained the contractor status. He reminded the members that the document is a draft subject to revisions and updates as required. Responding to Mr. Anderson's question concerning theoretical public comment period, Mr. Levy stated that while there is no legal authority for public comment, the RAB members should review the plan, provide comments and the BCT will attempt to address them. Mr. Thomassy asked what Army elements will remain beyond 1999 to oversee ongoing cleanup activities. Mr. Levy assured the RAB that a BRAC Environmental Coordinator, most likely himself, will remain at Ft McClellan as long as there is property to transfer and then went on to explain the continuing role and responsibilities of the Mobile District Corps of Engineers. A discussion followed concerning land transfers, funding authorities and cleanup costs projections. Upon query from several RAB members concerning other members of Base Cleanup Team, Mr. Conroy asked for a complete list of Base Cleanup Team members and Mr. Levy agreed to provide one. Mr. Turner and others then discussed the composition of the Base Cleanup Team and whether their meetings were open to the public. Mr. Levy then returned the RAB's attention to the Base Cleanup Plan and called for comments on document format. Mr. Thomassy responded with a question about documentation of timelines and procedure schedules. Mr. Reedy responded and Mr. Levy confirmed that having exact dates of specific cleanup was difficult because site investigations are ongoing and there are a lot of unknowns. The RAB then discussed the

options of identification of timelines relating to parcels, sites within parcels, property availability and the fact that the cleanup plan was designed around the reuse plan. Mayor Kimbrough asked when cleanup would actually begin and Mr. Levy explained contractual requirements, site investigation findings and funding were all factors to consider, however, they were on schedule for 1999 to begin the removal process. The members then discussed the cleanup around Eastern Bypass and Choccolocco Mountains. Mayor Kimbrough asked about the landfill monitoring results. Ms. Kingsbury responded the report had just come in and an update would be provided next month.

**V. COMMUNITY RELATIONS.** Ms. McKinney informed the RAB that a presentation would be made to the Jacksonville Exchange Club on June 11<sup>th</sup>. A discussion followed about Mr. Levy being on the local radio talk show that morning and many members remarked they were unaware he was going to do it. The RAB will be informed of any future shows so they can listen and perhaps call in.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS.**

**Membership Nominations.** Mr. Thomassy discussed the preparation of letters for a mailing requesting new nominations for membership in the RAB. The letters were reviewed and administrative changes recommended. It was agreed the process would take several months, however this will revise the pool of applicants and reach residents who were not included in previous mailings.

**UXO Status Update.** Mr. Levy explained the handout and identified some of the listed schedules. Mr. Turner queried an entry pertaining to bypass construction and a discussion ensued about scheduling and coordination in putting the highway through. The RAB further discussed the role of Mobile District Corps of Engineers and the contractor.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS.** Mr. Levy informed the RAB that copies of the reuse plan is available for members who do not have a copy. He also stated that the first FOSL (Finding of Suitability to Lease) is being accomplished for building 65 on post. Explaining this is a statement of the environmental conditions of the property required by law, the RAB should be aware of the contents. Mr. Levy reminded the RAB of the Peer Review presentation being scheduled at the next meeting, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Environment Conference Room. He stated the members would be mailed a read ahead copy of the Peer Review Report before the next meeting.

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