

Minutes

General Meeting Ft McClellan Restoration Advisory Board April 19, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Conroy; Jerome Elser; Alan Faust; Mary Harrington; Ron Hood; James Miller; Jimmy Parks; Fernand *Thomassy*; Tom Turecek

BRAC CLEANUP TEAM (BCT) MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Johnson; Ron Levy

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Conroy called the meeting to order at 6:30. He called roll and asked for approval of minutes. The minutes were approved. He then introduced the new RAB member, Mr. Tom Turecek, and asked him to tell the group a little about himself which he did. Mr. Conroy then asked the audience to introduce themselves.

- II. OLD BUSINESS. Mr. Conroy stated that since Charles Turner was not present, and the amended bylaws were not available, they would be reviewed at next month's meeting. After introduction by Mr. Levy, Karen Pinson, DOE Environmental Specialist, gave a status report of the graphite smoke training. She handed out a printed update and followed it up with discussion. Ms. Pinson explained that as a result of the environmental assessment, and public and official responses, the Commanding General decided to allow what is being called a graphite demonstration. There are twelve such demonstrations/training events scheduled. The Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station has developed a plan to monitor the amount of graphite deposits in the streams and environment at each event. She then discussed the monitoring procedure~ mid amount of graphite being used. Additionally, coordination with Fish & Wildlife was being established to ensure protection of any endangered species. A brief discussion followed concerning past modeling results and the future value of information gathered here. Mr. Levy then began his presentation of the funding deferral. Ms. Kingsbury handed out the charts she had prepared and discussed each one. Mr. Levy reiterated the information provided during the March meeting at which the RAB was informed that the budget had been prepared to assume that all 115 sites in SI phase would go into the RI phase. He reminded the RAB that it was unknown what percentage of those would actually go to RI phase and so the actual impact might not be as bad as the numbers indicate. A discussion followed concerning the need for close coordination with the WA and the importance of their input on reuse. Mr. Johnson stated there would probably

- be a better understanding this summer, when most SI work was completed, of where the money is going to be needed. The RAI then discussed the value of the Base Cleanup Plan, the status of the changing information to be inputted and final documentation. Mr. Thonassy asked whether the BCT would provide consolidated briefings on SI reports and forecasts of what's going to be needed. Mr. Levy stated the BCT would present them to the RAI as soon as the information is in and the RAI could then provide input or questions/concerns.
- The RAB then discussed how much in depth they wanted the briefings and what sort of technical review should be conducted on the reports. Mr. Levy said he could present them in any way the RAE wanted, such as bring in the contractor to highlight the report and discuss the findings and the final determination. Or, the reports could be looked at in groups, or take just the significant ones – the choice was up to the RAI. There was a short discussion on expenditures for investigation to obtain substantial and definitive data versus the deferral of funds for cleanup. Mr. Levy stated that at the next meeting he would like to provide an update on what lease/transfers are in progress. Mr. Cobb, Base Transition Office Representative, will also make a presentation on what is being considered for transfer and tie it to the reuse plan. The RAB then discussed the original reuse plan and the need to be aware of any changes to that plan in order to react properly.

III. **Community Relations.** Ms. McKinney reminded the RAB that the quarterly community meeting was scheduled for May and asked for suggestions where to hold the meeting. After a short discussion, it was determined to hold the meeting in Weaver.

IV. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.