

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

FORT McCLELLAN, ALABAMA

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1 MR. RON LEVY: Let me call us to  
2 order. Since Charles is not here and we're missing  
3 Fern, let me ask somebody to sit in for Charles.  
4 Mayor Kimbrough, would you be willing to sit in for --

5 MR. PETE CONROY: Here, here.

6 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Do I just sit  
7 here?

8 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. Let me quickly  
9 take the role. Looks like Charles is not here. Mark  
10 Anderson?

11 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Ike Brown?

13 MR. IKE BROWN: Here.

14 MR. RON LEVY: Pete Conroy?

15 MR. PETE CONROY: Here.

16 MR. RON LEVY: Barry Cox?

17 DR. BARRY COX: Here.

18 MR. RON LEVY: Donald Cunningham?

19 Jerome Elser?

20 MR. JEROME ELSER: Here.

21 MR. RON LEVY: Mary Harrington?

22 Ronald Hood?

23 MR. RONALD HOOD: Here.

1 MR. RON LEVY: Mayor Kimbrough?

2 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Here.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Ms. Longstreth?

4 MS. LONGSTRETH: Here.

5 MR. RON LEVY: James Miller?

6 MR. JAMES MILLER: Here.

7 MR. RON LEVY: Jimmy Parks?

8 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Here.

9 MR. RON LEVY: Bart Reedy and Chris

10 Johnson are not here.

11 Have you all had a chance to look

12 at the minutes? I know they were sent out in the

13 mail.

14 For those of you who weren't at the

15 last RAB meeting, we did have that in conjunction with

16 the DERTF. The minutes reflect what occurred at the

17 DERTF. A number of questions that we had solicited

18 from the RAB in a previous meeting to last month, and

19 majority of those were asked -- we went on the

20 following day. Pete Conroy got up and was able to ask

21 the remaining questions. I should say some of the

22 significant remaining questions that we had solicited.

23 And some of those answers are in the transcripts. If

1       you're interested in seeing those, you can get a hold  
2       of Lisa and we'll be glad to provide those for you.

3                       Do I have a motion on the minutes?

4                       MR. MARK ANDERSON: Move to accept.

5                       MR. JIMMY PARKS: Second.

6                       MR. RON LEVY: All those in favor?

7       Opposed? Minutes carry.

8                       Let's move in to some -- the first  
9       thing we were going to talk about was report of the  
10      committees. And the first one up was the charter and  
11      membership committee.

12                      You should have in front of you a  
13      list -- excuse me -- all of the applicants that we got  
14      for the RAB. We were hoping for a lot more out of the  
15      nine hundred --

16                      MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Six hundred  
17      and thirty-two.

18                      MR. RON LEVY: Six hundred and  
19      thirty-two mailings that we made. You can see that we  
20      didn't get that many.

21                      MR. JIMMY PARKS: These are the  
22      total? These haven't been weeded out or anything?

23                      MR. RON LEVY: This is the total.

1 We were supposed to have a membership committee  
2 meeting prior to this. And unfortunately, I think the  
3 only person who showed up was Jimmy. So, we now have  
4 this before the full RAB.

5 Let me just tell you that one of  
6 the things that we were looking at doing and we were  
7 hoping for was better diversification on the RAB, more  
8 of a cross-section of the community. So, we were  
9 looking hard at minority members. Unfortunately, we  
10 only got one applicant from a minority member.

11 MR. MARK ANDERSON: No kidding.

12 MR. RON LEVY: And that individual  
13 is also a professor at JSU. We've already got two  
14 members reflecting JSU, so it's going to be tough.

15 I want to open this up for  
16 discussion in terms of what y'all think we might want  
17 to do from here as it relates to the membership.

18 MR. JIMMY PARKS: I would like to  
19 say something real quick. I looked through these  
20 things. And we have many applications here from  
21 managers, attorneys, etcetera, which represent the  
22 upper part of the middle class and not the upper  
23 class. And we've only got about two here -- this



1 being a letter carrier, I would say middle class. But  
2 then we have one here that is probably income-wise,  
3 judging by the address, not of a great to do means.  
4 And when you're talking diversity, economic diversity  
5 should be part of it, too. This is a working man,  
6 which would bring a lot of different viewpoints to the  
7 RAB than the professional level.

8 So, just my idea that --

9 MR. RON LEVY: Ron, what name are  
10 you talking about?

11 MR. RONALD HOOD: Mr. Buford who  
12 lives at 1630 Crane. And I'm familiar with that  
13 address.

14 MR. JIMMY PARKS: He didn't list  
15 anything on his application.

16 MR. RONALD HOOD: I'm well aware of  
17 that. I'm also wondering about what he marked as  
18 minority group, because it doesn't fit. He may not  
19 consider himself a minority.

20 MR. MARK ANDERSON: It could be,  
21 could be. Interesting that he didn't say why he  
22 wanted to do this. He just filled it in and sent it  
23 in. Okay.

1 MR. JIMMY PARKS: And that other  
2 one is a husband and wife team. He was talking about  
3 listing two on there.

4 MR. RONALD HOOD: Which one is the  
5 --

6 MR. RON LEVY: Anybody else have  
7 any comments as it relates to the applicants that  
8 we've got? Go ahead, Mark.

9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I was going to  
10 say, I recognize a couple of names from the group of  
11 activists that are opposed to the incineration  
12 project. And I mean, this is not a forum for that.  
13 This is for Fort McClellan.

14 On the other hand, if they are  
15 concerned enough about the environment to be, you  
16 know, on that project, you know, that probably  
17 demonstrates at least a good bit of awareness of the  
18 problems and projects that we face. So, those folks  
19 kind of come to the top in my mind that they're taking  
20 -- they've been taking the time to get themselves  
21 educated about the different environmental issues.

22 MR. RONALD HOOD: Would you mind  
23 sharing which ones you were talking about as being

1 part of the anti- --

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes, one is Tom  
3 Lutchendorf. The other one -- where is it? I think  
4 it was -- you got the remediation manager from  
5 Monsanto.

6 Lutchendorf's an ex-GI, as well.

7 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, Pete?

8 MR. PETE CONROY: Yes, just a brief  
9 comment. Seeing how our interest was to find  
10 diversity in sending out how many forms?

11 MR. RON LEVY: Six hundred and  
12 thirty-two.

13 MR. PETE CONROY: And we did get  
14 Mr. Johnson. And even though he does work at  
15 Jacksonville State University, I guess we really can't  
16 hold that against him to such a degree.

17 MR. GARY HARVEY: We can.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: Maybe you can and  
19 maybe I could, actually. But seeing how our exercise  
20 was to find diversity, and we have a very capable name  
21 and individual on the list, I wouldn't want us to turn  
22 our backs too quickly.

23 MR. RONALD HOOD: No, not at all.



1 MS. MARGARETTE LONGSTRETH: I was  
2 just about to say, you know, I don't think having  
3 knowledge of environmental, you know -- environmental  
4 knowledge would count in something like this, because  
5 we do want diversity.

6 I wouldn't be here if I -- because  
7 I don't know that much about the environment.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Oh, absolutely.

9 MS. MARGARETTE LONGSTRETH: But I  
10 would think that we would try to get as many people  
11 that wanted to give up their time and knowledge and  
12 learn as much as they can and apply it.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Absolutely. There  
14 is no prerequisite for having a technical background  
15 in this area, just an interest in seeing that the  
16 clean up at McClellan goes along the right track,  
17 really.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: Say,  
19 clarification, is it our goal right now to select at  
20 least one name?

21 MR. MARK ANDERSON: How many?

22 MR. RON LEVY: Let me tell you that  
23 we have three positions open, now. We've lost three

1 people, Al Perez, David West. And Mike Moore  
2 presented his resignation, as well, because of other  
3 conflicting things which were unspecified.

4 So, we actually have three  
5 positions that we could fill on the RAB, based upon  
6 how we had originally set our charter out, seventeen  
7 members for the RAB.

8 You know, does anybody want to  
9 consider going back out again, attempting to do that?  
10 Do we want to look at what we've got here?

11 MR. MARK ANDERSON: No. These are  
12 --

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Yes, I agree. In  
14 lieu of my ability to come up with a slate of three,  
15 I'd at least like to make a motion to nominate  
16 Mr. Johnson.

17 MS. MARGARETTE LONGSTRETH: And I  
18 would like to nominate James Buford, because even  
19 though he checked no where minority members is  
20 concerned, I think he is --

21 MR. RON LEVY: You believe he is --

22 MS. MARGARETTE LONGSTRETH: I think  
23 I know him.



1 MR. RONALD HOOD: I believe he is,  
2 too. He just doesn't consider himself to be a  
3 minority, which is a plus.

4 MR. PETE CONROY: Getting pretty  
5 close.

6 MR. RON LEVY: Well, we've got a  
7 nomination or we've got two nominations before us.  
8 Let's work with Pete's. Pete nominated Johnson. Do I  
9 get a second for that?

10 DR. BARRY COX: Second.

11 MR. RON LEVY: All those in favor?  
12 Any opposed?

13 Margarette nominated James Buford.

14 MR. RONALD HOOD: I second that.

15 MR. RON LEVY: All those in favor?  
16 Any opposed?

17 Both nominations carry. We will  
18 formally notify these individuals -- Lisa -- that  
19 they've been picked. And we'll try to bring them into  
20 the RAB, next RAB meeting.

21 Do we want to attempt to pull one  
22 of these others for the next position?

23 MR. JIMMY PARKS: I'll nominate

1 Dale Garrett. I don't know him, but he's got a good  
2 reason why he wants to be on there.

3 MR. JEROME ELSE: I'll second that  
4 on Dale Garrett.

5 MR. RON LEVY: Let me see if there  
6 are any -- are there any other nominations besides  
7 Mr. Garrett?

8 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes, I don't  
9 see any problem --

10 MR. RON LEVY: Any other  
11 nominations besides Mr. Garrett?

12 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I'll nominate  
13 Mr. Faust.

14 MR. RON LEVY: Well, let's talk  
15 about the differences on those two before we take a  
16 vote. Does anybody want to discuss reasons for  
17 Mr. Garrett versus those of Mr. Faust?

18 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Well, he's on two  
19 planning commissions and he's on the water works and  
20 sewer board, which is a main key thing out here that  
21 he's worried about. So, I think he could bring a lot  
22 of information to the RAB is the only reason I picked  
23 him. I don't know him, personally.

1 MR. RON LEVY: Certainly, he has  
2 direct ties to The City of Anniston, which has a  
3 direct impact on the closure of McClellan. Any other  
4 comment about that?

5 MR. MARK ANDERSON: The only thing  
6 is: Of course, knowing full well that my own city  
7 mayor is sitting right here beside me, he does have  
8 access through the counsel, elected leaders, you know,  
9 to the LRA and other activities like that.

10 I was -- the only reason I thought  
11 about Faust simply was he was coming from industry, as  
12 opposed to being a civil servant on this one.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Anymore discussion  
14 about it? How would you like to do this, in terms of  
15 -- let's take the number of votes for Mr. Faust and  
16 then the number of votes for Mr. Garrett.

17 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: How many people  
18 do we have in those two categories that are connected  
19 with civil service positions, opposed to those that  
20 are through industry?

21 MR. RON LEVY: Do we define JSU as  
22 civil service?

23 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Yes, I would.

1 DR. BARRY COX: Very much so.  
2 MR. RON LEVY: Jimmy --  
3 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes, Don  
4 Cunningham.  
5 MR. RON LEVY: Pete, Don.  
6 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Barry and Pete.  
7 MR. RON LEVY: Barry Cox, Jimmy  
8 Parks.  
9 MR. GARY HARVEY: Don Cunningham.  
10 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Right, that's  
11 --  
12 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: How many do we  
13 have connected with industry?  
14 MR. RON LEVY: James Miller.  
15 MR. MARK ANDERSON: And Fern.  
16 MR. RON LEVY: Ike, you have  
17 connection to industry, don't you? I would consider  
18 what you do --  
19 MR. IKE BROWN: Not industry.  
20 MR. RON LEVY: Fern.  
21 MR. RONALD HOOD: With industry or  
22 the private sector.  
23 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Right, private

1 sector. You know, if you wanted to take private  
2 sector, we're about split.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Well, obviously  
4 we've got more -- we just consider industry.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: Recently, I met  
6 with Mr. Faust and I really -- in no way, identifying  
7 any deficiencies from Mr. Garrett, but Mr. Faust does  
8 -- he has a lot of background in this environmental  
9 work. I met with him about the Monsanto problems and  
10 he is acutely aware of the problems that they've had.

11 And I think that he would be -- I  
12 think he would be a pretty good addition.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Any other comments?  
14 Well, let's take a vote. Let's just do it by hand  
15 count. Let me see show of hands for Mr. Faust.

16 Mr. Garrett? Mr. Faust is the --  
17 let me see that show of hands again. Let me get the  
18 count again. I've got eight. And Mr. Garrett, two  
19 hands.

20 Mr. Faust will be notified. So,  
21 he'll be our third candidate. Okay.

22 Mark, I'm going to turn this over  
23 to you for the community relations. Have you got



1 anything to report from --

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: The only thing  
3 I had to report was actually a question which would  
4 have been directed at Fern, had he been here. The  
5 issue about the organization that had expressed  
6 interest in getting a briefing on where we are and  
7 where we're going. I don't -- I did not know who the  
8 organization was to be able to make contact in the  
9 past month. And I looked for it in the minutes and  
10 did not find it. Unless I'm absolutely, totally blind  
11 here.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Who brought it up?

13 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Fern is the one  
14 who brought it to the meeting.

15 MR. GARY HARVEY: Military affairs  
16 committee.

17 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Is that who it  
18 was?

19 MR. GARY HARVEY: Yes. Military  
20 affairs committee of the chamber of commerce.

21 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Oh, for heavens  
22 sakes, there it is. Golly (phonetic), I am blind.

23 Well, seeing as how I'm on that

1 committee, I will --

2 (UNIDENTIFIED MALE): (Inaudible.)

3 MR. MARK ANDERSON: That's right.

4 What can I say?

5 I'll get with Larry Sylvester and  
6 Gerald Powell in the next day or two and try and make  
7 arrangements to put that together. I would like to  
8 suggest the first time out on something like this,  
9 that we have a -- somebody from government there, as  
10 well.

11 MR. RON LEVY: I'll be glad to be  
12 part of that. Does anybody know of any other  
13 organization that's interested in hearing from the RAB  
14 about clean up activity at the installation or think  
15 we might want to approach somebody?

16 See, one of the things that we're  
17 chartered to do is not just so much as keep it between  
18 ourselves, but be able to go out and tell folks what's  
19 happening so that the word does filter out. I think  
20 it's important for us to be able to go out to these  
21 groups and talk to them.

22 MR. PETE CONROY: I'm sorry. Go  
23 ahead.

1 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Can we confirm  
2 that -- in fact this just hit both of us at the same  
3 time. Can we confirm that Joe Baker sent the letters  
4 out to the organizations on the master mailing list  
5 that we put together?

6 MR. RON LEVY: Actually, I can't  
7 confirm that, because I don't know. That's a good  
8 question. But we'll look into that.

9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: That was  
10 several months ago and I would have expected to have  
11 heard at least a peep.

12 MR. RONALD HOOD: Well, I would  
13 make a suggestion, as far as getting the word out.

14 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Sure.

15 MR. RONALD HOOD: We might try --  
16 we would have to bring the briefing down to a lot  
17 lower level, but try briefing the local high schools  
18 on what's going on. And the word does go back to the  
19 parents that way, a lot more effectively than you  
20 think.

21 MR. PETE CONROY: That's a good  
22 idea. Middle schools, too.

23 MR. RONALD HOOD: I don't know if

1       you can get it down to that level. It would have to  
2       be somebody that was very effective on teaching or  
3       talking, because you'd have to one, make it  
4       entertaining, two, by getting (inaudible) on --

5                       MR. MARK ANDERSON: I've done --

6                       MR. RONALD HOOD: -- on their  
7       levels.

8                       MR. MARK ANDERSON: I've done, when  
9       they do the business day in school, that the chamber  
10      -- not the chamber, but the county school board  
11      sponsors once a year, I've gone in and done how to  
12      succeed in business type of discussions to the kids  
13      before. It's no problem, if you talk as much as I do,  
14      anyway.

15                      MR. RON LEVY: Well, let's get back  
16      on this one probably at the next meeting.

17                      MR. MARK ANDERSON: Okay.

18                      MR. RON LEVY: Let us find out what  
19      the status of the mailing was.

20                      MR. GARY HARVEY: Retired officers  
21      association is always looking for speakers.

22                      MR. MARK ANDERSON: That's a good  
23      point.

1 MR. GARY HARVEY: I've done them a  
2 couple of times. If they take me, they're hungry.

3 MR. RON LEVY: We didn't get  
4 anybody from PAO at this meeting.

5 MR. GARY HARVEY: They meet once a  
6 month and always want a speaker. Getler (phonetic) is  
7 in charge of retired --

8 MR. RON LEVY: Usually, we have a  
9 member from PAO in the audience who is here to support  
10 us. But Joe Baker, who has been, recently took a job  
11 in Saudi and he was --

12 (UNIDENTIFIED MALE): In Kuwait.

13 MR. RON LEVY: In Kuwait. So, I  
14 think we're going to end up having to get another  
15 participant from the public affairs office down here.  
16 Although I thought Herschel was going to be it.

17 I do know this, that there's a  
18 newscast going on this evening, or a story going on  
19 this evening for the gray bat. And --

20 (UNIDENTIFIED MALE): That's where  
21 he's at.

22 MR. RON LEVY: One of my staff is  
23 out there with them.



1 MR. PETE CONROY: The gray bat.

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: The gray bat.

3 MR. PETE CONROY: Endangered

4 species.

5 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Did you cause

6 that?

7 MR. PETE CONROY: I appreciate your

8 support.

9 MR. GARY HARVEY: (Inaudible.)

10 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: We've got the --

11 MR. RON LEVY: Are you interested

12 in hearing about the gray bat?

13 MR. PETE CONROY: No, you don't,

14 Mayor, I promise.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Do we have anything

16 else from community relations, at this point?

17 MR. MARK ANDERSON: No, sir.

18 MR. RON LEVY: Old business. We've

19 gotten through reviewing the RAB applications, making

20 the nominations and voting, so we can cross that out.

21 Let me go back and talk about some

22 old business not listed there, that's the confirmation

23 on the risk assessment training. The dates for that

1 are the 29th, the 30th, and the 31st of this month.

2 If you remember, we had opened up  
3 slots for the RAB to attend, as one of the things that  
4 we're actually required to do, make training available  
5 to restoration advisory board members. I've got three  
6 names. I've got Mark Anderson, Pete Conroy, and Ron  
7 Hood as participants.

8 Class starts at 8:00 o'clock. It's  
9 going to happen at building 380, which is also called  
10 the decontamination apparatus training facility. But  
11 I want to make sure that there is nobody else out  
12 there who is interested in attending it.

13 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Ron, Mayor  
14 Kimbrough is going to -- said that he wanted to attend  
15 the 29th.

16 MR. RON LEVY: Just that one day?

17 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Yes. And then I  
18 would see.

19 MR. RON LEVY: Actually, I got you  
20 down here.

21 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: That's too close  
22 to start of school. I'll have to see if I can fit  
23 some others. But the 29th, for a full day.



1 MR. RON LEVY: Okay. I would  
2 caution you, Mayor Kimbrough, in terms of trying to  
3 understand what they're going to say by missing the  
4 other two days. It will be somewhat helpful, but I  
5 think you'll lose a lot by not attending all of it. I  
6 certainly don't want to stop you from attending that  
7 one day, though.

8 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: (Inaudible).  
9 I've looked at the (inaudible).

10 MR. RON LEVY: What's important  
11 about risk assessment is that our clean ups -- the  
12 basis of our clean ups are going to be done by risk,  
13 risk base clean ups. And in fact that under CERCLA is  
14 how EPA and The State of Alabama see our clean ups  
15 being done. Which means in other words, instead of  
16 going towards a standard, you know, five parts per  
17 million on lead, that we look at it from a risk base  
18 standpoint, instead. Who possibly could be exposed to  
19 that particular contaminant, what is the risk  
20 involved. And there is a huge process associated with  
21 that.

22 So, instead of it being five parts  
23 per million, you know, you might find after the risk

1 assessment is done that you're not going to have --  
2 you know, like a golfer, if we've had pesticides  
3 applied to the golf course and we have residual  
4 pesticides out there, which is a contaminant, and  
5 they're above what we consider maybe maximum  
6 contamination limits, you know, what's the risk of a  
7 turf eating golfer, you know, or of a golfer going out  
8 there and eating the turf and dying from it.

9 So, those are the kinds of things  
10 we're looking at. So, as it stands, Mark, Pete, Ron,  
11 and Mayor Kimbrough, you've got the 29th only.

12 And unless somebody else speaks up  
13 between now and then -- the reason I ask is because  
14 there have been other folks who have been interested  
15 in those slots. And if need be, we would rather give  
16 them to somebody who will use them than hold them and  
17 not ever get them filled.

18 Okay. Next old business is the  
19 movement of the meetings. Can I open that up for  
20 discussion about moving the meetings from this  
21 location to other locations? And I'll throw out this  
22 to you, we know that going to the Anniston Meeting  
23 Center like we did for the DERTF will cost us about

1 fifty dollars for reservation of that room for that  
2 time period during the night that we generally meet.  
3 But let me open it up for discussion.

4 It's definitely not an issue of  
5 money, because the RAB does have enough dollars to  
6 cover that, if we went to --

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Well, we had  
8 previously discussed that -- actually, even voted on  
9 and approved that once a quarter we would go to a  
10 different location. We were looking at developing a  
11 list of locations that we could possibly go to,  
12 because, you know, obviously, the city meeting center  
13 is a nice facility and it is off post, but there are  
14 other places that we can go. Certainly, we could go  
15 to the civic center at Friendship community out in  
16 Oxford. There is Hobson City Town Hall. There are a  
17 lot of different places that have enough space and  
18 the, you know, the ability to accommodate us that  
19 would also get us out where -- not so much that we get  
20 exposure, but that people would have more access.

21 MR. RON LEVY: I know the LRA has  
22 got a means at which they rotate around. Maybe we  
23 could get the locations from them and maybe look at a



1 similar type of pattern. Rob, do you think you could  
2 help us out on that one?

3 MR. ROB RICHARDSON: Sure. I mean,  
4 you pretty much hit all the spots.

5 MR. GARY HARVEY: You hit them all,  
6 Hobson City Town Hall, Jacksonville, Weaver.

7 MR. ROB RICHARDSON: Piedmont,  
8 Weaver.

9 MR. GARY HARVEY: Senior citizens  
10 thing there.

11 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: When we get ours  
12 finished.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Does anybody have  
14 any objection to moving it around? I know there was  
15 some concern the last time we talked.

16 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: (Inaudible)  
17 advertised and all like that.

18 MR. ROB RICHARDSON: Because you  
19 asked, the only caution I would give you is that it's  
20 not that easy. It's tough to get a quorum. It's  
21 tough to get local participation. But it's good  
22 because you have your local mayors come out, assuming  
23 that they will come.

1 MR. PETE CONROY: How much  
2 participation, realistically have you gotten from the  
3 community?

4 MR. ROB RICHARDSON: We get the  
5 local mayors to come.

6 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Well, there's not  
7 been any real -- in our situation, there was no real  
8 advertisement, other than an invitation. Now, ours  
9 was probably the first one, but -- and I think 7:00 or  
10 7:30 in the morning, also is --

11 MR. ROB RICHARDSON: Doesn't help.

12 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: -- where we would  
13 be meeting. I think if you do a good publicity and  
14 advertisement in the communities, if you get your city  
15 governments or something and get some publication of  
16 it, you'll get some folks. I think you would in our  
17 community, because I have questions every --

18 MR. GARY HARVEY: If you set it up  
19 with Jacksonville, then the mayor up there (inaudible)  
20 enough notice, there will be three or four city  
21 councilmen there and there would be people, if you get  
22 the word out. I know Joe Roberson had it out at  
23 Ohatchee at the high school. If you had enough

1 notice, there probably would have been more people.  
2 We had a couple of councilmen there at the  
3 Jacksonville one.

4 MR. ROB RICHARDSON: And Piedmont,  
5 too.

6 MR. GARY HARVEY: It's a matter of  
7 getting the word out and letting them know and they  
8 can drum up people.

9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: And again, we  
10 have, you know, offers from some of the local radio  
11 stations to have a half hour on talk radio to be able  
12 to say, this is what we're doing, this is where we're  
13 headed. You know, by the way, you know, the next  
14 public meeting is at this location, at this time. You  
15 know, certainly no reason we can't avail ourself of  
16 that.

17 We haven't in the past because A,  
18 we didn't have a canned briefing until a month ago, so  
19 we didn't have anything really to talk to. And, you  
20 know, the other thing was is we just sort of said,  
21 yes, that's a good avenue and we just, you know, let  
22 it slide. So, if you want it done, we can certainly  
23 make arrangements.

1 MR. RON LEVY: What I would  
2 consider a good idea is maybe doing a presentation  
3 prior to the RAB meeting to whatever public, you know,  
4 would be willing to come and then go directly into the  
5 RAB meeting. How is that for --

6 MR. MARK ANDERSON: That's an  
7 excellent approach. That way it brings them up to  
8 speed before we have our exiting meeting.

9 MR. RON LEVY: You hold the RAB  
10 meeting at 6:00 or maybe stay at 6:30 and then you  
11 spend a half an hour doing a presentation, open up for  
12 some questions, and then go into the RAB meeting.

13 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Super idea.

14 MR. RON LEVY: So, let me get a  
15 feel for -- and this is just open discussion. Let me  
16 get a feel for the next meeting being moved. How many  
17 people would like to see that actually happen? So,  
18 the meeting here, we would hold it -- and if somebody  
19 has got a suggestion as the next place, we'll try to  
20 coordinate it to like either Jacksonville or Weaver.

21 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: We're not ready.

22 MR. GARY HARVEY: A couple of  
23 months out to make sure you can lay the groundwork to



1 have some people there.

2 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: In two months, we  
3 could. And I --

4 MR. PETE CONROY: In September,  
5 people would actually be coming out of hibernation.

6 MR. GARY HARVEY: But it gives you  
7 two months to, number one, get to the mayor, whoever  
8 now, and let him work, because, you know, he doesn't  
9 meet every week with his folks.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: Good idea.

11 MR. GARY HARVEY: Plenty of notice,  
12 get the word out.

13 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I'm going to  
14 recommend as our location Hobson City.

15 MR. RON LEVY: For the next  
16 meeting?

17 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes. Not for  
18 the next meeting, but for the meeting in September.

19 MR. GARY HARVEY: Call Mayor Snow  
20 and she'll set it up.

21 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes, we've got  
22 a good relationship.

23 MS. MARGARETTE LONGSTRETH: She has

1       been in the hospital.

2                       MR. MARK ANDERSON: She is out,  
3       now. She was there about middle of last week, I  
4       think, is when she was.

5                       The Congressman met with her week  
6       before last on Friday and we've got a pretty good  
7       relationship with them, so, I'll go ahead and ask them  
8       what it would take to set it up and report back at the  
9       next meeting.

10                      MR. RON LEVY: So, let's have one  
11       more meeting here in the month of August and then  
12       shoot for September as our first meeting off-sight,  
13       officially, first meeting off-sight.

14                      MR. MARK ANDERSON: Right.

15                      MAYOR KIMBROUGH: And I do think we  
16       need to concentrate on possibly the areas that could  
17       be affected by it more than others as the top  
18       priority.

19                      MR. JAMES MILLER: I agree with  
20       that. I don't think we need to just go to a place and  
21       hold a meeting there for political purposes.

22                      MR. RON LEVY: I'm not sure what  
23       you were getting at.

1 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I think we need  
2 to concentrate, you know, on the Jacksonville, Weaver,  
3 Anniston area.

4 MR. JAMES MILLER: Areas that's  
5 most affected by the clean up?

6 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: As top priority.  
7 Not ignoring the others but -- because they're the  
8 ones that have been concerned and probably would  
9 suffer more directly from this than the others, not  
10 that the others wouldn't be affected.

11 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Since we just  
12 had one in Anniston, did you want to instead go to  
13 Jacksonville next time? You said we wouldn't be ready  
14 until --

15 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: We'll be ready in  
16 two or three months, probably we can host it.

17 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Look at next  
18 quarter for Weaver.

19 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Are we going to  
20 move it every --

21 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Once a quarter.

22 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: We would be ready  
23 the second quarter, if Hobson City is the first one or



1 Jacksonville, either one.

2 MR. RON LEVY: How do y'all feel  
3 about -- Ron, you got any comments about that?

4 MR. RONALD HOOD: Well, a couple.  
5 One, you were talking about the areas that were being  
6 affected as just being Anniston, Jacksonville, just  
7 immediately surrounding the Fort.

8 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: No, I didn't say  
9 that. I said the ones that would be the most  
10 affected, not that the others would not be affected.

11 MR. RONALD HOOD: Okay.

12 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: But if you look  
13 at the population effect and other things in there,  
14 you're going to have more families and other that are  
15 going to be affected in the immediate areas connected.  
16 In setting them as your top priority and then trying  
17 to go to them first, because they have a lots of  
18 questions.

19 MR. RONALD HOOD: As far as the  
20 work force, it comes from quite a distance. You even  
21 have people like from Gadsden, etcetera.

22 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Right. Well, I  
23 got the printout on all of the number of people in

1 each community.

2 MR. RONALD HOOD: And military  
3 families would be more generally clustered around the  
4 Fort.

5 I think we do need to get out. I  
6 wouldn't want to see us confine ourselves to the  
7 Anniston, Jacksonville, Weaver area.

8 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: That's not what I  
9 said.

10 MR. RONALD HOOD: Okay. I'm sorry.  
11 I misunderstood you on that.

12 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I said top, first  
13 priority to try to reach them, possibly, first and  
14 then move on out.

15 MR. RONALD HOOD: The one thing I  
16 would say is it seems like our advertisement is  
17 nowhere near as effective as the -- let me see if I  
18 get this right -- our other group that decides who is  
19 getting what -- the LRA. Because for instance, when  
20 my boss comes up and asks me, I thought you had a  
21 meeting tonight. No, that's the other group. But  
22 never knows when this group is meeting. Including our  
23 last big one, because they missed any advertisement

1 for it, whatsoever.

2 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, I've got that  
3 as a big question mark. And I've looked, too, to see,  
4 because our public affairs office has been putting it  
5 out through The Anniston Star. And I've looked to see  
6 --

7 MR. RONALD HOOD: I saw it after  
8 the fact in The Anniston Star. But that's typical for  
9 The Anniston Star.

10 MR. JEROME ELSER: There is a lot  
11 of after the facts in The Anniston Star.

12 MR. JAMES MILLER: I've got  
13 connections with The Anniston Star, if you need  
14 anything put in there.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Let me tell you what  
16 this group is in need of and which we've requested and  
17 believe we'll get, but it won't be until the next  
18 fiscal year. We did have Sue Estess. If you  
19 remember, she helped us get through some of the DERTF  
20 stuff.

21 Her job, her position was to do  
22 things like advertisements, meeting minutes, a news  
23 letter, and to get -- help get issues in front of the



1 community. She is -- she was only contracted for that  
2 one time. But hopefully, we'll have additional funds  
3 in the next fiscal year to have an individual actually  
4 help us with the community relation part, to include  
5 making sure that the advertisements get in the paper  
6 and that there is enough community involvement  
7 associated with this board. That we are being  
8 effective, in terms of getting the word out.

9 MR. RONALD HOOD: I'd say we're not  
10 very effective right now, just judging like the new  
11 membership, you sent out six hundred and some, nobody  
12 knows what it is.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Well, I have a  
14 personal opinion about that.

15 MR. RONALD HOOD: Well, true, it  
16 could be --

17 MR. RON LEVY: No. I believe --  
18 when you look across other base closure installations,  
19 you'll see that where they got the most community  
20 interest is when the base had actually closed and they  
21 were looking to get the land into the community's  
22 hands as fast as possible. That's when you really saw  
23 the most activity.

1                               Granted there are other locations  
2           like on the coast where they were really pushing and  
3           you get a lot of environmental activists who are  
4           interested in seeing the right thing done. But I  
5           think when you look at McClellan, when we're going to  
6           see the most activity is when '99 rolls around and  
7           people want to know, you know, what happened. You  
8           know, where is the land going? How is it being  
9           cleaned up? I think that's when I'm going to see a  
10          lot of real peaked interest in what's going on out  
11          here.

12                           That's not to say what we're doing  
13          now is not important. It's just that I think that the  
14          community, you know, is still in a, well, maybe it  
15          will happen, maybe it won't. I mean, there are still  
16          some disbelievers out there.

17                           MS. MARGARETTE LONGSTRETH: I was  
18          wondering about that, too, you know, how effective  
19          this committee was, because you read things in the  
20          paper about recommendation for the terrorist school  
21          and all this. And we don't discuss nothing like that.

22                           You know, when I asked, of course,  
23          when we first came, was it the purpose of this



1 committee to make recommendations to the reuse and  
2 someone said, yes, it was. But we don't make any  
3 recommendations, do we?

4 MR. RON LEVY: Well, I don't  
5 believe that's our purpose. I don't know who said  
6 yes.

7 The recommendations are for clean  
8 up of McClellan, not for reuse of the land. We are  
9 focused on how the property is to be cleaned up and  
10 maybe how that -- we go about that. But for reuse of  
11 the actual property, that's not our -- that's not our  
12 priority. That's not really our business.

13 MS. MARGARETTE LONGSTRETH: Okay.  
14 So, that's just for the clean up of the Fort and you  
15 make recommendations about -- well, you tell them --  
16 let them know what areas have been cleaned and what  
17 areas are not clean?

18 MR. RON LEVY: As you look at what  
19 McClellan is doing in its clean up program and you see  
20 things that you -- you see things that need to be  
21 addressed or information that you think is of concern  
22 to the community, that's where you're supposed to have  
23 your input.

1                   And then back to you -- you go back  
2           to the community. We provide what's actually going on  
3           through this interaction.

4                   But it's strictly focused on the  
5           clean up. It's not on reuse. Again, that falls with  
6           another organization within the community.

7                   Now, in some cases they may  
8           dovetail, you know. We do have input from the local  
9           reuse authority on their clean up initiatives that go  
10          to our BRAC clean up team. And we try to consider  
11          that in our clean up.

12                  But what this board does is really  
13          different from that, you know, because there may be  
14          differences in terms of what the community wants, the  
15          local reuse authority wants, versus what the general  
16          public wants. They may want to have clean up activity  
17          at a particular site because it fits well with their  
18          reuse. And you may be concerned with health and  
19          safety issues to another site that's completely  
20          different. And you want to get your concerns in, too.

21                  So, again, sometimes they dovetail,  
22          sometimes they don't. And that's what this board is  
23          supposed to allow us to do. Now, there is members on

1       this board from the reuse authority but that's not the  
2       driver. I mean, that shouldn't be the driver. Your  
3       concern should be just the overall clean up of the  
4       installation, public health, and environment in making  
5       sure that that's done right and not so much, you know,  
6       what the reuse of the installation is going to be  
7       like.

8                       MS. LONGSTRETH: That was my  
9       concern, you know, what it was all about.

10                      MR. RON LEVY: And I would tell you  
11       -- I don't want this board to be run by what the reuse  
12       authority's overall concerns are. We need to have  
13       input from the community that's absolutely nothing to  
14       do with reuse. It's got to do with just your own  
15       concerns as to the clean up. And that's the purpose  
16       of this board.

17                      MR. RONALD HOOD: Did we ever come  
18       to any kind of decision as to moving the meeting for  
19       next month or the month after?

20                      MR. RON LEVY: No. We got  
21       sidetracked. Let's go back to that.

22                      MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Let me say  
23       something, as I've been thinking. If we meet once a

1 quarter -- you know, I've listed seven different  
2 government organizations, if that's the way we're  
3 going to do it. We're going to be closing by the time  
4 we go around.

5 I think mainly, probably, my  
6 concern would be that we get -- and then we wouldn't  
7 have to have a meeting -- we get the orientation of  
8 the program on community relations in these  
9 communities so that maybe they understand what's going  
10 on.

11 I think that -- and then as far as  
12 the meeting, that's a separate issue. I know we did  
13 that. But in two years, if you wait to go to that  
14 community and offer your orientation or your public  
15 relations, it will be kind of --

16 MR. MARK ANDERSON: True.

17 MR. JAMES MILLER: Can I ask a  
18 question? What is the benefit of moving the meeting  
19 to other locations? Is it for our benefit or is it  
20 for the benefit of the public?

21 MR. RONALD HOOD: For the public.

22 MR. RON LEVY: I think it's to  
23 benefit the public.



1 MR. JAMES MILLER: And I agree to  
2 that. If it's for our benefit, I don't think that the  
3 meeting place should be changed.

4 MR. MARK ANDERSON: The original  
5 idea, I think, was -- didn't we talk -- we talked  
6 about that some people are just intimidated coming  
7 onto the installation and they'd be more likely to  
8 come to a, you know, civic center or a meeting center  
9 or a town hall or someplace like that.

10 MR. IKE BROWN: Most part, to  
11 create awareness and exposure of where we are --

12 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Right.

13 MR. IKE BROWN: -- to the  
14 community. Because no one is going to come here.  
15 It's showing.

16 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: My question is:  
17 Should we tie the orientation to our meetings if we're  
18 going to move just once a quarter or should we let  
19 those be two separate and try to move the orientation  
20 into the communities as fast as we can?

21 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Certainly  
22 nothing wrong with going and doing an orientation  
23 briefing to the city councils or that council of

1       elected leaders or something like that. And then, you  
2       know, you also do it when you go to visit the  
3       community, as well.

4                   MR. RONALD HOOD: I would think  
5       that when you went to have your meeting, it would pay  
6       if you're going to have any type of crowd, to have an  
7       orientation --

8                   MR. MARK ANDERSON: Sure.

9                   MR. RONALD HOOD: -- prior to the  
10      meeting getting started.

11                  MR. MARK ANDERSON: Sure. Agreed.

12                  MR. RONALD HOOD: So they would  
13      know what in the world is going on. I could envision  
14      like having our meeting like at the gym at Alexandria  
15      Elementary School or something like that or a high  
16      school there.

17                  MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Yes, you got all  
18      the counties -- you got your incorporated areas, but  
19      you got your county out there, too.

20                  MR. RONALD HOOD: Most of the  
21      people in this county are incorporated areas.

22                  MAYOR KIMBROUGH: You got Wellborn,  
23      Alexandria, Saks, and those areas. And if you do it

1 moving your meeting once a quarter, I've listed seven  
2 -- well, six municipalities. And then you add those  
3 others, it's going to be two and a half years before  
4 you get around to having a meeting there.

5 MR. RONALD HOOD: That's true. You  
6 may want to move more often.

7 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: So, that's my --

8 MR. RON LEVY: That was the  
9 original proposal, once a quarter.

10 MR. RONALD HOOD: But do you think  
11 that that could be -- do you think we would be able to  
12 move next months or do you think it would take more  
13 preparation than that?

14 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I think it would  
15 take more.

16 MR. RON LEVY: I tell you what we  
17 can do. I tend to agree with you. We can attempt to  
18 coordinate something for next month, and if it falls  
19 through, we'll send a note out.

20 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Give me two  
21 months. I need two months, please.

22 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Say corollary  
23 to that is, is we could take two months to set up a



1 rotating schedule and, you know, just -- if you want  
2 to hit all the communities, we can -- you know, tell  
3 you, it will take a month to put together who -- you  
4 know, where we go when. But we could put together a  
5 list for the next six or twelve months to where we go  
6 each month somewhere else.

7 MR. RON LEVY: I don't think that's  
8 difficult, in terms of putting a list together. The  
9 coordination part might be --

10 MR. MARK ANDERSON: That's what I'm  
11 talking about, putting together the facility and the  
12 whole bit.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Doing the actual  
14 coordination you mean?

15 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes.

16 MR. RON LEVY: For the twelve month  
17 period?

18 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes. Because  
19 all we would have to have, I guess, would be a canned  
20 this is what we need at the facility, you know. And  
21 basically, we could arrange -- I know Lisa is back  
22 there probably about ready to throw a dart at me. But  
23 we could put --



1 (UNIDENTIFIED MALE): (Inaudible.)

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: But we could  
3 put together, you know, a box or something like that  
4 that we kept the stuff in and just load it up and roll  
5 there.

6 MR. RON LEVY: That's a good point,  
7 I think, going back to what you said is probably the  
8 best way to approach it. And I think Lisa would kill  
9 me if I tried to schedule something next month, since  
10 Lisa does all the work and everybody knows that.

11 Let me do this for the RAB: Let us  
12 try -- attempt to do what Mark said, unless anybody is  
13 in disagreement with that. Set up a schedule for the  
14 next twelve months, looking at rotating through,  
15 trying to cover the most affected -- how did you put  
16 it - the most affected communities from the closure  
17 first? Am I right?

18 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: (Nods head in the  
19 affirmative.)

20 MR. RON LEVY: And then we'll try  
21 to at least have nailed down by the next meeting the  
22 next location, looking at Jacksonville, Weaver,  
23 Anniston, even though we went to Anniston. So, we're

1 looking at Jacksonville, Weaver. And then present  
2 that list to you. Does that seem reasonable to  
3 everybody?

4 MR. PETE CONROY: Sounds good.

5 MS. LONGSTRETH: Did he say Hobson  
6 City, first?

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Or --

8 MR. JAMES MILLER: Let me say  
9 this: I would suggest that wherever we hold the  
10 meeting -- and I could care less. I have the ability  
11 to travel anywhere. But I would suggest that we hold  
12 the meeting that will benefit the most, most  
13 advantageous to the most, the general public, when I  
14 speak of the most, and not hold a meeting to massage  
15 somebody's ego, because I don't think we get anything  
16 out of that, you know. We need to hold the meetings  
17 which are going to benefit the public the most and  
18 wherever that may be.

19 MR. RON LEVY: Well, I personally  
20 think that -- you know, we'll try to cover everything  
21 and everybody, eventually. But in terms of the first  
22 meetings, I agree with what Mayor Kimbrough put out.  
23 The first locations would be or should be those that

1 are most affected --

2 MR. JAMES MILLER: I agree.

3 MR. RON LEVY: -- which would be  
4 Jacksonville, Weaver, and Anniston. It's not to say  
5 that we wouldn't get to Hobson City. In fact, we will  
6 go to Hobson City. It will be within that twelve  
7 month span, somewhere within that schedule that we  
8 put.

9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I'll withdraw  
10 the motion.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Does anybody have  
12 anymore discussion about that or concern about that  
13 approach?

14 MR. PETE CONROY: We look forward  
15 to your proposed agenda, scheduling of meetings.

16 MR. RONALD HOOD: That's fine.  
17 Just don't forget a few places like Saks, which is a  
18 large area in between the two you mentioned.

19 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Right. Are you  
20 in next week?

21 MR. RON LEVY: Uh-huh.

22 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Mayor, are you  
23 in next week?



1 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Yes, I'm here.

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Are you in next  
3 week, Ms. Longstreth?

4 MSMARGARETTE . LONGSTRETH: (Nods  
5 head in the affirmative.)

6 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I'm trying to  
7 think. Who else is on the community relations  
8 committee besides Fern? There is one other person.  
9 Oh, you are.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: Am I?

11 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Are you in next  
12 week?

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Yes.

14 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I'll give y'all  
15 a call after tonight and we'll try and set up a time  
16 to meet to pick out places and divy up who coordinates  
17 where.

18 MR. RON LEVY: One of the best  
19 things to do is try to do it in conjunction with these  
20 meetings.

21 MR. MARK ANDERSON: We can do it  
22 afterwards, if you want.

23 MR. RON LEVY: We attempted to do

1       that with the charter and membership committee and we  
2       only got one person to show up. Getting folks to  
3       meetings is tough, I know.

4                   MR. RONALD HOOD: Do we need a  
5       motion on this kind of stuff?

6                   MR. RON LEVY: Well, I was trying  
7       to stay away from doing that. I wanted us to put  
8       something together and put it in front of the RAB  
9       meeting for the next month.

10                  MR. MARK ANDERSON: Community  
11       relations will take it on as an action. We'll give  
12       you a report and we can make a motion, at that time.

13                  MR. RON LEVY: Yes, that's what I  
14       would propose. Does anybody disagree with that? That  
15       way you can see what's in front of you, instead of  
16       just trying to establish what we're going to do, now.

17                  Is everybody in agreement that we  
18       do want to try to move our meeting at least in the  
19       month of September?

20                  I think that's enough to say -- I  
21       think we'll move on, unless somebody has got more  
22       discussion about meeting location. The thing we had  
23       for new business was the election of a

1 vice-chairperson.

2 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Could I bring up  
3 one thing? On those applications that weren't  
4 selected, are we going to roll those over and keep  
5 those on file to select new members or are we going to  
6 go back and resolicit again when you get another  
7 vacancy?

8 MR. RON LEVY: We had called for an  
9 applicant pool, so we'll keep those others on file, in  
10 the event that we lose additional RAB members, and go  
11 back to them.

12 But we also, I would think, in the  
13 future may want to go back out and solicit for  
14 additional membership, if we find ourselves in a  
15 position where we've lost as many members as we have  
16 this time.

17 MR. RONALD HOOD: When you put the  
18 show on the road and you get more publicity, you might  
19 find people wanting to be on the board.

20 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. Well, we'll  
21 put those applicants on file.

22 Let me ask that we shove the  
23 election of the vice-chairperson. We were supposed to

1 rotate Fern, if I remember correctly, Fern and  
2 Charles, and elect a new chairperson. But since Fern  
3 nor Charles are here, I think it would be best to hold  
4 off until the next meeting.

5 Does anybody object to that? So,  
6 we'll just chair that.

7 Let me -- in terms of new business,  
8 is there -- let me open it up. Is there anything  
9 else, in terms of new business, that anybody wants to  
10 put forth?

11 Let me give you an update of what's  
12 going on at Fort McClellan then during this time, just  
13 in terms of our clean up program. Most of you have  
14 seen the draft version of the environmental baseline  
15 survey. We're nearing an end to that.

16 Right now we're waiting to get  
17 through some more comments that EPA and the state have  
18 and also our own office. We pretty much -- we're  
19 almost there, but I don't have an exact date when I  
20 can tell you we're going to close it out.

21 We're starting to work on a base  
22 clean up plan, which is something that we'll also  
23 present to the RAB when we get to a point where we

1 feel comfortable with showing you what the BRAC clean  
2 up team is doing. That's still further down the road.

3 There is a money issue associated  
4 with that. We're waiting for DA to release some funds  
5 so that we can do the second part of that. I  
6 shouldn't say the second part of that. To complete  
7 the part that we need to do, which is the BCP in  
8 itself.

9 Now, we're also in the process of a  
10 study, a background -- a background study. One of the  
11 things that we're trying to do at McClellan is provide  
12 for -- a basis for establishing our clean up. And  
13 what we're doing is putting in a number of monitoring  
14 wells. We're also sampling other media soils and  
15 water to provide a good background so we know what  
16 McClellan is like, so when we go to a site and we  
17 sample it and we get a difference, we can base the  
18 differences against the background.

19 So, our contractor, SCIC, is on the  
20 installation, now, working the background study, now.  
21 Total of nine ground water monitoring wells they'll be  
22 putting in on main post and Pelham Range. Various  
23 different media.

1                   It will give us a good document for  
2           the basis of all our future work in establishing what  
3           the background levels for metals and other type  
4           substances are on the installation. So, when I look  
5           at lead in a well, I'll know what the background is  
6           for the installation. I can say, well, it's not over  
7           the limit, because this is what the background levels  
8           are.

9                   We're getting ready sometime in the  
10          fall, we hope, to start an SI investigation, which is  
11          a site investigation, of various sites on McClellan.  
12          If you'll remember, this particular map up here, all  
13          of these areas that are in gray, this -- in fact, this  
14          is the CERCLA map. We talked to you about this. This  
15          is the map that tells us what the environmental  
16          condition of the properties are at McClellan. And  
17          it's categorized by seven categories.

18                 The gray is category seven, which  
19          means areas that are unevaluated or require additional  
20          evaluation. They are the most significant, as you can  
21          tell, in terms of where we're going or what we need to  
22          do. The other colors, like the landfills, are various  
23          levels of contaminants that are on there and have

1       either been addressed or are being addressed.

2                       But our SI is looking at addressing  
3       some of these sites. We're going after motor pool  
4       areas, industrial areas. And what we'll have to do  
5       out there is a full array of different types of  
6       sampling to establish whether or not there has been  
7       any history of contamination. Because from our  
8       search, we know there was industrial operations, but

9       we can't find anything where it says there was  
10      actually a spill out there. But the concern is, well,  
11      if you had industrial operations out there, then  
12      something may have occurred that might have resulted  
13      in contamination of the property.

14                     So, in order for us to get the  
15      property or identify the property, as to whether it's  
16      clean -- clean, meaning that there is not a problem  
17      out there -- then we need to go through an  
18      investigative phase. And that's what we're doing.

19                     If we find something, we'll move  
20      into another phase. And then from there into a  
21      remedial design and then a remedial action, which will  
22      be designed for the action and actual clean up.

23                     So, we're getting ready to do some



1 of that.

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Do you have a  
3 list of the former industrial sites or is it just the  
4 one?

5 MR. RON LEVY: In the EBS, there  
6 is, there is a list of just about -- there is a list  
7 of all the sites in the EBS and it breaks it down by  
8 various activities that were out there.

9 The EBS is also -- the draft copies  
10 of the EBS are also available here, if you're  
11 interested in seeing one. We also have them in our --  
12 what's the word, Lisa?

13 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Repository.

14 MR. RON LEVY: In the repositories.  
15 One at Anniston, up at the chem school, Anniston  
16 Library, up at the chem school library, which is  
17 Fisher Library?

18 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Uh-huh.

19 MR. RON LEVY: And one over here at  
20 the --

21 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Abrams.

22 MR. RON LEVY: -- Abrams Library.

23 Now, we also asked JSU to allow us to put a repository

1       there. We just recently got permission to do that.

2       So, we'll be putting a full array of all of our  
3       studies up there so anybody who wishes to go up there  
4       and use it will also have that available to them.

5                       What else can I tell you that's  
6       going on in terms of clean up? The hot cell, as you  
7       all know, we recently completed the remedial action on  
8       the hot cell.

9                       We have a close-out survey on the  
10      hot cell. It's the radiation laboratory behind the MP  
11      school where we had a history of training associated  
12      with radioactive sources and radioactive material.  
13      And there was an incident out there that associated  
14      with -- that involved needing to clean the facility  
15      up.

16                      We recently completed that, but  
17      we've got -- in order to vacate our NRC license, since  
18      we have a NRC license on the facility, we've got to go  
  
19      to some close-out surveys. One is done by the Army,  
20      under Army policy, so, we're looking to see an Army  
21      organization come in.

22                      And then we've got to have the NRC  
23      come in after that and finalize -- do their own



1 survey. Finalize that and say, okay, we believe that  
2 all corrective actions have taken place and we will  
3 allow you to get out from underneath the license that  
4 you have.

5 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Has the date for  
6 the -- target date for the base clean up plan slipped?

7 MR. RON LEVY: It has.

8 MR. JIMMY PARKS: What's the new  
9 date?

10 MR. RON LEVY: Don't have one.  
11 It's dependent upon funding. That's our big issue  
12 right now. What happened was: DA froze up a large  
13 sum of the BRAC dollars, and we had close to two and a  
14 half -- or a little over two and a half million  
15 dollars worth of BRAC funds that we weren't provided  
16 that were due this fiscal year that had a lot to do  
17 with whether or not we could do any work.

18 We're still working off of some  
19 dollars we had initially in the fiscal year, but  
20 they've essentially run out. And in order for us to  
21 do any new work, we're going to need to get some new  
22 dollars in.

23 We've got a big program scheduled

1 for next year, nearly fifteen million dollars worth of  
2 work, Fort McClellan, going into the project. And if  
3 you remember --

4 MR. JAMES MILLER: When does the  
5 fiscal year end?

6 MR. RON LEVY: In October. If you  
7 will remember, I provided you with a list of, you  
8 know, those fiscal years and what we had scheduled for  
9 those fiscal years. If you're still interested in  
10 seeing that, we can provide you -- we can provide you  
11 with that again.

12 Can't give you too much specifics  
13 on a project-by-project, because of some of the  
14 contracting requirements, but I can certainly tell you  
15 what the caps are or what we're shooting for in terms  
16 of the dollar items.

17 '99 is going to -- excuse me. '98  
18 is a big year and '99 is even a bigger year. We have  
19 projected close to thirty million, I think, in '99.

20 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I must have  
21 just been asleep here. DA froze some of your money?

22 MR. RON LEVY: It froze it across  
23 DA, yes. Now, I understand the freeze just came off.

1       There was a reason for that freeze. They were trying  
2       to work out some issues with a transfer of a function  
3       from St. Louis to Huntsville, and they weren't sure,  
4       because of the number of PCSs they were going to have  
5       up there, how much it was going to cost, so they froze  
6       all of the dollars, which kind of stopped most  
7       everybody's program.

8                       Dollars are starting to flow, now.  
9       Don't know how much is going to come to McClellan, of  
10      the 2.6 mill (phonetic) that we've requested. They've  
11      asked us to prioritize that. So, certainly the things  
12      that I mentioned to you about the BCP, the EBS, some  
13      of that SI work, will get it first.

14                   MR. MARK ANDERSON: That's '97  
15      dollars, right?

16                   MR. RON LEVY: That's '97 dollars.  
17      What else do I want to tell you to bring you up to  
18      date on what's going on in the clean up program?

19                   When we do unfreeze some of those  
20      dollars, there will certainly be a lot more work  
21      scheduled, in terms of investigations. And I'll be  
22      glad to provide you with a full update of what those  
23      investigations are and the areas. The next RAB



1 meeting, I can provide you with what we're looking at  
2 for this upcoming SI, site investigation work, tell  
3 you what sites we're doing.

4 If you all are interested or if  
5 anybody is interested, singly, in going out to any one  
6 site or any of the sites, you just need to contact me  
7 or contact the office and we can set up to take you  
8 out there.

9 It wasn't real successful when we  
10 tried to get you as a group to go out and look at  
11 sites. A lot of folks, you know, either had a  
12 conflict or didn't show up. So, we may want to try to  
13 do that again, take you out to some of these various  
14 sites.

15 If you've never seen a ground  
16 monitoring well go in, it's pretty interesting, in  
17 terms of how it's done. I would like to take you out  
18 and show you one of those. As a matter of fact, for  
19 the next six weeks or so, SCIC will be out there.  
20 Maybe we could possibly schedule one for the next  
21 meeting, if we can do it earlier.

22 Anybody have an interest in seeing  
23 some of the work that's being done out there, now?

1 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I do.

2 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: It's kind of  
3 hard to schedule something like that, Ron.

4 MR. RON LEVY: Well, outside of the  
5 RAB meeting it would have to be.

6 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Yes, but it  
7 will take -- it takes some -- a couple of days just to  
8 drill down to the water and then what everybody would  
9 want to see is them setting the screens and setting  
10 the well in.

11 MR. RON LEVY: That's what I was  
12 proposing, that we do it in such a way that --

13 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: It's not  
14 something that you can plan. But if someone is  
15 interested in having me call them while they're  
16 setting a well and if you could jump, that's probably  
17 the only way we could do that.

18 MR. RON LEVY: I'll just leave that  
19 open. If anybody wants to call us and let us know,  
20 we'll be glad to take you out there and show you.

21 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Those seventeen  
22 sites you gave us a long, long time ago, you're still  
23 -- those seventeen sites?

1 MR. RON LEVY: Those seventeen  
2 sites, we're trying to finish up a remedial  
3 investigation on that. There is a few more pieces of  
4 work, but that's different from what we're moving  
5 into, now. The SI work I was just talking to you is  
6 different.

7 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Okay.

8 MR. RON LEVY: That's new work that  
9 we're doing.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: I would like to  
11 start the list of people who would be interested in  
12 jumping when Lisa has that opportunity.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Sure. If you'll  
14 just call us, and I'll leave it at that, and let us  
15 know that you're interested, we will let you know when  
16 to jump.

17 What else can I tell you is going  
18 on in terms of activity? The environmental impact  
19 statement, the preliminary draft of the environmental  
20 impact statement has been out. It's an internal  
21 review document amongst Army agencies. And the draft  
22 will be out, which will be available to the general  
23 public for review.

1 I don't believe that we'll be able  
2 to do singular distributions to the members of the  
3 RAB, but they will be put probably in the repositories  
4 if folks wish to go there and review and provide  
5 comments back. It's an open process. Anybody who  
6 wishes to comment on it can comment on it. And I  
7 would recommend that you do.

8 What am I forgetting, Lisa, in  
9 terms of clean up activities going on?

10 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: You hit it. I  
11 can't think of anything else.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Anybody else have  
13 any new business that they wish to discuss?

14 MR. RONALD HOOD: I've got one  
15 question for you. And that's back to the UXOs. And I  
16 know it's been beat around a lot.

17 But since there is a question of  
18 whether they'll ever be able to recover or remove all  
19 of them, does the Army have any type of studies or  
20 anything on the natural or by natural elements or  
21 forces that degrades any UXOs to the point of being  
22 safe, such as casing rusting away and the internal  
23 explosives being reduced to inert form by natural

1 processes, about how long it takes, if it does happen?

2 MR. RON LEVY: There is actually  
3 some work that's been done to that. How it applies to  
4 McClellan, I couldn't tell you.

5 One of the things that we will get  
6 here is what's known as an EECA, the engineering  
7 evaluation cost analysis, which will address removal  
8 or non-removal actions on McClellan and any  
9 institutional controls, if necessary. Meaning that if  
10 we can't do any -- if we can't clean it up, what kind  
11 of controls would we have to put on it to preclude any  
12 dangerous --

13 MR. RONALD HOOD: I'm getting back  
14 to that. If you can't remove it and it stays there,  
15 how long do you have to restrict the use, because it's  
16 there? Isn't there some time in the future when  
17 natural forces by themselves will make it completely  
18 safe?

19 MR. RON LEVY: I couldn't comment  
20 on that, Ron, I don't know. What I would tell you is  
21 that the way the DoD and Army is committed to is that  
22 if the technology is not available at this point to  
23 remove it, then they would by policy say that in time

1 in the future, when either the technology or something  
2 else comes about where you can go in and remove it,  
3 that they would work to do that. So, as far as  
4 controls, putting controls on property with  
5 restrictions, that may be -- could be for a long time.  
6 Just don't know.

7 MR. RONALD HOOD: Back to the same  
8 thing. Surely, the Army somewhere, has done some type  
9 of study on natural forces, working to degrade --

10 (UNIDENTIFIED MALE): I know that  
11 they have unearthed munitions from World War I that  
12 have been perfectly intact.

13 MR. RONALD HOOD: That's true. The  
14 question is: How long did it take to --

15 MR. GARY HARVEY: The problem is  
16 with (inaudible) munitions, it's, you know, got to be  
17 -- take all the velocity of being shot out of a weapon  
18 and stuff, so they've got pretty thick cases and  
19 pretty hard cases.

20 MR. RONALD HOOD: That's true. But  
21 again, how long are we talking?

22 MR. GARY HARVEY: A long time.

23 MR. RONALD HOOD: Hundreds,

1 thousands, or millions of years?

2 MR. PETE CONROY: I would say five  
3 hundred.

4 DR. BARRY COX: You wouldn't be  
5 around to argue with him, would you, Pete?

6 MR. GARY HARVEY: The problem with  
7 UXO technology isn't that you can't find it, it's you  
8 find every other bit of metal, like every blank round  
9 that was fired over here --

10 MR. RONALD HOOD: That's true.

11 MR. GARY HARVEY: -- which are  
12 millions over the years, that were shot everywhere,  
13 because they didn't have a projectile on the end of it  
14 so it was safe to shoot anywhere. You find every one  
15 of them. At the UXO conference we went to in  
16 Nashville, ADAC (phonetic) Island, up towards the --

17 MR. RONALD HOOD: I've been there.

18 MR. GARY HARVEY: They dug up one  
19 hundred and ten tons of scrap iron and found three  
20 UXO.

21 MR. PETE CONROY: The barb wire.

22 MR. GARY HARVEY: That is the  
23 problem, the barb wire, the nails, any kind of metal.



1 So, the technology can find the UXO. The problem is  
2 only finding UXO. That's where the problem is.

3 MR. RONALD HOOD: Differentiating  
4 between that and everything else.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: And around here  
6 that's compounded with all the natural occurring  
7 ferrous material.

8 MR. GARY HARVEY: So, every little  
9 bit of metal that's out there all these years will  
10 still give you a hit.

11 MR. RONALD HOOD: That's back to  
12 the reason for asking the question. It looks like it  
13 may not be economically feasible to remove all the  
14 UXO. So, how long is it going to take nature to do  
15 that?

16 MR. GARY HARVEY: But what they've  
17 got to do and what Ron is getting to in the EECA  
18 portion, someone has to -- somebody has to quantify it  
19 by some sort of sampling techniques, quantify the  
20 problem here. How big is it.

21 Since I've been here -- and I date  
22 back to '61 -- I've never seen things shot but a  
23 couple of places here, as far as artillery things go.

1 Shot was the old rocket launchers over on sixteen.

2 But ever since I've been here,  
3 we've shot artillery and things out at Pelham Range  
4 and not here. But in the 40's and back before World  
5 War I, they may have. And that's what we've got to do  
6 is quantify how big a problem is it. Go through and  
7 sample, well, this may have been used per tank or we  
8 found none. Therefore, there is none. In this area,  
9 there is a twenty percent chance. So, they've got to  
10 quantify it, yet. So, that's the problem.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Ron, I understand  
12 your question. I don't think it's a simple answer as  
13 being able to tell you that, oh, in twenty, thirty  
14 years it will degrade to a point where --

15 MR. RONALD HOOD: No. I didn't --  
16 I know it's not a simple question. In fact, it would  
17 vary by each type of round and type of explosive  
18 within it and all that. What I was interested in was  
19 had the Army done any type of study like that and was  
20 there any information available.

21 MR. RON LEVY: I believe I had  
22 heard somebody mention that there was some information  
23 as it relates to degradation. I don't know if it was

1 exactly what you were looking for, but I'll go back  
2 and ask to see if I can't put my hands on that.  
3 Again, it will be site specific. It may be about  
4 particular pieces of ordnance. But if there is  
5 anything out there that I can find, I'll be glad to  
6 see if I can't provide it to you. So, give me a  
7 chance to go and ask Huntsville what they've got and  
8 what they can tell us and get back with you.

9 MR. RONALD HOOD: All right. I  
10 appreciate that.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Anything else? Any  
12 discussion in terms of what we want to do for the next  
13 RAB meeting, in terms of the agenda?

14 MR. PETE CONROY: When is our  
15 meeting again?

16 MR. RON LEVY: Be the 18th of  
17 August. That's the third Monday in the month.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: I will have just  
19 finished the feasibility study for having a wildlife  
20 refuge at Fort McClellan. And I'd love to go over  
21 that with everyone.

22 MR. RON LEVY: That sounds like a  
23 good subject.

1 MR. MARK ANDERSON: That would be  
2 great. That would be great.

3 MR. RON LEVY: I would like to hear  
4 it, too. Anybody got anything further they would like  
5 to discuss? Well, we'll just put Pete down for being  
6 on the hook for the next agenda.

7 Several other things, actions will  
8 involve also the charter and membership committee, the  
9 community relations as we talked about, and then  
10 election of the vice-chair.

11 Do we adjourn. Second?

12 MR. JEROME ELSE: I motion to  
13 adjourn.

14 DR. BARRY COX: I'll second.

15 MR. RON LEVY: All in favor?

16 (WHEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned.)

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