

## Minutes

### General Meeting Ft McClellan Restoration Advisory Board October 18, 1999

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Conroy; Ike Brown; James Buford; Dr. Barry Cox; Jerome Elser; Dr. Mary Harrington; Ron Hood; Mayor Kimbrough; Margarette Longstreth; Tom Turecek; Bobby Weston

#### BRAC CLEANUP TEAM (BCT) MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Levy; Bart Reedy

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Conroy called roll and asked for approval of the August minutes. The minutes were approved. He then asked Ms. Miki Schneider, JPA, to comment about the visit of Senator Roger Bedford to the Anniston/Ft. McClellan area that day. She stated the JPA is concerned about future funding and since Senator Bedford is the Chairman of the Finance Committee in Montgomery, his visit was extremely important. He received a tour of several Fort locations and was briefed on potential businesses interested in sites for future location. Ms. Schneider stated this was Senator Bedford's first visit to Ft McClellan and he voiced amazement at not only the beauty of the post, but was impressed with the complex infrastructure and existing sites available for industry and business. At the end of the tour, Senator Bedford gave the JPA his commitment towards funding for the next two years and his continued support of the JPA.
- II. **OLD BUSINESS.** Mr. Conroy then signed the bylaws, which had been amended and approved by the RAB earlier in the year.
- III. **NEW BUSINESS.** Mr. Ron Levy welcomed everyone to the new Environmental Office and discussed the change in command structure now that Ft McClellan was closed. He told the members that future RAB meetings would be held in the Environmental Office Conference Room with the exception of the quarterly community meetings.

Mr. Levy called attention to the copy of the Draft FOSL (Finding of Suitability to Lease) JPA Master Lease provided to each RAB member. He discussed the contents of the document and reminded the membership that this was not a transfer document, rather it is a means by which the JPA can sublease property. He reminded the RAB that part of their mission is to advise the Army on their concerns and asked the members to review the document and provide input at the next meeting on November 15th. He said that on 1 October, the FOSL was sent out to EPA and ADEM for their 30-day comment period. Mr. Levy further stated

that while the property should not have environmental conditions or constraints associated with it, he did expect some changes to be made and some property removed during the comment period. The RAB then discussed various parts of the FOSL, nomenclature, sites, text and maps.

Ms. McKinney reminded the RAB that they needed to select a new member and recommended the current applicant files be reviewed and individuals contacted to see if they were still interested. She asked the members to also submit any nominations. Once they are all collected, she will compile the list and place the names before the RAB for selection. The RAB agreed with this procedure. Mr. Levy then discussed providing the RAB members with a portfolio and tote bag. Recognizing the members are all volunteers and often asked to carry heavy documents and other printed material as well as taking notes during the meetings, he said these supplies could be obtained for their convenience. After a brief discussion, a paper was passed around and each member listed what supplies they would like to have.

- IV. COMMUNITY RELATIONS.** Mr. Levy informed the RAB that in keeping with the guidance to go into the community once a quarter, the next meeting would be at Anniston Meeting Center. The RAB was also informed that Mr. Levy would be one of the guests on the November airing of “Chamber Live”. This show is taped and then aired each Thursday night for a month. The topic is the RAB and reinforces the message that although the fort is officially closed, the Army cleanup is ongoing and there is still a viable public forum overseeing the activities.

Mr. Turecek commented that he gets many queries concerning reuse rather than cleanup. Other members also agreed they did as well. Mr. Conroy recognized that although the RAB was not the official forum for reuse, since Ms. Schneider represented JPA, perhaps she could provide the RAB with an update. Ms. Schneider then informed the RAB on current status of no-cost EDC legislation, their business plan, some of the industrial prospect information, the reuse procedures and several other activities of the JPA. Responding to concerns over Ft McClellan’s historic areas, Ms. Schneider reminded the RAB she was degreed in historic preservation and assured them that was also her concern.

Mr. Reedy then reported to the RAB that two meetings in the past 30 days has resulted in developing a memorandum of understanding that will expedite the review and approval processes on the environmental conditions relative to transfer.

- V. ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.