

Minutes

General Meeting
Ft. McClellan
Restoration Advisory Board

July 19, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Buford; Don Cunningham; Jerome Elser; Ron Hood; Margarette Longstreth;
Fern Thomassy; Charles Turner; Tom Turecek, Bobby Weston

BRAC CLEANUP TEAM (BCT) MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Levy; Hart Reedy; Chris Johnson

CALL TO ORDER. Mr. Conroy was not at the meeting, so Mr. Hood officiated. Mr. Hood called roll and asked if there were any comments on the June meeting minutes. None were offered and the minutes were approved.

- II. OLD BUSINESS. The bylaws were approved at a previous meeting. Mr. Turner asked the board to give them an editorial review, check for spelling, typos, etc and call him at his office and identify the changes. He would then prepare a Final document. Signing them into effect was tabled until the August meeting.
- Mr. Levy opened the discussion on the FOST for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the FOSL for the Parks and Recreation Activities. Concerning the FOSL, he said that since the last meeting he had received comments from Mr. Reedy, EPA as well as a letter from Mr. Johnson, ADEM and they were in the process of working those. Several of those comments would be incorporated into the FOSL, however, he stated that in accordance with the law, the Army intended to attach the unresolved comments to the FOSL in order to move forward with a formal leasing of the property by August 26th. Copies of Mr. Reedy's draft institutional controls were made and handed out to RAE members for review.
- Responding to Mr. Thomassy's query as to why there are disagreements in the comments the regulators want incorporated in the FOSL, Mr. Levy stated the Army's position is that the FOSL adequately addresses the concerns. In addition, the property is being leased for like use, and as such, the property should not have an impact on human health and the environment. The position of both Mr. Reedy and Mr. Johnson is that their responsibility is to ensure protectiveness. And, since there is still unevaluated data they cannot agree with the Army on the condition of the property. Mr. Whitley, WA, voiced his concerns over excessive delays causing retirees to move, job loss and potential reuse prospects being lost because property was unavailable. Mr. Levy offered to send the Army's comments to EPA and ADEM out to the RAE members for

review. He also suggested the RAB continue the FOSL discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Turecek asked if there was data to support golfers getting sick from any sort of contamination on the post golf course. A discussion then developed over the pesticides and herbicides used over the years and the mixing area and storm water runoff that might impact Cane Creek.

The RAB discussed the irrigation of the golf course using water from Cane Creek as is currently practiced and the potential of contaminated water from the creek. They also discussed the cane creek and golf course area being used by the gray bat. Mr. Levy reminded the RAB that all reports and documentation was available in the public repositories in the local libraries. Mr. Turner opened a discussion on the access clause contained in the environmental protection provisions. His concern was that the government retained the right to reenter the property at any time. Mr. Reedy and Mr. Johnson explained the clause was not unusual, and in any event, there are other laws which permit such an occurrence should a situation warrant it.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant POST was discussed. Mr. Levy explained it is a Public Benefit Conveyance through the Department of Health and Human Services, and stated the Army has resolved all comments and made corrections to areas identified by EPA and ADEM. He also stated the Anniston Water and Sewer Board is applying for a grant for some additional repairs and once that is in place, should be able to move forward with signatures.

- III. COMMUNITY RELATIONS. Ms. Levy reminded the members of the RAB that they had agreed to hold a meeting outside Fort McClellan on a quarterly basis and that the next meeting would be held in one of the local churches. Ms. Michele Malone was working towards that goal and would inform RAE members of a church and location when the meeting notification reminder was mailed out.
- IV. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Hood asked for final comments/questions. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.