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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MR. CONROY: Let's get started.

4 I am going to sit in for our chair. My name
5 is Pete Conroy.

6 MR. LEVY: Co-chair.

7 MR. CONROY: I am co-chair.

8 And we're going to try to knock this out in an
9 hour if possible. Rodney Owens is going to be
10 our presentation tonight. But first I'd
11 like to introduce some guests. We have
12 Jacksonville's mayor and also Councilman Smith
13 and Councilman Smith.

14 MAYOR DOUTHIT: Pete, let me
15 tell you, we may have to leave a little
16 early.

17 MR. CONROY: Great. We really
18 appreciate y'all -

19 MAYOR DOUTHIT: (Inaudible).

20 MR. CONROY: We appreciate you
21 coming by to get the flavor of what we do
22 here. I also have a couple of other guests.
23 Y'all introduce yourselves, please.

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1 MR. ABERNATHY: I'm Bob
2 Abernathy representing Union Housing at Fort
3 McClellan. My guest tonight is Doug Devie
4 from Fort Monroe, Virginia. He's down for a
5 visit and I asked him to come along and hear
6 what goes on in the RAB.

7 MR. CONROY: Thanks very much.
8 Other guests?

9 MR. CUNNINGHAM: We have my
10 wife here, Jane.

11 MR. CONROY: It's especially
12 nice to have you. You may not come back.
13 Let's call the roll, please. Charles Turner I
14 understand is going to be here just a little
15 bit late. Ron Levy.

16 MR. LEVY: Here.

17 MR. CONROY: Mark Anderson, Ike
18 Brown, Barry Cox.

19 MR. COX: Here.

20 MR. CONROY: Don Cunningham.

21 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Here.

22 MR. CONROY: Jerome Elser.

23 MR. ELSER: Here.

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1 MR. CONROY: Mary Harrington,
2 Ronald Hood, Mayor Kimbrough.
3 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Here.
4 MR. CONROY: Margarette
5 Longstreth, James Miller, Alan Faust.
6 MR. FAUST: Here.
7 MR. CONROY: Jimmy Parks.
8 MR. PARKS: Here.
9 MR. CONROY: Fern Thomassy, he
10 is our chair and where is he, he's overseas
11 right now. John Johnson, James Buford.
12 MR. BUFORD: Here.
13 MR. CONROY: Bart Reedy, Chris
14 Johnson.
15 MR. JOHNSON: Here.
16 MR. CONROY: All right. Has
17 everyone had a chance to look at the minutes
18 that were mailed to you by Lisa? Is there a
19 motion to approve the minutes as written?
20 MR. CUNNINGHAM: So moved.
21 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Second.
22 MR. CONROY: I have a motion
23 and a second. Any discussion? All in favor?

1 Done deal. Mr. Miller was not able to be
2 with us tonight, but I appreciate, Rodney,
3 your being able to come up and give us
4 probably a very similar presentation.

5 MR. OWENS: Well, as long as
6 you won't tell him. He may not agree with
7 that. Mr. Miller couldn't be here, and he
8 looks forward to being an ex officio member of
9 this fine body. I was asked to come here
10 tonight and discuss the waste water treatment
11 plant in Fort McClellan. I guess we've
12 probably heard many times in the last few
13 weeks what's wrong with the waste water
14 treatment plant at Fort McClellan. The answer
15 that we give and the answer that we feel like
16 is the correct answer is there's nothing wrong
17 with that plant.

18 We've been asked about the
19 contractor, and the answer that we give and
20 the answer that we feel like is correct is
21 that there's nothing wrong with the
22 contractor. Well, if that's so, then there's
23 some of you and probably those who have read

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1 the newspapers and heard the media wonder,
2 well, how can an event that occurred a few
3 weeks ago occur. Well, our view is this.
4 That plant was originally built, parts of it,
5 in 1917. It was redesigned in the early part
6 of this decade and a very good job was done.
7 The people who designed it did a heck of a job
8 considering the location and the amount of
9 land that they had to use. It's a new plant
10 and a new contractor.

11 I represent the Water Works and
12 Sewer Board and of course we operated that
13 plant up until the early part of this year
14 when we -- Bob, would it be safe to say due to
15 contractual differences we no longer operate
16 the plant? You know, when we get two
17 government agencies or entities doing business
18 with each other it's sometimes hard to make
19 things fit. That was kind of the case here.
20 The government got a good contractor, they
21 know what they're doing. What then is the
22 problem? Why would an event like this occur?
23 Well, the first answer is it's not really a

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1 problem. We had a problem that occurred on
2 this particular day with a pretty bad result.
3 A lot of that is due to an old collector
4 system a lot of which is being addressed now
5 by the government, a lot of money being spent
6 on the collector system to try to cut down on
7 the I & I, inflow and infiltration, in the
8 collector system.

9 An older or more experienced
10 contractor in this plant more than likely
11 would not have experienced the problem. You
12 had a new contractor who had been on the job
13 what, six weeks, something to that effect. We
14 had what I think would be safe to call an
15 extraordinary rain event on that afternoon
16 and, you know, they got caught off guard.
17 There are a lot of things that have been done
18 at a waste water plant that can address those
19 type things. And I think now that they've
20 been out there a while this kind of thing
21 won't happen again.
22 That still doesn't take away the
23 fact that there's a lot of inflow and

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1 infiltration in that plant. But that's
2 typical of just about every waste water plant
3 that you would see. During Hurricane Opal,
4 for instance, our Choccolocco Creek waste
5 water plant had flows up to twenty-five
6 million gallons per day. So how do you handle
7 that? Well, you know, there are ways to do
8 that depending on the design of the plant.
9 And I know that once the operator has his feet
10 on the ground and gets a feel for the way the
11 plant operates he'll be able to make those
12 adjustments. There are still though a lot of
13 work for us to do.

14 And, you know, I'm here today not
15 necessarily as a representative of the
16 Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board, but also
17 as a member of the -- an ex officio member of
18 the Reuse Authority and chairman of the Water
19 and Sewer Committee who try to aid the
20 authority in decisions relative to this.
21 There are environmental issues that need to be
22 addressed as far as the collector system
23 goes. And it's probably something that we

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1 need to start talking about now to try to find
2 the funds, to try to find the extent of what
3 needs to be done.

4 You know, I said earlier the
5 situation that exists at McClellan is not any
6 different from any town of similar size
7 anywhere in America. The circumstances that
8 led to the recent event in Cane Creek were a
9 combination of the issues that I mentioned
10 earlier.

11 We do need though to look at this
12 thing particularly from the point of view of
13 the collector system to try to correct the
14 I & I that exists. We've got a good plant, an
15 excellent waste water plant. Mayor Kimbrough
16 is here and Mayor Kimbrough and I have
17 discussed on several occasions the needs in
18 the City of Weaver. Mr. Bill Willis sits on
19 my committee and I've talked with Mr. Willis
20 on a number of occasions about that. There
21 are a lot of opportunities for reuse with the
22 waste water plant and the collector system.

23 One of the questions that we're asked a lot of
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1 times is well, what about the design. It was
2 downsized when it was redesigned a few years
3 ago from three point five down to two point
4 two MGD, which probably was a wise decision on
5 the part of the people who chose that design
6 considering the location, the amount of land
7 available. The existing facilities that were
8 there the two point two million gallon design
9 was an excellent choice in our view.
10 Probably with the way that the
11 comprehensive reuse plan has had it, the two
12 point two MGD capacity shouldn't be a
13 problem. There were some concerns early on
14 that it might be if there was a significant
15 amount of industrial and commercial
16 development. But the comprehensive reuse plan
17 as I see it doesn't really call for that. So
18 we feel that the capacity will be sufficient
19 if the I & I problems are addressed.
20 As far as the privatization of the
21 facility, we like many water utilities would
22 like not to be in the waste water business.
23 It's a tough business, and that's an

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1 understatement. Our approach really when I
2 was directed by our Board of Directors to take
3 his slot as ex officio member of the Reuse
4 Authority was more from a water perspective
5 than it was from waste water. Fort McClellan
6 is one of the Anniston Water Works Board's
7 largest customers. And of course as any good
8 business person or people we have a
9 vested interest in seeing the redevelopment of
10 McClellan successful, even to a point if that
11 means handling the waste water plant. You
12 know, the Water and Sewer Committee reported
13 to the Authority in September a year ago,
14 which has not changed. The Anniston Board
15 really does not have a position one way or the
16 other on the disposition of the waste water
17 plant. If the Authority so desires and it has
18 requested, it will accept the plant and we'll
19 run it. There are a number of stipulations,
20 one of which is that the City of Weaver's
21 needs are taken into consideration. And
22 certainly we feel like that's essential to
23 redevelopment.

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1 If there are any questions that
2 anybody has, I don't want to take up a lot of
3 time. Pete is trying to get this done in an
4 hour and certainly we don't want to draw that
5 out.

6 MR. LEVY: Rodney, as the
7 co-chair, as the government co-chair of the
8 Board, I need to make sure the RAB members
9 understand that this body is here to advise
10 the Army on cleanup issues, not on reuse
11 issues. And a lot of what you talked about
12 are reuse issues. And that's important, we
13 need to focus, reuse falls within the local
14 Reuse Authority's realm and that's where it
15 should stay. We need to ensure that we look
16 at what it takes for our systems, for our land
17 to meet standards and to ensure the health and
18 safety of the folks that are going to assume
19 control of the land are taken care of. So
20 when we start looking at places like the waste
21 water treatment plant, we as a body need to
22 look at cleanup issues, not on reuse issues.
23 And I tell you all that because we've got some
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1 new members who may not be aware of our
2 function.

3 MR. OWENS: Ron, if I could, I
4 did touch on that a little bit, and one of the
5 reasons I do, sometimes our involvement is
6 confused with the desire for privatization or
7 public benefit (inaudible), and that's simply
8 not the case. The fact of the matter is what
9 I was talking about a while ago is McClellan
10 being our largest water user we feel like we
11 have a vested interest in aiding the
12 Redevelopment Authority in the redevelopment
13 of McClellan in any way that we can. And of
14 course having operated the plant and being
15 somewhat familiar we are aware of some of the
16 problems relative to the waste water system.

17 MR. LEVY: Yes. And I as the
18 environmental coordinator at Fort McClellan,
19 you know, fully agree with you in terms of the
20 system, particularly the sanitary sewer system
21 because of its age and its condition we do
22 have a bad I & I problem out there. But as
23 you mentioned, it's no different from a lot of

1 municipalities that are running old systems.
2 And we're attempting to do some work and we've
3 done a lot of work up to this point to try to
4 slip line and seal some of the locations that
5 we're getting inflow into. But it's an
6 extremely, extremely expensive process that
7 we're not getting a whole lot of money for.
8 That's a compliance issue in terms of what I
9 do on one side of the house versus what I do
10 on the other side of the house. And what
11 we're talking about here is restoration, and I
12 really want to make sure we keep that focus.
13 You know, what do we want to talk about
14 specifically as a result of the restoration of
15 the plant. The plant in fact is, and we're
16 talking about the plant has only been
17 operating since the corps completed it since
18 the end of '95. And there are some issues
19 that we've been addressing since the incident
20 that has been addressed in the papers. And
21 there's been money going into the plant to try
22 to make some capital improvements to it over
23 and above what's already been done. So from a
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1 compliance side there's a lot happening. And
2 certainly we're all under the good from the
3 state and from EPA to ensure that that
4 happens.

5 MR. CONROY: Two things just in
6 case, we keep on referring to the incident
7 assuming everyone has read the papers. You
8 want to just review, Rodney, what the incident
9 was. And then secondly, if there are cleanup
10 issues, can we develop a shopping list in
11 terms of what they are. You want to do the
12 incident?

13 MR. OWENS: I don't even
14 remember the dates. Ron may remember it
15 better than me, but it's been within the last
16 six weeks. Do you remember the dates?

17 MR. RICK THOMAS: Around July
18 22nd, if that's a Friday.

19 MR. LEVY: Yeah.

20 MR. OWENS: On or about.

21 MR. RICK THOMAS: Yeah, on or
22 about.

23 MR. LEVY: Rick, maybe you

1 might want to kind of lay out what occurred
2 and what we're talking about here for those
3 folks who are not aware.

4 MR. RICK THOMAS: Well, I'll
5 tell you, you know, from what we know is that
6 we did have a large rain storm, a lot of rain,
7 it was not an extended rain. And for those
8 who don't know, I'm Rick Thomas, the Public
9 Affairs Officer at Fort McClellan. But it
10 came down heavy in a short period of time.
11 And again, because of what I've learned in the
12 last couple of months, I & I, the inflow and
13 infiltration, we got a lot of water that ran
14 through the plant. Ned Sims from Weaver
15 called us, called ADEM, and called Fish and
16 Wildlife because he had some dead fish in the
17 creek behind his home. So he talked with a
18 number of folks. We went out to see him, he
19 called out some of the media as well. And so
20 that's what started that process. Debate
21 particularly in my own mind on number of fish
22 because I went out and looked in the creek
23 myself, but there were dead fish and had been

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1 an overflow that came out of the waste water
2 treatment plant as a result, and was I call it
3 sludge, and that's not the environmentally
4 correct word, but sludge. It was certainly no
5 raw sewage that came out of our waste water
6 treatment plant and went into Cane Creek, but
7 there was sludge. It had some high ammonia
8 content, and whether it was the cause of the
9 fish or contributing cause of the fish kill,
10 that's what I guess folks are still looking
11 at. And so that's the incident. Again, that
12 happened on or about -- I think the incident
13 itself, the rain, was on Thursday. The fish
14 incident was on a Friday. And then we worked
15 it the following week. In fact, we had our
16 contractor picked up about two hundred dead
17 fish themselves out of the creek.

18 MR. OWENS: So you got, as I
19 was saying a while ago, you got the worst
20 circumstances, the worst combination of
21 circumstances, you got a newly designed plant,
22 newly operational and a new contractor, and
23 extraordinary rainfall event that occurred

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1 boom, boom. I don't think we'll see that
2 happen again. People that are there are
3 well-qualified, they have a good plant, they
4 have some good people with the Corps of
5 Engineers. So we think we'll be okay there.

6 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I've got a
7 question. When this plant and this system is
8 turned over to whomever, the problems that
9 you're working on that have not been
10 corrected, then whose responsibility will that
11 be to make sure such as infiltration or
12 whatever - My understanding is there is a bad
13 problem out there as far as water coming into
14 the system, which because it wasn't controlled
15 that caused this problem is part of the
16 problem. So whose responsibility, will it be
17 the person who takes this plant over or is the
18 government still obligated in any way to
19 correct these problems with the system?

20 MR. LEVY: I can't tell you
21 that because, you know, unless it's -- from my
22 standpoint unless it's driven by a compliance
23 issue, then I don't address that. That's a
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1 separate, that's a whole separate area that
2 you'll have to talk to the installation
3 about.

4 MR. RICK THOMAS: But Ron,
5 won't that be looked at during the NEPA
6 process? If there is a problem so this waste
7 water treatment plant cannot comply, that's
8 going to be -- that would be identified during
9 the NEPA process and would be identified as an
10 environmental concern even -- because even a
11 public conveyance can't happen until that NEPA
12 documentation is complete.

13 MR. LEVY: It will be
14 addressed, yes, in the NEPA documents, but
15 would the NEPA affect -- If the Environmental
16 Impact Statement says that there are
17 mitigating measures that have to be put in
18 effect as it relates to the plant, yeah, that
19 would become a driver for doing some
20 corrections. But the plant in fact can
21 operate and operate correctly, and we've seen
22 that. And the I & I problem is a function of
23 -- it's really not a function of the plant
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1 itself, it's a function of the age of the
2 system, that's the sanitary sewer system,
3 which is not unlike any other municipality.
4 That's, from the Army's standpoint, a
5 construction problem and the dollars would
6 probably come out of that side of the house.
7 Although we're doing some work on the system.
8 And that's the best I can tell you because I
9 really don't know the answer to that. I do
10 know that we are responsible for ensuring that
11 it meets compliance and we will continue to
12 keep working the plant to ensure that it does
13 meet compliance. But as far as going in there
14 and making some major fixes to the system, you
15 know, particularly the sanitary sewer system,
16 you know, don't have an answer for that.

17 MR. TURNER: Mayor, wasn't part
18 of your question also whether who will take
19 custody of the sale after closure?

20 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: No. It's
21 whoever takes custody of it -- it's my
22 understanding, Rodney, that whoever takes
23 custody of it can't just take the plant, they

1 have to take the plant plus all of the pipe or
2 the return system and all like that.

3 MR. OWENS: That was the way
4 that we as the Water and Sewer Committee and
5 the Infrastructure Committee and the Reuse
6 Authority understand it is that was the desire
7 of the Army.

8 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Okay. And my
9 question was -

10 MR. OWENS: That it be a
11 package deal.

12 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: -- if there
13 needs to be a million dollars worth of work
14 done to correct this, then say for instance if
15 Anniston Water Works or whoever took that
16 over, then is that going to automatically
17 transfer to their responsibility?

18 MR. LEVY: Well, you know, it's
19 like anything else. If they assume control,
20 they take the property, then yes, in fact it
21 would be. But, you know, the option is
22 there. If, you know, the system isn't in
23 terms of what they want, it may never leave

1 government control. I mean but that's the
2 intent of the Army is to sell the system as a
3 total so the -

4 MR. TURNER: Will the Army
5 continue to operate it after closure?

6 MR. LEVY: As long as it's in
7 its ownership, yes. Now, it may contract that
8 out, it may do various things, but it would
9 still be Army ownership.

10 MR. TURNER: That sounds good
11 to me. Will y'all continue to maintain it
12 too?

13 MR. LEVY: We'll have to until
14 we turn it over, physically turn it over.

15 MR. TURNER: Well, what if
16 nobody is willing to accept it though?

17 MR. LEVY: I can't tell you,
18 Charles. Again, that's a reuse issue. You
19 know, it cannot -

20 MR. TURNER: Well, I don't know
21 what it is, but -

22 MR. RICK THOMAS: But it would
23 come down also to whoever is in that line, if

1 the Army continued to operate it, then there
2 has to be reimbursement to the Army for use of
3 the facility.

4 MR. TURNER: Right. Then it
5 would just operate a waste water treatment
6 plant and collect revenues or collect fees.

7 MR. RICK THOMAS: And any
8 capital improvement also has to be paid for in
9 that use. That's required for Army. It
10 doesn't matter what kind of capital
11 improvements we do, we got to prorate it after
12 those capital improvements to whoever is using
13 it at the time. So say if we had that million
14 dollars, that's going to drive the cost of the
15 water up because of that million dollar
16 capital expenditure for capital improvements
17 because we're required by law to recoup that.

18 MR. TURNER: Chris, is ADEM
19 getting that at all?

20 MR. JOHNSON: We just tell you
21 when you've done good or bad.

22 MR. TURNER: What else do you
23 tell them when you tell them they're doing

1 bad?

2 MR. JOHNSON:

I would probably
3 feel better in getting with Scott Cummings on
4 that. He's the project manager for the MPS at
5 the waste water treatment plant. But
6 typically I believe it's that when a city has
7 multiple violations and continues to have
8 either sewage bypass or whatever the problem
9 is, that's when, you know, we'll step in and
10 say look, the system is going to have to be
11 modified. So I don't think -- I'm not sure
12 that a one-time occurrence would ever trigger
13 that. But I will tell you that the sewage
14 bypass or the I & I problem, it is a problem,
15 not just here. But during heavy rain events
16 it occurs in various municipalities. So --

17 MR. LEVY: I'm curious, what's
18 the City of Anniston's I & I problem like, is
19 it significant in itself?

20 MR. OWENS: Sure it is.
21 Anybody in the waste water business tells you
22 they don't have an I & I problem is not
23 telling you the truth. We got an I & I

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1 problem. And you know what's even worse, we
2 spend a lot of money and time on it every
3 day. We don't know how significant it is.
4 It's inherent in the system. We've got
5 millions of dollars worth of equipment that we
6 try to track it, but we don't know the extent
7 of it. I've heard long-time qualified
8 consulting engineers make the statement that
9 you could spend millions of dollars on I & I
10 and not reduce it by twenty percent.

11 MR. LEVY: In fact, I've heard
12 that -- what I've heard too is as you attack
13 the problem, that what you've sealed out
14 you've also sealed in. So the I & I problem
15 that you think you're helping may in fact
16 cause you to have additional flow coming into
17 the system, you know, because you got an
18 outflow going on too. So what is not
19 outflowing now is staying in the system.

20 MR. CONROY: For the record, I
21 want to welcome Charles Turner and Mark
22 Anderson. Are there any other issues other
23 than the I & I problem that this RAB needs to
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1 know about relating to cleanup? I mean I & I
2 seems like that's the big problem, the biggest
3 issue we need to know about. Anything else?
4 MR. OWENS: Well, you know, as
5 a representative of the Anniston Water Works
6 Board and a member of the Water and Sewer
7 Committee we believe that I & I is the major
8 issue relative to the waste water plant and to
9 McClellan's collector system problem. We got
10 a great opportunity. You know, there's kind
11 of good news, bad news and, you know, there's
12 more good news than bad. The good news is we
13 got a great plant, state of the art. It will
14 serve us well under reuse regardless of who
15 operates, regardless of where it ends up. We
16 have some good people who have maintained the
17 system at McClellan who can kind of guide us
18 in what we need to do. The bad news is we
19 don't know how much money it may cost. And
20 the rest of the story is that our problems are
21 typical of any waste water system. You know,
22 it's just now -- you know, there's always a
23 silver lining. Maybe it was good this

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1 incident happened and we can begin to kind of
2 unfold and address this particular phase of
3 the environmental issues at McClellan.

4 MR. CONROY: Mark.

5 MR. ANDERSON: I got a
6 two-parter. Part one, I take it there is a
7 capacity issue involved here where the
8 community absolutely cannot do without the
9 facility on the post being operated after
10 closure regardless?

11 MR. LEVY: Certainly. Because
12 our waste water treatment plant in fact
13 services the Lenlock community, which is
14 customers for Anniston Sewer and Water Board.
15 So there's no way the plant could be stopped
16 even if McClellan turned into a ghost town out
17 there.

18 MR. ANDERSON: Okay. That it's
19 going to operate is a given, then which Army
20 pays? You know very well what I'm referring
21 to there. Are we going to force Alabama
22 National Guard to pay or is it going to be
23 part of some continuing custodial operation

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1 that comes out of trade-out funds?

2 MR. LEVY: I'm not sure what
3 you're asking.

4 MR. TURNER: He's asking if, I
5 believe, stop me if I'm wrong, but the
6 National Guard is going to have a big enclave
7 out there where they're training lots of folks
8 and will increase the demands on that sewage
9 system. Are they -- as part of their
10 operation out there are they going to pay for
11 the sewer?

12 MR. LEVY: Yeah. Well, they'll
13 certainly be a customer of that system.

14 MR. ANDERSON: But that's not
15 what I'm asking. What I'm really asking is
16 are they the stuckee for the operation or is
17 trade-out the stuckee?

18 MR. LEVY: Remember that when
19 McClellan draws down and the Guard forms their
20 enclave there will be a caretaker staff left
21 at Fort McClellan to operate those systems,
22 maintain those facilities that are still
23 within the Army's ownership. It's the intent

1 of the Army to sell off its utilities which
2 includes the waste water treatment plant as
3 soon as possible. So hopefully we'll be able
4 to divest ourselves of that plant at the
5 soonest opportunity to somebody else because
6 the Army does not want to run the plant.

7 MR. ANDERSON: Okay. But at
8 least initially it sounds like trade-out is
9 going to pay?

10 MR. LEVY: Well, again, if
11 we've got customers on the system from the
12 Lenlock community and we still own the plant,
13 we'll continue to operate the way we've been
14 operating now, we'll just end up billing back
15 For those customers.

16 MR. ANDERSON: Sure.

17 MR. CONROY: You got a part
18 two?

19 MR. ANDERSON: That really was
20 part two. My concern is that NGB is going to
21 be -- right now there's a plan to decrement
22 them like seven hundred and eighty million
23 dollars next year. They're not going to have

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1 the money to run this thing. So it's pretty
2 well got to come out of trade-out funds.
3 But -

4 MR. RICK THOMAS: Mark, I don't
5 really see us maintaining. I mean, you know,
6 just what -- you know, we certainly got to go
7 through the NEPA process, we got to go through
8 the reuse. But I don't see the Army
9 maintaining ownership of the waste water
10 treatment plant.

11 MR. ANDERSON: If they can sell
12 it.

13 MR. RICK THOMAS: Right.

14 MR. LEVY: Whatever means it's
15 transferred, whether it's an economic
16 development conveyance -

17 MR. RICK THOMAS: Be it selling
18 or public -

19 MR. LEVY: -- or outright, you
20 know, fair market value sell.

21 MR. RICK THOMAS: It's one of
22 those, I just don't -- the Army is not in the
23 waste water treatment plant business.

1 MR. OWENS: One thing I want to
2 mention at this point, Rick just touched on it
3 briefly just a few minutes ago, and that's the
4 rate relation dilemma that you have in the
5 waste water business. Waste water utilities
6 have a (inaudible) difference from other
7 utilities like power, gas, cable, and phone.
8 Their infrastructure of costs and improvements
9 are captured in their rates, and that's not
10 the case in the waste water business.
11 Typically those are done by developers. Now,
12 who the developer would be in this case who
13 would take on this role I don't know. Of
14 course the theory is you can't keep water
15 rates and waste water rates low if you incur
16 tremendous infrastructure cost. Our role
17 typically is to take those things over and to
18 maintain them in perpetuity. You know, if we
19 recaptured some of our costs which are to run
20 a line the same distance as a power line is
21 about ten times more. You know, you would be
22 paying more for water and waste water than you
23 would for electric power.

1 MR. CONROY: Right.

2 MR. OWENS: And I don't think

3 anybody is ready to do that yet. So we've got

4 to come up with a way. You know, we've talked

5 about some ways in the Infrastructure

6 Committee. They're studying some lease

7 arrangements and some various other type of

8 arrangements, all of which are very confusing

9 to me. But I really believe in the end that

10 between the government and the Reuse Authority

11 they'll come up with an equitable way to

12 transfer that facility over to the community

13 for us to use and benefit from. We only have,

14 we, the Anniston Water Works Board, only has

15 three hundred and nineteen customers, waste

16 water customers, on the McClellan system. The

17 majority of our customers are served at

18 Choccolocco. Mayor Kimbrough of course down

19 the road can bring a lot more customers to

20 that facility which would mean a lot as far as

21 the operational break even cost of the plant.

22 Of course the key is serving McClellan

23 property in its redevelopment. That's the

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1 key, that's got to happen, that's got to be
2 done. And it's got to go on during the
3 caretaker phase. It's got to continue to
4 operate.

5 And another key factor is that plant
6 Cost the same to operate whether there are the
7 same number of customers that are there today
8 or if there's only one customer, Mrs. Smith on
9 Spruce Street, the cost is the same.

10 MR. TURNER: Mr. Owens, if the
11 current collector system is questionable as to
12 its ability to handle the present Loads,
13 aren't we talking about we've got to do
14 something different if we're going to attract
15 industrial customers?

16 MR. OWENS: Before you came
17 in -

18 MR. TURNER: I apologize, I got
19 here late and I don't know if I'm asking
20 something you've already covered or not.

21 MR. OWENS: Yeah. You know, at
22 one time there was concern about down-sizing
23 the plant to two point two MGD. But as the

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1 comprehensive reuse plan is unfolding with the
2 characteristics of that plan it appears at
3 least in my view and others that the two point
4 two MGD will be fine for many years. You
5 know, if we can put a finger in the dike on
6 the I & I, but then every waste water utility
7 going is hoping to find the finger to fit the
8 dike. And I think we can do that. We can get
9 it done.

10 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Do we have
11 any idea what percentage of the water that's
12 going through the plant is actually coming,
13 you know, infiltrating in the system?

14 MR. OWENS: Again, it's very
15 hard to pinpoint. The plant is doing an
16 excellent job.

17 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Yeah. My
18 concern -

19 MR. OWENS: Well-designed plant
20 and very efficient. Highly efficient plant as
21 far as creek waste waters, state of the art,
22 ultraviolet (inaudible) for the final
23 discharge. It's a really neat plant.

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1 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: My concern,
2 Rodney, was that say if it's two point two and
3 we're getting say point two million coming in
4 from the system, then if we could clear some
5 of that up then we would have a greater
6 capacity to -

7 MR. OWENS: To treat.

8 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Yeah. And we
9 need two hundred and fifty thousand gallons a
10 day is what our -- and that's I was looking at
11 is if we can limit that from coming into the
12 system or cut back a certain percentage of it,
13 then we'd have really a greater capacity for
14 treatment.

15 MR. OWENS: Under normal flow
16 conditions that plant can handle the flow
17 you're talking about going away very
18 efficiently.

19 MR. LEVY: I can't tell you
20 what we're at in terms of just on any given
21 day, but we're certainly not at anywhere near
22 the two point two. Bob, do you know what
23 we're passing through there now?

1 MR. ABERNATHY: It's well under
2 two point two.

3 MR. RICK THOMAS: About one and
4 a half.

5 MR. LEVY: About one and a
6 half.

7 MR. RICK THOMAS: And it's
8 got -

9 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: So our
10 allocation is still there.

11 MR. CONROY: You've got room.

12 MR. RICK THOMAS: On a bad day
13 you can also handle more, up to eight point
14 something, is that right, ten, ten point one
15 million in a day, on a given day.

16 MR. LEVY: Yeah. If it's
17 operated right, in fact, you can bypass the
18 storm water events so that you don't even have
19 to pack the stream.

20 MR. CONROY: I'd like to wrap
21 up this. Any last questions?

22 MR. FAUST: Yeah, just to kind
23 of confirm what Ron was saying about I & I.

1 Just from experience I've had at our facility
2 we took a tour in Birmingham where they're
3 doing a major lining project there. It's
4 unfortunately even on sewers that are less
5 than ten years old. So it's a major problem
6 there. They're spending well over fifty
7 million dollars on a lining project.

8 MR. CONROY: Rodney, thank
9 you.

10 MR. OWENS: Thank you, very
11 much.

12 MR. CONROY: Next on the agenda
13 is Report of Committees, and Ron, Charter and
14 Membership, you might have something.

15 MR. LEVY: I had to rely on
16 Lisa to give me some notes here. Lisa wanted
17 me to remind you that John Johnson he's the
18 individual that was selected in the month of
19 June I think we selected him.

20 MR. CONROY: Yeah, a couple of
21 months ago.

22 MR. LEVY: The month of June.
23 He's also teaching here at JSU. Unfortunately

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1 he has classes that conflict up until the
2 month of December, wishes to stay part of the
3 Board, but will find it difficult to attend
4 the meetings until December. And, you know, I
5 wanted to put before you whether we're going
6 to keep him or drop him from that standpoint.
7 And it's up to the members of the Board.

8 MR. CONROY: Any thoughts?

9 MR. TURNER: We've got eleven
10 here tonight. I think that's -- we aren't
11 hurting from want of interest.

12 MR. CONROY: I'd say keep him
13 and we'll keep on sending him the minutes and
14 December we'll welcome him back. Is there
15 any strong -

16 MR. TURNER: I might make a
17 motion that we leave his position open until
18 he's able to attend.

19 MR. ANDERSON: Second.

20 MR. TURNER: If it's going to
21 be a continuing problem, we'll address it
22 then.

23 MR. CONROY: That sounds good.

1 There's a motion and a second. Any
2 discussion?

3 MR. HOOD: Second.

4 MR. CONROY: Any discussion?
5 All in favor? Anything else on this committee
6 report?

7 MR. TURNER: Y'all want an
8 update on why I haven't done the bylaws?
9 Because I haven't had time. It seems to be
10 functioning fine without them, so I'm not too
11 concerned. And anybody else that wants to
12 give a shot at it, have at it. It won't hurt
13 me a bit.

14 MR. LEVY: Have the new members
15 got copies of the present bylaws? James, have
16 you had a chance to see the old bylaws?

17 MR. BUFORD: No, I haven't.

18 MR. LEVY: We need to get you a
19 copy of those. I've got a copy here that I
20 can give to you, but I've only got one copy.

21 MR. CONROY: Alan, do you have
22 yours?

23 MR. FAUST: I don't think I

1 ever got any.

2 MR. LEVY: I'll give a copy to

3 James and we'll try to mail you one, Alan.

4 Okay?

5 MR. FAUST: Okay.

6 MR. CONROY: Community

7 Relations.

8 MR. ANDERSON: Well -

9 MR. CONROY: Hadn't had time,

10 right?

11 MR. ANDERSON: No, I've had

12 time, I've had time. We've had a bunch of

13 things that could have gotten done, but the

14 bottom line is that as of right now the

15 Chamber of Commerce is still interested in a

16 briefing, but the key people have been playing

17 with the Reuse Committee in terms of the

18 Domestic Preparedness Center, so they're not

19 -- it really hasn't been possible to get them

20 together. Walt Phillips is on a -- is he in

21 China or some other cruise like that, so until

22 he gets back I really can't nail down the

23 first briefing.

1 There is one item though, not
2 exactly under Community Relations, but just a
3 general comment that as you recall last month
4 we had received information that there was a
5 loss of funds for environmental programs at
6 the post and the congressman was able to get
7 about a million and a half restored for this
8 year.

9 MR. LEVY: Yeah, I was going to
10 speak to that a little bit, Mark.

11 MR. ANDERSON: Okay.

12 MR. LEVY: One of the things
13 that came out at the last RAB was that Oxford
14 Rotary -- Fern had volunteered to go down and
15 speak to the Oxford Rotary on the 29th. I
16 also would like to go to that and offer part
17 of that brief to them that I've got to show
18 them what's going on too.

19 MR. ANDERSON: The 29th of
20 September?

21 MR. LEVY: That's what I've
22 got, the 29th of September at the Western
23 Sizzlin from 12:00 to 1:00. If anybody is

1 interested in attending it's 12:00 to 1:00.

2 MR. ANDERSON: Sir?

3 MR. LEVY: 12:00 o'clock to
4 1:00.

5 MR. ANDERSON: Okay. Did he
6 have any idea how many folks were going to be
7 there so we can make sure we have copies of
8 the brief for them?

9 MR. LEVY: No. I think Lisa
10 has been coordinating it for him in our
11 office.

12 MR. ANDERSON: Okay. I'll call
13 her tomorrow and follow up.

14 MR. TURNER: Mark, if I may
15 make a suggestion, you might talk to various
16 vice presidents that run area council for the
17 Chamber. They have meetings, I think all of
18 them meet during the month. And you really
19 are more likely to get people that aren't
20 aware of what's going on there than addressing
21 the executive committee of the Chamber.

22 MR. LEVY: That's a good idea.

23 MR. TURNER: You know, they're

1 meeting up here in Jacksonville and Piedmont
2 and Oxford.

3 MR. ANDERSON: Of course, Larry
4 and the Military Affairs Committee were the
5 ones that had initially expressed interest,
6 but certainly, you know, I got no problem
7 hitting Governmental Affairs or somebody like
8 that and seeing if they want to get a pitch on
9 it. The only -- my only hesitation is that we
10 -- we've sent letters out to God and the world
11 that said, you know, the briefing is
12 available, tell us when you want it, and
13 they're the only folks that have responded.

14 MR. TURNER: Well, at some
15 point whoever is planning the Rotary function
16 will give you a call. I mean that's
17 guaranteed. And I think you'll find that the
18 calendar fills up, and it's just a scheduling
19 thing now.

20 MR. LEVY: I'd like to
21 challenge everybody on the RAB to go out and
22 talk to their, you know, whatever groups
23 they're associated with and see what kind of

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1 interest is out there as well. You know, we'd
2 like to get information to folks about what's
3 going on.

4 MR. TURNER: Also I think I
5 mentioned it to you before, but on channel
6 two, WDNB News, I think it's widely watched in
7 the county.

8 MR. LEVY: Yeah, you know, and
9 I apologize, I don't think I followed up on
10 that one.

11 MR. TURNER: You and Fern
12 together or either one of you I think would do
13 a great job in getting the word out.

14 MR. CONROY: Call David Ford.

15 MR. TURNER: David is always
16 looking for folks to come.

17 MR. CONROY: Old Business. Top
18 on the list is Quarterly versus Bimonthly
19 Meetings. Ron, were you suggesting that we
20 pick and choose tonight?

21 MR. LEVY: What I understood
22 from your last meeting that you decided to go
23 with, and I may be wrong, decided to go with

1 quarterly meetings -- I'm sorry, not quarterly
2 meetings, but quarterly meetings on the road.

3 MR. TURNER: Is that what we
4 decided?

5 MR. HOOD: I don't remember
6 deciding that.

7 MR. LEVY: Some people -

8 MR. TURNER: Short-term memory,
9 Ron. It must be something in the water.

10 MR. LEVY: But I don't know
11 whether we decided we were going to push it
12 down to quarterly or bimonthly meetings. It
13 was thrown out there.

14 MR. TURNER: Well, I think Lisa
15 was interested in us going to a quarterly
16 meeting and wanted me to -- not interested,
17 but wanted me to solicit everybody's opinion
18 on it, and it was very strongly that we
19 continue meeting monthly, if not more, as I
20 recall.

21 MR. CONROY: Yeah, there was
22 discussion of quarterly meetings, but every
23 other month we'd be at a different location,

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1 right?

2 MR. LEVY: Yes, that's how I
3 understood it to be.

4 MR. HOOD: Nothing was done
5 about it though, it was just discussed. And
6 the talk was that if we wanted to meet at all
7 these different places quarterly we'd never
8 get around to all of them.

9 MR. LEVY: In the meeting
10 minutes it says, Mr. Thomassy stated there is
11 a tremendous amount of information yet to be
12 passed out and absorbed, and that proposing to
13 have less frequent meetings at this point is
14 premature. Mr. Thomassy stated that since the
15 subject was brought up that it should be on
16 the agenda for a vote at the next general
17 meeting. And that's kind of where we stood.

18 MR. TURNER: Okay. I move that
19 we continue to meet monthly and that we move
20 around to different areas to meet as
21 frequently as possible.

22 MR. HOOD: I'll second that.

23 MR. CONROY: Any discussion?

1 All in favor? Opposed? It carries. Okay.

2 Next on the list is RAB Internet Home Page.

3 MR. LEVY: Before we move on,
4 because this really has to do with -- No, I
5 guess this would be new business. Go ahead.

6 MR. CONROY: Okay. Home page.

7 MR. LEVY: In front of you is a
8 copy of a proposed, and I'm sorry, I wasn't
9 here at the last meeting, the proposed -- Help
10 me out here, Harry.

11 MR. HARRY THOMAS: A proposed
12 RAB home page. Y'all talked about this last
13 month. Y'all took a copy of it home to take a
14 look at to make any adjustments that y'all
15 wanted to make. Once you make it, we can get
16 it put on the -- attached to the Fort
17 McClellan web site. It shouldn't take more
18 than a couple of weeks after y'all approve it.

19 MR. TURNER: I think this is a
20 great start. I think there's a typo on the
21 second page, that their represented
22 organization I think ought to be
23 organizations.

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1 MR. CONROY: Is there a motion
2 to approve this as a beginning to the RAB home
3 page?

4 MR. TURNER: So moved.

5 MR. HOOD: Second.

6 MR. HARRY THOMAS: It will be a
7 living document.

8 MR. CONROY: Mr. Hood, second?

9 MR. HOOD: Second.

10 MR. CONROY: there's a motion
11 and a second. Any discussion?

12 MR. PARKS: It's got meetings
13 are held in surrounding communities once a
14 quarter. That wasn't what we just voted on.

15 MR. LEVY: No. We voted on
16 continuing monthly meetings, but doing the
17 quarterly as we discussed, right?

18 MR. TURNER: And I moved as
19 frequently as possible.

20 MR. CONROY: It's left up
21 (inaudible).

22 MR. HOOD: In other words,
23 next month it could be at some other place.

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1 MR. TURNER: Right. Or it
2 could be back at Fort McClellan.

3 MR. CONROY: Can you qualify
4 the language to reflect the earlier motion?

5 MR. HARRY THOMAS: Yeah.

6 MR. CONROY: Motion on the
7 floor. All in favor? Opposed? Motion
8 carries. All right. Any graphics on that
9 home page?

10 MR. HARRY THOMAS: Yeah, we'll
11 have some pictures on the home page. We're
12 thinking some nature pictures, streams or some
13 of the things that we've got on the post.

14 MR. LEVY: We did take some
15 shots, for those RAB members who did take the
16 tour, that we could possibly put on the home
17 page.

18 MR. TURNER: What about the
19 UXO?

20 MR. LEVY: Actually we do.

21 MR. TURNER: We had a bunch of
22 shots and we put up for the (inaudible) --

23 MR. HOOD: Well, I'm still

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1 going to make a suggestion to put stuff like
2 that right over there so that somebody that's
3 interested could bring it up and look at it.

4 MR. LEVY: That would be great,
5 but that sounds difficult. I don't know if we
6 have the expertise to do something like that.
7 It's not that I wouldn't do it, it's just that
8 I don't know whether we could do it.

9 MR. COX: Just take a picture
10 of it.

11 MR. LEVY: To show that kind of
12 detail, could we get it up there?

13 MR. HARRY THOMAS: I'll have to
14 get with a real computer expert.

15 MR. TURNER: I don't know about
16 scanning in that size, but you can scale it.
17 You can probably scale the file that it came
18 from.

19 MR. HOOD: Yeah, that would be
20 the best way to do it.

21 MR. LEVY: I think it would be
22 real difficult to make out the details on the
23 screen.

1 MR. TURNER: I think if you
2 scale it with the vector or raster drawing
3 program, which I'm sure that is, that it will
4 redraw it based on the algorithms that yielded
5 that.

6 MR. CONROY: How about -

7 MR. HOOD: I know for a fact if
8 you take the vector file that that thing is
9 composed from that you can set it up on the
10 internet so that anybody who is interested can
11 zoom in or out on any portion of it.

12 MR. LEVY: Why don't I promise
13 this, that we'll take a look at it and see
14 what we can do.

15 MR. ANDERSON: That actually
16 makes it an awfully big file.

17 MR. HOOD: It does make it a
18 big file. The other thing it was an item in
19 the minutes last time, just a reminder on it.
20 We discussed putting the questions that were
21 asked and answered at the DERTF as a hot
22 button on the piece so that the community is
23 able to see the answers to some of the things

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1 that we've already been asked.

2 MR. TURNER: Just a transcript,
3 we've got that.

4 MR. LEVY: Yeah, sure.

5 MR. CONROY: One last
6 suggestion is if we're going to have pretty
7 pictures on the RAB home page, let's make sure
8 we have those that reflect the problem that
9 we're here to address. You know what I mean?
10 Like the UXO.

11 MR. HOOD: Yeah. Incidentally,
12 you were talking about the size of that right
13 there, in a vector mode if you leave off, you
14 know -- I was talking with a guy, their file
15 includes everything in many layers. In other
16 words, all these maps are all in one file,
17 which you might not need. But that one right
18 there and from experience with the Highway
19 Department in maps we drew up, that could be
20 composed within 500k for the vector.

21 MR. LEVY: Let me ask that
22 maybe you might talk with Harry, Ron, he's
23 right behind you, he'd be working it, and see

1 if you couldn't help out in figuring out how
2 to do that.

3 MR. HOOD: Sure.

4 MR. LEVY: You know, I don't
5 have an objection, just if we can do it we'll
6 do it. It's one of those things.

7 MR. HARRY THOMAS: One issue
8 that you have is that most of your browsers
9 you've got to wait for all the pictures to
10 open before you can print. So if somebody is
11 going in there and wants to say print the
12 information so they can look at it, then
13 they've got to wait -- if we've got a whole
14 lot of pictures on the same page, they got to
15 wait for all that -

16 MR. HOOD: Sure. But you don't
17 necessarily need to put that on a page. You
18 can have a separate page, and you can -

19 MR. TURNER: And link to that.
20 And indicate by the link how big the file is
21 so they usually know how long it will take to
22 load.

23 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, it may

1 take a while to load.

2 MR. HOOD: You know, you'll

3 have a multi-page multiple link load on it.

4 MR. CONROY: Charles, does the

5 (inaudible) have a home page?

6 MR. TURNER: Yes, we do.

7 MR. CONROY: What's the

8 address, do you know?

9 MR. TURNER: It's JSU dot EDU

10 front slash FMRA dot COM or something.

11 MR. CONROY: EDU, not

12 (inaudible)?

13 MR. TURNER: No. It's JSU dot

14 EDU and then there's a front slash, and I

15 can't remember the rest.

16 MR. CONROY: Okay.

17 MR. LEVY: I tell you what we

18 can do because I got it back at the office, we

19 can try to put it in the notes and send it out

20 to everybody.

21 MR. TURNER: I guarantee you

22 you can find it with the search, just put in

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1 Authority at Alta Vista, I imagine it will
2 take you right to it.

3 MR. CONROY: One more thing on
4 old business and that was what you all were
5 referring to earlier and that was funding
6 received.

7 MR. LEVY: Yeah. Since the
8 funding issue came up at the last meeting, and
9 Mark mentioned this, we did in fact receive
10 funding, two hundred and fifty K. in terms of
11 dollars went to Huntsville, and that was to
12 begin work as it relates to scoping and any
13 issues on the new technology so that they can
14 start laying that out. There was another nine
15 hundred K. that went for work that we're going
16 to be doing for site investigations. A lot of
17 those sites in fact are going to be in
18 association with the eastern bypass. In fact,
19 that was our focus based on the Reuse
20 Authority's concerns. Some additional money
21 came for completion of the Environmental
22 Baseline Survey, which we're kind of in a hold
23 pattern on as well. And there were some

1 dollars, three hundred and thirty-three K.,
2 for ground water monitoring. Totaled up it
3 was close to one point five mil. that Mark had
4 mentioned to you that was restored to
5 McClellan.

6 MR. ANDERSON: How much was
7 there for the EBS?

8 MR. LEVY: We initially had
9 asked for a hundred K., but it looks like
10 we're going to get a hundred and seventy
11 eight K. all total for the EBS. But that's
12 more than just EBS, that -

13 MR. TURNER: Are we going to
14 get it before closure?

15 MR. LEVY: In terms of the EBS
16 right now we're looking at having the final
17 out in November of this year.

18 MR. TURNER: What about final
19 draft?

20 MR. LEVY: That's out.

21 MR. TURNER: I haven't seen
22 it.

23 MR. LEVY: Well, the way it

1 works -- Wait a second. Yeah, y'all have.

2 You saw the draft.

3 MR. TURNER: I saw a draft that
4 came out about eighteen months ago or a year
5 ago. I haven't seen one, a change.

6 MR. LEVY: The requirement for
7 us, Fort McClellan, okay, is that it be
8 reviewedby the regulatory authorities that's
9 still in, and then it goes out and there's
10 copies in the library,there's copies in the
11 official library, there's copies in the
12 Anniston Library for public record and for
13 review if anybody wants to submit comments
14 there.So we did not get enough copies after
15 that last draft that I submitted to the RAB to
16 provide to everybody here.

17 MR. TURNER: I'm talking about
18 I don't think the Reuse Authority got a copy
19 of it.

20 MR. LEVY: Yeah, you got a copy
21 of -- well, you got a copy of the original
22 draft I think, but I don't think you got the
23 last copy.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: The draft final
2 was March of '97.

3 MR. TURNER: March of '97, is
4 that the date of the last one? We might have
5 that.

6 MR. LEVY: You will get a copy
7 of the next one that we send out.

8 MR. TURNER: Okay.

9 MR. CONROY: Moving right into
10 New Business.

11 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Wait a
12 minute. Ron, what is the money -- ground
13 water monitoring, what does that consist of?

14 MR. LEVY: Our sites where we
15 have known contamination we have a requirement
16 to do ongoing monitoring.

17 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: And continue
18 to do that?

19 MR. LEVY: Yes. So that we
20 ensure that in terms of we'll be tracking
21 migration.

22 MR. HOOD: For how long?

23 MR. LEVY: The money --

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1 quarterly sampling for one year.

2 MR. JOHNSON: I'd like to add
3 to that. Really it's a combination of several
4 sites, but really the money is going to be
5 used in order to make a better management
6 decision on what the future action will be.

7 MR. LEVY: On cleanups, yes.

8 MR. JOHNSON: Whether it's
9 landfill three, landfill one or two. To get
10 the data we need to make the decisions we need
11 to make to see where we need to go.

12 MR. LEVY: That money
13 particularly is earmarked for our landfills in
14 terms of that monitoring. And there's not
15 been a decision on the part of the base
16 cleanup team as to how we're going to address
17 the actual cleanup, what we're going to do out
18 there. We're still waiting for the completion
19 of the Remedial Investigation Feasibility
20 Study and some background work that's going
21 on right now, which we will share with the
22 Restoration Advisory Board when that is
23 completed.

1 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Has it been
2 monitored quarterly up to this time?

3 MR. LEVY: It has not.

4 MR. CONROY: Anything else?

5 New business? Only one thing that I can see

6 on the agenda and that is the December RAB.

7 Historically, based on one other December, we

8 decided not to have a RAB meeting. Would

9 anyone be interested in skipping a December

10 RAB?

11 MR. TURNER: Well, the third

12 Monday in December is what? It's going to be

13 getting on close -

14 MR. CONROY: Yeah, it's close

15 to the holiday.

16 MR. LEVY: It's the 15th of

17 December. A lot of people, especially within

18 the government, start looking at leaves and

19 whatnot and there's a lot of things going on

20 during that time. We'd like to see, my office

21 would like to see us push it back into -

22 MR. TURNER: Now, we've got

23 holidays in March and -- I mean in, is it

1 February and March?

2 MR. PARKS: February.

3 MR. TURNER: I know we got one

4 in February, but I think we got one in March.

5 MR. LEVY: In January -

6 MR. TURNER: January and March.

7 MR. LEVY: January the 19th it

8 falls on Martin Luther King's birthday, which

9 is the observed holiday.

10 MR. CONROY: Last year we just

11 shifted the January and February by a one

12 week period. How about if we have one motion

13 to consider the December, January and February

14 RAB meetings.

15 MR. TURNER: I would move that

16 we not meet in December and that we adjust the

17 January and February meetings to avoid landing

18 on a holiday.

19 MR. CONROY: Should we push

20 them forward or backwards as to take care of

21 all the details?

22 MR. TURNER: I've got my

23 calendar, I can tell you in just a minute.

1 MR. CONROY: Why don't we just
2 do it all right now.

3 MR. ANDERSON: Pick a date.

4 MR. TURNER: Well, I would move
5 then that we not meet in December, and that we
6 meet on January the 12th -

7 MR. CONROY: Good.

8 MR. TURNER: -- and on February
9 the 9th.

10 MR. ANDERSON: Second.

11 MR. CONROY: Any discussion?

12 All those in favor? Motion carries. Any
13 other new business?

14 MR. TURNER: Move to adjourn.

15 MR. LEVY: Wait, wait, wait.

16 MR. TURNER: There's a motion
17 on the table.

18 MR. LEVY: We're still under
19 time.

20 MR. TURNER: This strikes the
21 fear in the hearts of seven-year-olds.

22 MR. CONROY: You have thirty
23 seconds.

1 MR. LEVY: I'd like to get a
2 feel for what the RAB would like to talk about
3 next week or a presentation that we can
4 provide.

5 MR. CONROY: Next month.

6 MR. LEVY: Excuse me, next
7 month. Some things to consider, some of the
8 radiation issues that are going on at Fort
9 McClellan. A long time ago we talked about
10 Chris talking risk assessment. I don't know
11 if we want -

12 MR. TURNER: That sounds good
13 to me.

14 MR. LEVY: -- to put Chris back
15 on the spot again. Do you -

16 MR. JOHNSON: Whatever they
17 want, whatever you want to hear is fine with
18 me.

19 MR. LEVY: I'm just throwing
20 some things out here. Natural resource issues
21 that we can talk about or archaeological,
22 ongoing archaeological investigations which
23 may impact on some of the cleanup issues.

1 MR. PARKS: How about the base
2 cleanup plan? When are we going to get to
3 that?
4 MR. LEVY: I'd love to, but it
5 won't be ready.
6 MR. TURNER: Can you brief us
7 on where you are with it?
8 MR. LEVY: No. Because in our
9 September meeting, this month, we're going to
10 be doing some things -- We just won't be ready
11 to talk. We won't be ready to talk about it.
12 We can push it up another month. November
13 would be a better month for us to talk.
14 MR. CONROY: Why don't we plan
15 on that. And in the meanwhile, how about
16 risk assessment, Chris?
17 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.
18 MR. CONROY: Does that sound
19 like something that -
20 MR. TURNER: Well, I don't want
21 to take Chris away from the base cleanup plan
22 to work on a presentation.
23 MR. LEVY: Hey, he knows that

1 stuff, I'm telling you, backwards and
2 forwards.

3 MR. TURNER: That sounds great
4 to me.

5 MR. JOHNSON: This is for next
6 month.

7 MR. CONROY: Is there a second
8 to Charles' motion, that was to adjourn?

9 MR. HOOD: No, wait a minute.
10 (Inaudible).

11 MR. ANDERSON: The
12 archaeological sites, how long would something
13 like that take?

14 MR. LEVY: It just depends on
15 what y'all want. We can cover it -

16 MR. CONROY: Yeah, the Cadillac
17 version or the Volkswagen.

18 MR. TURNER: We might bring
19 Holstein -

20 MR. LEVY: Yeah, that would be
21 good to bring -

22 MR. CONROY: Chris Hill -

23 MR. LEVY: Chris -

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1 MR. CONROY: Harry Holstein.

2 MR. LEVY: -- and Harry in to

3 talk about some of that because they're doing

4 a lot of the work at Fort McClellan.

5 MR. CONROY: Yeah. The next

6 time -- No, we don't have to wait until the

7 next time we're up here because we're not

8 going to be here for quite some time. So

9 they're perfectly capable to drive anywhere we

10 need them to drive to.

11 MR. TURNER: We're going to

12 talk base cleanup plan in November, aren't

13 we? Yeah, we could meet back up here in

14 January.

15 MR. HOOD: Well, that was my

16 question. We need to discuss where we're

17 going to meet for this upcoming time. I

18 assume that we're back at the Fort -

19 MR. LEVY: That was my

20 assumption too.

21 MR. HOOD: But we need to be

22 planning ahead if you're going to meet

23 someplace else other than the Fort.

1 MR. LEVY: I'm sure we can
2 coordinate things within a month, so if you
3 want to wait and hold that decision until next
4 month.

5 MR. TURNER: Mayor Smith might
6 be interested in hearing from us. They've got
7 their Civic Center. Mayor Snow in Hobson
8 City. The Anniston City Meeting Center is a
9 good place, Ohatchee High School is a good
10 place, Piedmont High School is a good place.

11 MR. ANDERSON: I think Mayor
12 Kimbrough, is not the center in Weaver
13 supposed to be done?

14 MR. LEVY: We talked about
15 getting there.

16 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Well, what we
17 talked about is with that handout that you
18 gave last time if we could get a central
19 location because in that area we have affected
20 Saks, Weaver and Alexandria. And I don't know
21 what the committee's response to that, but
22 have that as a joint meeting because I don't
23 know what kind of turnout you're going to

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1 get.

2 MR. ANDERSON: As I understood
3 it, what we had agreed on and, you know, we
4 can check the minutes on this, what we had
5 agreed on is that the next place we would go
6 after Jacksonville we'd come back to Fort
7 McClellan next month and then November we
8 would go to Weaver, come back to McClellan the
9 next meeting after that and then the following
10 month -

11 MR. LEVY: What I understood,
12 what I understood is we're doing that on a
13 quarterly basis, so we'd come back to
14 McClellan November, if we had a meeting in
15 December, the next one would be January. So
16 we'd go to another site in January.

17 MR. ANDERSON: That's fine.

18 MR. LEVY: That's quarterly.
19 So the next outside McClellan meeting would be
20 in January if we don't have a meeting in
21 December.

22 MR. TURNER: Andthat's the
23 next vacant time we have an agenda. Why don't

1 we invite an archaeological discussion at a
2 place to be identified by the chairman.

3 MR. LEVY: Okay.

4 MR. TURNER: So moved.

5 MR. ANDERSON: Second.

6 MR. CONROY: Is that in the
7 form of a motion?

8 MR. TURNER: That was a
9 motion.

10 MR. CONROY: Then there's a
11 motion on the floor, I did hear a second.

12 MR. ANDERSON: Second.

13 MR. BUFORD: Second.

14 MR. CONROY: All those in
15 favor? Motion carries.

16 MR. TURNER: Motion to
17 adjourn.

18 MR. ANDERSON: Second.

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20 (Whereupon the
proceedings were

21 concluded.)

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