

Minutes

General Meeting Ft McClellan Restoration Advisory Board January 11, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Conroy, James Buford, Barry Cox, Jerome Elser, Ron Hood, Ed Kimbrough, Margarette Longstreth, Jimmy Parks

BRAC CLEANUP TEAM (BCT) MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Levy

CALL TO ORDER. Mr. Conroy called the meeting to order at 6:30. He called roll, apologized for low member turnout and turned the meeting over to Mr. Levy. Mr. Levy called for comments on the minutes and there being none, introduced the first speaker, Mr. Dave Skridulis.

- II. PRESENTATION.** Mr. Skridulis, from the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, and the Project Manager for the Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Project at Ft McClellan, discussed the Eastern Bypass portion of that project. He assured the RAB that money, resources and scheduling factors were all available to support the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) needs. He displayed a map of the intended bypass route, and separated it into two portions for discussion. He explained the upper portion was highly contaminated and therefore did not require much more study. They knew the cleanup requirements. However, the remainder of the route required an Engineering Evaluation Cost Analysis (EECA). Zapata Engineering is doing the EECA and has walked the full length of the bypass. He then explained how various data was obtained and measured in order to provide historical information for Zapata to assist in the EECA process. He continued with a description of the intense effort and thorough methodology used in accomplishing the historical photo interpretation of the area. Mr. Skridulis discussed the schedule for the surface and subsurface clearance and support to ALDOT's needs as they begin their survey and geotechnical sampling. A short discussion followed concerning photo interpretation, land use change, ground reconnaissance and disposal of any ordnance discovered during surface/subsurface clearance.

Mr. Levy then introduced two ALDOT representatives, Mr. Bill Adams, Location Engineer for the Eastern Bypass, and Mr. Terry Robinson, his assistant. Mr. Adams began his presentation explaining that the Eastern Bypass is broken into two environmental documents and discussing them. He briefly identified the route, funding, scheduling and outlined the current status. He then told the RAB the second draft environmental document, which essentially covers the fort, was approved in August 1998. This document was available at a public hearing at the Axmiston Meeting Center on December 3, 1998 for review and comment. Mr.

Adams stated that ALDOT and the Army's schedules are on track with each other and that funding is available. A short discussion ensued about location and design of north and south ends of the bypass and interchanges along the route. Mr. Adams closed his portion by stating he would be attending the JPA meeting the following day.

- III. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS.** Mrs. McKinney reminded the RAB that the quarterly community meeting was scheduled for February and asked for suggestions where it should be held. After a short discussion, it was determined to hold it in the SAKS area.
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS.** Mr. Levy discussed low membership attendance. He reminded the members of the provisions of the bylaws that provided for lack of attendance and asked the members to try to attend the meetings as much as possible. It was suggested that a call be made to members prior to the meeting to remind them. Mrs. McKinney will make the calls. Mr. Parks inquired about the WA representative and was informed they had designated Mr. Lea Fite. Mr. Fite would also get a reminder call.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS.** Mr. Levy reminded the members that a budget exists to support the RAB functions and identified some of those functions. He asked the members if they wanted something specific, to bring it to the next meeting. Mr. Parks asked status of decision on graphic smoke training, and Mr. Paul James stated the comment period was extended due to holidays. Mayor Kimbrough asked whether there would be a funding problem on Ft McClellan cleanup because it seemed so many dollars were going to the Eastern Bypass and he was concerned that money would not be available for cleanup to transfer areas for reuse. Mr. Levy stated there were funding lines for various things, but that dollars could be moved around within the environmental program. He cautioned that dollars could also be pulled from Ft McClellan to fund other Army programs. Mayor Kimbrough then asked about the Environmental Directorate staffing level and how long the RAE would be seated. Mr. Levy assured him a RAE would be in session as long as cleanup is ongoing and discussed the staffing requirements of his office. A short discussion followed concerning funding levels, variables that impact on the funding such as site investigations results and issues. He then introduced a visitor, Mr. Joe Ricci, Technical Advisor, Public Affairs Office, Army Environmental Center. Mr. Ricci provided a short summary of his office and their support to Army RABs. Another visitor, retired Army Colonel Robert Lindsay introduced himself and stated he had been the DEH at Ft McClellan for four years. He then offered a brief summary of current UXO cleanup technology and suggested it might be a good topic for a future RAE meeting.
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Conroy adjourned the meeting.