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1 DR. BARRY COX: Let's do roll
2 call. Mr. Branchfield?.

3 MR CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Here.
4 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Brown?
5 Mr. Buford?

6 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Here.
7 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Conroy?
8 Mr. Cunningham?

9 MR. DONALD CUNNINGHAM: Here.
10 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Elser?
11 MR. JAMES ELSER: Here.
12 DR. BARRY COX: Ms. Fathke?
13 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Here.
14 DR. BARRY COX: Dr.
15 Harrington?

16 DR. MARRY HARRINGTON: Here.
17 DR. BARRY COX: Mayor
18 Kimbrough? Ms. Longstreth? Mr. Thomassy? I
19 think Mr. Thomassy will be here with us next
20 month: is that correct?

21 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. He had
22 an operation on his hip.
23 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Turecek?

1 Mr. Weston?

2 MR. BOBBY WESTON: Here.

3 DR. BARRY COX: Okay.

4 Mr. Levy?

5 MR. RON LEVY: Here.

6 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Reedy?

7 Mr. Stroud?

8 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Here.

9 MR. RON LEVY: I think what
10 we're going to do, Shannon are you going to be
11 attending these meetings here from now on? We
12 can expect you, so we can put you on the list.

13 MR. SHANNON GOLDEN: Yeah.

14 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: It's
15 Shannon Golden. He won't be able to make the
16 next to BCT meetings just for your information.
17 He's got some training.

18 DR. BARRY COX: Everybody had
19 a chance to review the minutes? Have you
20 reviewed August, as well as September minutes?
21 Any comments on the August minutes? Any
22 corrections or additions? Anyone wish to make a
23 motion that we approve the minutes?

1 MR. DONALD CUNNINGHAM:

2 Motion.

3 MR. JERRY ELSE: Second.

4 DR. BARRY COX: All in favor?

5 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I.

6 MR CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Okay.

8 September minutes. Any corrections or
9 additions? Anyone wish to make a motion to
10 approve?

11 MS. DONNA FATHKE: So moved.

12 DR. BARRY COX: Do we have a
13 second?

14 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Second.

15 DR. BARRY COX: All in favor?

16 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: I.

18 MR CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I.

19 DR. BARRY COX: Okay. Minutes

20 approved. Do you want to go to status of -

21 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. Well,

22 I'm not prepared to give you the status, but I'

23 prepared to tell you that we want to do it

1 during the next RAB meeting if you want to bring
2 IT in and have them provide the status of the
3 borings, if that's okay with everybody. If we
4 don't have any objections to that.

5 DR. BARRY COX: Any objections
6 to that?

7 MR. RON LEVY: Okay. We'll,
8 do that then.

9 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Ron, one
10 question. Is that on all of the landfills or
11 just -

12 MR. RON LEVY: No, just the
13 three borings that were off the installation
14 that were associated with landfill three.

15 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Okay.

16 DR. BARRY COX: Okay. Is this
17 the next one the list, projected dates?

18 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

19 Everybody should have in front of them a list of
20 sites that are going to be done under EE/CAs or
21 going to an RI phase that we know at this point.
22 And the reason this list was put together was
23 based on a RAB request two weeks ago. And when

1 is our projected submittal date? And why is
2 that important to the RAB? Well, it's important
3 to the RAB because what we would like to see is
4 some review of the material and then feedback
5 from the RAB. One of those EE/CAs is out, but
6 it was not possible for us to give it to
7 everybody. But we talked about a technical
8 review committee so, what we would like to know
9 is whether or not we can give that document to
10 the technical review committee which we voted
11 on, not last month, but two months ago, because
12 that's ready for review.

13 DR. BARRY COX: Any comments
14 on that?

15 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Can I ask
16 what a draft RI is?

17 MR. RON LEVY: What a draft RI
18 is? It's a remedial investigation. When you're
19 going into an SI what you're looking for is
20 whether or not there's contamination there. I'
21 trying to make this site investigation very
22 simple. If you go from an SI phase to an RI
23 phase you know there's contamination there.

1 You're sent to look at the extent of the
2 contamination or the characterization of that
3 contamination. And generally along with an RI
4 goes a feasibility study, which kind of defines
5 your alternatives for clean-up and then a record
6 of decision and then the meeting would actually
7 come after that.

8 So, when you see these RI sites,
9 it's sites that we believe -- we know we've got
10 contamination there. It's sites that were taken
11 to the next phase and we want to look at the
12 extent and fully characterize the site.

13 That's as simple as I can put it.
14 There's probably a better technical way of
15 putting it. I don't know if anyone wants to
16 chime in on it. And that's important to you,
17 because you're going to want to know what the
18 Army is doing on these sites, and we want
19 feedback from you on what in terms is important
20 to you on a clean-up standpoint.

21 EE/CAs, in this case for the ranges
22 of iron on Mountain Road, fill parcels, those
23 are really an SI level investigations.

1 But we'll also come out with
2 alternatives. We'll define alternatives in the
3 EE/CA. So, you'll get to see those
4 alternatives. You'll get to see why we define
5 those alternatives. What's important there.

6 Cost will also be in there, as
7 well, because EE/CA stands for Engineering
8 Evaluation Cost Analysis. And then our
9 contractor will recommend an alternative that
10 they see fit. Not only will the RAB get a
11 chance to review that feedback, but the
12 regulatory brethren will also review the
13 document, provide us feedback and guidance and
14 hopefully we'll get concurrence on their part as
15 well or we'll look to go in a different
16 direction. And that's why we want to put this
17 out to you, so you'll know what's coming and I
18 think this was Barry's initiative.

19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Is there
20 a map that could be associated with this so that
21 people could understand where these places are?

22 MR. RON LEVY: We can
23 definitely pull site maps out if we want to see

1 those, too. At this point, yes, we can.

2 MS. DONNA FATHKE: And your
3 project is submitted to who?

4 MR. RON LEVY: They're
5 submitted to the Army as drafts.

6 MR. JAMES HALL: Will the area
7 be educated -- be aware of the differences.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, in fact,
9 with the RI phase and the EE/CAS there is a
10 public piece. In fact, we actually go out and
11 we hold a public forum. Sometimes it could be
12 this, but what we've done is like on the M-2
13 parcel, we actually had a public meeting, it was
14 down at the Anniston Meeting Center. We brought
15 in all the experts, put the charts up, and were
16 there to answer questions.

17 MR. JAMES HALL: ADEM and EPA
18 to establish some level that might be dangerous
19 to the community if this is necessary?

20 MR. RON LEVY: Certainly all
21 the information relating to contaminants and
22 risk will be part of that, yes. That
23 information will be available to anybody in the

1 community that wants to evaluate and provide us
2 feedback.

3 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Ron, more
4 than likely what we could do is have IT come an
5 do a presentation of these documents when they
6 become available, also.

7 MR. RON LEVY: That is what I
8 would like to do as part of the RAB is present
9 the information by a contractor and then take
10 questions there. But besides the fact what we
11 were expecting to see is the technical review
12 committee to do the actual look at the document,
13 the hard look at the document.

14 MR CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Will it
15 get sent to us, Ron?

16 MR. RON LEVY: I don't know
17 what's the best way to do it, those are fairly
18 large documents. We may try to hand it out
19 during a RAB meeting.

20 MR CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I was
21 just curious.

22 DR. BARRY COX: Do you think
23 this will be ready next meeting?

1 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: The first
2 one is ready now, for those who want it.

3 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Is there
4 any way that we can review these documents
5 before they're presented here so that we can
6 prepare for the meeting?

7 MR. RON LEVY: Well, yeah,
8 there is.

9 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I mean,
10 have them available in the library or something?

11 MR. RON LEVY: Well, if we're
12 talking about sending them to -- we talked about
13 not sending everybody a copy to save these
14 mounds of documents, but to get them to the
15 technical review committee. Certainly, I can
16 mail them to the technical review committee.
17 So, that those people have been designated, the
18 have a chance to review them prior to coming
19 into the meeting for discussion. That's what we
20 want. Is that the question you're asking?

21 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Well, what
22 about the rest of us?

23 MR. RON LEVY: Well, I thought

1 that we agreed to that instead of making -

2 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I wasn't
3 here for that meeting, so, I don't remember
4 exactly what happened.

5 MR. RON LEVY: Donna, if you
6 want a copy of that document, we'll get you a
7 copy.

8 MS. DONNA FATHKE: No, no, I
9 don't want a copy of that, that's the point, but
10 if it was made available in the library -

11 MR. RON LEVY: Oh, they are.
12 Well, I should say the draft documents aren't.
13 Until they become final, we don't put them in
14 the repository, but we'll have them here and if
15 somebody wants to see them, I'll be glad to make
16 them available for review.

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Is
18 there typically like an executive summary or
19 anything like that? Maybe that would help
20 everybody.

21 MR. RON LEVY: We could put
22 that in the mailings if necessary.

23 MR CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Or you

1 could fax that to everybody so they can look at
2 it.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Or we could do
4 that, too. It's up to the RAB, they'll just
5 need to tell me what they want.

6 DR. BARRY COX: What you're
7 asking to clarify, Donna, you want this prior to
8 the meeting?

9 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yes, so
10 they don't run into a call.

11 MR. RON LEVY: What we'll do
12 for the ranges of iron Mountain EE/CA, we'll get
13 those out in the next mailings. So, if that's
14 acceptable, that's what I'll do. If we'll put
15 the executive summary out to all RAB members an
16 then we will get the documents to the technical
17 review committee.

18 DR. BARRY COX: Any comments?
19 Do you want to go ahead with the new member
20 ballot? Joan?

21 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: You have
22 those ready if you want to go ahead and be
23 handing them out for us, please.

1 MR. RON MASSEY: What we've
2 decided to do this time is I've prepared a
3 ballot. So, what we're going to do is, we're
4 going to ask you to X in the box next to two
5 names, because we do have two people that need
6 to be elected, and then I will go back and count
7 them while you continue on.

8 MR. RON LEVY: We need to make
9 sure you understand that we're voting them into
10 the RAB.

11 DR. BARRY COX: Would anybody
12 like a fifteen seconds on each person, again for
13 review?

14 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yeah.

15 DR. BARRY COX: Joan, you want
16 to do that for us then.

17 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: If I might
18 suggest, Craig did not have an opportunity, I
19 kind of talked about your applicants, but if
20 you'd like to go ahead and offer up some
21 comments, since those are the ones you have
22 provided for us.

23 MR CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure.

1 I'd be more than happy to. There's three people
2 on this list who -- you know, what I did when I
3 got the request for additional members, I
4 basically just e-mailed it to everybody in our
5 plant. Three people came back and requested for
6 a nomination form. I'll just go through them
7 real briefly. The first one is a gentleman by
8 the name of Lamar Freeman. He's local to the
9 area. He's lived in the Anniston area his
10 entire life. He's a human resources and
11 administration manager out at Solutia and like I
12 said, he's a very active and outgoing person and
13 is very interested in what's going on in the
14 community and is very active.
15 Larry Hatcher is an operation
16 superintendent at the plant. He's basically in
17 charge of everything out at the plant except for
18 community relations essentials. He would also
19 be a candidate, he's very sharp, has a very good
20 technical mind. He is to be somewhat honest,
21 going to be somewhat transient, it's only a
22 temporary assignment for him at the Solutia
23 plant. He will probably be there for several

1 more years, but he won't be around ten years
2 from now. But he is not local to the area, or I
3 should say he hasn't lived in this area his
4 entire life. He currently lives down in Oxford.
5 He has lived in the Southeast for the better
6 part of his career.
7 And then Jerry Hopper I think of
8 the three is probably the best candidate from
9 Solutia. He works with me in remediation
10 management. Has a very sound technical mind in
11 grasp of environmental-types of issues. He's
12 lived in the Anniston and Oxford area for his
13 entire life. And he is very interested in
14 what's going on here at Fort McClellan and could
15 also be a valuable asset to the team.
16 MR. RON LEVY: Can I make a
17 suggestion? Although we've got two openings
18 right now, we may have more coming up. You
19 might want to vote for two and then put an A
20 next to two alternates and therefore we won't
21 have to go through another voting if you pick
22 two alternates. And then you can bring them
23 into the team, bring them into the RAB at a

1 later date. But it will keep you from having to
2 go through another vote.

3 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: I think
4 that's an excellent suggestion.

5 MR. RON LEVY: Ox if one guy
6 decides he can't make it after waiting all this
7 time.

8 MR. PETE CONROY: Like an A1
9 or an A2?

10 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. Put a
11 check mark in the one you want, and put an A in
12 the two that you want for an alternate. This is
13 just a suggestion.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Well, I
15 think it's a good suggestion, myself.

16 DR. BARRY COX: So, what the
17 official designation is, is one for the one you
18 want now, and A for the one you want next. So,
19 you have two is and two As, is that it? As long
20 as you all agree to the same format. What's the
21 thoughts on that ladies and gentlemen?

22 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Now, I
23 missed that. If you're going to do it by

1 balloting, normally you take the two highest
2 votes to go on next and the next two highest
3 votes to be As.

4 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yeah,
5 you're going to have mismatched is and As one
6 person.

7 DR. BARRY COX: You would have
8 to put logic in this. We could always rank the
9 one, two, three, four, how about that?

10 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Just vote
11 for four people and the highest two people would
12 be now.

13 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: The only
14 other thing I wanted to remind you is what we
15 went through last week. As you vote think of
16 the future, you're looking at a technical review
17 committee. You're looking at someone who will
18 make an impact in the community, who will be the
19 conduit that will take this information and move
20 it out into the community like we need it done,
21 like that's a mission of this board. So, I just
22 kind of remind you when -- we've got to think of
23 those things. How important they will be to the

1 RAB and getting a message out into the
2 community.
3 Does anyone need us to review the
4 rest of them like we did last month?
5 Mr. Clendenin, Mr. Thrash, Mr. Polek and
6 Mr. Gilliland have been in our files for the
7 past three years. When we mailed you the
8 applications, pretty much that's all that we
9 know about them. However, they continue to
10 express an interest and we feel that that alone
11 merits them having consideration. Mr. Clendenin
12 was a nominee of an audience member who comes
13 and represents the National Guard and he
14 discussed him last week and said, you know -
15 explained the merit in having him here with us.
16 He's a local resident. He has a great interest
17 in the history of Fort McClellan. So, he, of
18 course, would always be an asset for us. And I
19 believe that he's a minister out at the
20 Presbyterian Church. So, we know there's
21 communication right there.
22 Mr. Franklin is a nominee of Mayor
23 Kimbrough, but I believe he has an engineer

1 background and, of course, he also would be a
2 good communicator for us.
3 Colonel Mattison, is a retired
4 Colonel in Jacksonville. He's also a
5 communicator and we know that, we've had him as
6 a visitor here. So, we pretty much know Colonel
7 Orval.
8 Scott Beckett, maybe we could go
9 ahead and ask, if you wouldn't mind, let us know
10 a little bit about Scott, because he's a member
11 of your church.
12 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: He's at
13 JSU facility. And he did the study on the
14 long-leaf pine in the Talladega National Forest,
15 so he's interested in the wildlife refuge and
16 the connection with Fort McClellan and the
17 Wildlife Refuge.
18 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: I think
19 he's been a Math and Science teacher at high
20 school level, so I mean, there is kind of a
21 technical interest there as well as a good
22 communicator. Can I answer any other questions
23 about the nominees?

1 DR. BARRY COX: Anybody have a
2 question? Everybody ready to vote? Joan, does
3 everybody have a copy of the two draft letters
4 you prepared?

5 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: No, sir.
6 I did those for you.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Okay.
8 Everybody finished with their ballot? Okay.
9 Any more old business? Okay. On the new
10 business what I would like to do is start out by
11 recognizing the fact that we've had a
12 difficulty obtaining a quorum for the last few
13 meetings. What I would like to do is go around
14 the room and start with Craig and you tell us -
15 well, Pete is back now. Pete, we've had
16 difficulty getting the quorum the last few
17 months. What I would like to do is go around
18 the room and start with you, what would you like
19 to see change? What should we do different?
20 What do you think the members would like to see
21 at the RAB meetings and what do you think we
22 could do to improve the attendance?

23 MR. PETE CONROY: Well, I

1 don't know what we did today, but it seems like
2 it worked.

3 DR. BARRY COX: Well, we
4 threatened everybody today. Any agenda changes
5 that you could see?

6 MR. PETE CONROY: No, I feel
7 as though we've been doing the job that we've
8 been asked to do. I think getting early notice
9 to us, and we do that.

10 DR. BARRY COX: I just thought
11 it would be a good thing to ask, if there was
12 something that you -

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Well,
14 I think it's a good question. I think one way
15 you could help with the quorum issues is if
16 there were issues that are going to have to be
17 voted upon -- I mean, I don't know who's sending
18 out the e-mails, but e-mails are sent out prior
19 to each meeting. I don't know if the rules
20 allows for this, but if somebody knows that the
21 can't make it, you know -- here's the issues
22 that will be voted upon and they can turn their
23 vote over to someone else. As far as getting

1 attendance at the meeting, I don't know, I guess
2 the thing that comes to my mind is the fact that
3 -- and it could be that this isn't a whole lot
4 going on out there maybe.

5 DR. BARRY COX: If we could
6 add some more excitement to the meeting?

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I
8 don't know if I would use the term excitement,
9 and I'm sort of at a slight disadvantage,
10 perhaps, because I did join the RAB well after
11 its inception, so I wasn't in when everybody was
12 talking about what their role with the RAB was.
13 Even I'm kind of fuzzy on that. What our role
14 is, other than to improvise some feedback. I'll
15 tell you what, I get entirely confused about
16 what's going on. And the fact that we only meet
17 once a month makes it kind of hard to keep up
18 with the direction of everything, you know.

19 DR. BARRY COX: A couple of
20 things I thought of. What about having a
21 month-end review report say from -- which I
22 think we're getting now from the Army -- also
23 have ADEM and EPA start off the meeting from

1 each of those three perspectives, what was
2 accomplished, what happened at the Fort last
3 month?

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I
5 think that's a good thing to do, Barry, and also
6 I think -- typically, since we're going to have
7 two new members coming in and a couple more
8 after that, perhaps at some point in time you
9 just give them an overview of what's going on at
10 Fort McClellan, what's the big picture here.

11 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I have to
12 agree with Craig. I've been coming a lot longer
13 than you have, but I'm still foggy. Maybe we
14 need some kind of orientation package, so we do
15 know what our roles are specifically and
16 something that has a map of the Fort and the
17 areas that are under investigation so, we can
18 understand what we're looking at.

19 DR. BARRY COX: Okay. So, we
20 really have two issues on the table then.
21 Number one, define the role -- what is a RAB
22 supposed to do? That's on the RAB website and I
23 think that would be easy for some of us to pull

1 together.

2 MS. DONNA FATHKE: There's a
3 RAB website?

4 DR. BARRY COX: Yeah. And the
5 other one would be a overview of the
6 environmental issues at Fort McClellan. Is that
7 the other thing I'm hearing?

8 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I could,
9 you know, go along with what he is saying.
10 Sometimes I feel like gosh, I'd like everybody
11 to know that we reviewed twenty-five reports.
12 And it's amazing sometimes what we do, that's
13 not really shared here. A lot of y'all know the
14 sheer volume of material that's floating around
15 and the appreciation for it. And let y'all
16 know, kind of like on a broad scale, like you
17 said, we'll sum up everything, now you'll
18 understand what these reports mean a little bit
19 better.

20 DR. BARRY COX: Would you like
21 to do that for us in the next meeting?

22 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I keep a
23 daily log of what I do every day. I could just

1 download -- I'll see if I can get permission
2 from Larry to offer that. It would really
3 broaden the horizon here, especially from ADEM's
4 point of view and how things are moving. Now,
5 with EPA he would have to do -- I keep a log of
6 what he does, but it's -

7 DR. BARRY COX: Does he know
8 that?

9 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Oh, yeah.
10 Well, every time we concur, we work on a report,
11 we also get someone -- this is -- I'm just
12 telling you, it's not the details of it, but it
13 will give you just a little broader -

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah,
15 I think like maybe a fifteen minute download to
16 kick-off each meeting, just a summary of what's
17 been going on.

18 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: That
19 would really work.

20 MR. PETE CONROY: And your
21 thinking ADEM, as well as, EPA at every meeting?

22 DR. BARRY COX: Right. And I
23 think we have a letter that is going out, do we

1 not, Joan, that's ready for signature, and we're
2 going to request that EPA and ADEM have somebody
3 at every meeting, and that person be prepared to
4 give us the month-end review? We did agree on
5 that last time.

6 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: And I
7 would encourage you to key your report to a map
8 if any way possible. I mean, we're out here all
9 the time and know where these places are, but
10 some of the RAB members have a good
11 understanding, but most people, when they look
12 at this and see former weapons repair shop,
13 building 335, parcel 667, where is that?

14 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: I have a
15 suggestion: I know when we first started the
16 RAB we handed out the environmental base-line
17 survey to every member on the RAB. And in that
18 EBS we have a large map that shows all of our
19 sites, all of our parcels, and there's a table
20 that lists every site that we're working on.
21 And you can go from the table to the map with
22 concordance of the table. Shows you exactly
23 where these sites are. I think that would be

1 helpful for those of you who don't have one.

2 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I work

3 with the Army on that. They said by month end

4 with me they're just -- seems like there's a

5 hundred parcels sitting out there. And it would

6 take time just to point to them.

7 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I think

8 personally, the urgency has subsided. For those

9 of us who are on -- from the initial inspection

10 of building -- I guess we have -- everything

11 that's been said is good -- I guess we have

12 taken advantage of the new-comers, because when

13 we first came on board we did have all of this

14 stuff. It felt like when we left we were taking

15 a truckload full every time. It's like you had

16 to spend so much time -- you were looking at

17 what was going on, so you could be in the same

18 room to know what the conversation was about.

19 And personally for me, my job has changed from

20 the other and I'm just tickled pink at not

21 having to do all the reading. But we did have

22 something that told us all of the acronyms and

23 everything. So I can see where they would

1 differ. But I do think that need for urgency
2 has subsided. We all came on when the Fort was
3 still going on and everything was so -

4 MR. DONALD CUNNINGHAM: Well,
5 I know one way to increase the attendance. If
6 Ron would loosen his budget, pay a hundred
7 dollars for each attendance slot, that would be
8 a good way to get everybody here. Without
9 stopping the RAB, I think the suggestion -- and
10 I ask -- from time to time I ask Miki for
11 information on JPA status, because that's
12 certainly an interest to all of us. But the EP
13 and the ADEM response, along with Mr. Levy's
14 report, a little bit each time would kind of
15 fill in the gap for us.

16 MR. BOBBY WESTON: My
17 recommendation is going to be basically the
18 same. Is that we've got like an overview from
19 JPA on the progress on some of the sites, who
20 has already contracted to do what and who's
21 going to purchase what piece of property or that
22 type of information. So we can have a good
23 knowledge of what's going on at the Fort,

1 environmental concerns? And so, then we will
2 have -- then we'll have -- so far we've got
3 four; one from the Army, one from ADEM, one from
4 EPA, and one from the JPA, Environmental issues
5 for the month.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Are
7 EPA and ADEM going to have anything different?

8 DR. BARRY COX: We would hope
9 so, wouldn't we?

10 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I don't
11 know. They'll be real close it -- I mean we're
12 close, we're tight. It's worth hearing theirs,
13 too.

14 MR. PETE CONROY: Of course,
15 what we want to hear, not so much what you agree
16 on, we especially want to hear what you disagree
17 on.

18 MR. PHILLIP STROUD:
19 Absolutely.

20 DR. BARRY COX: That's a good
21 point. I think the point is, where do you and
22 the Army differ. If all three of you agree on
23 something, then that probably gives us a fair

1 comfort factor. But if there's an area in which
2 y 'all differ, that's what the real concern is
3 and where the RAB would come in.

4 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: When we
5 do have differences, it's almost real common but
6 we fix them, some we don't want to be carrying
7 around with us. But those difference are real
8 -- you know, arid we come to this meeting.

9 MR. RON LEVY: And we've had
10 some major differences on things, and y'all
11 heard about those.

12 MR. PHILLIP STROUD:
13 Absolutely.

14 MS. DONNA FATHKE: The only
15 other thing I have, is something that I
16 mentioned before and it didn't go anywhere, and
17 that's to move the meeting up to 5:30. It might
18 stop people from going home and saying, I don't
19 feel like going out again, if they have to come
20 here straight after work.

21 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: We've
22 been through that before.

23 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Some of

1 us still leave work and come straight here.

2 MR. PETE CONROY: I like that
3 time.

4 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I like it,
5 too, but everybody else -

6 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I could
7 never be here at 5:30.

8 MR. RON LEVY: I think we
9 voted on that.

10 MR. JEROME ELSER: I think
11 most what I had in mind has already been said;
12 to have EPA and ADEM here each meeting. It's
13 been interesting for me to have Miki here. I've
14 been glad that she's been here for the meetings.
15 Even though it may not be what we need to know,
16 but it's interesting to know these things, so
17 that we can intertwine it with the RAB.

18 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Buford?

19 MR JAMES BUFORD: No comment.
20 Mostly everything has been said already. Any
21 possible changes there, it's almost an invisible
22 thing, you know. We come in at 6:30 in the
23 evening and it's rough for some of us to get

1 here at 6:30, you know, as far as the time is
2 concerned. Changing the days wouldn't help any.
3 I've seen refreshments here. We've had some
4 pretty interesting people here to enlighten us
5 on some things that are going on in the area.
6 And maybe with ADEM and EPA coming back in and
7 giving us some insight on some of the things
8 that are going on, and possibly some video.

9 DR. BARRY COX: Just one
10 question that I would have. Is something that
11 was mentioned one time, is the review of the BCT
12 meeting. Do you think your report would
13 adequately cover that? Or do you think we need
14 a BCT report?

15 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: That
16 would be up to Ron, but what I'm going to be
17 giving you is basically, what we do at the BCT
18 is a laundry list of everything we've done and
19 it will be -- in a nutshell. I won't drag this
20 on any more than ten minutes.

21 MR. RON LEVY: Let me suggest
22 something, because Miki does this. The BCT
23 minutes become a matter of public record. We

1 put them in the repository. The minutes are
2 generally a month to a month and a half behind
3 the actual meeting, because we don't approve the
4 minutes until the next meeting. And then at
5 that time there are changes to be made. It's a
6 month and a half before we actually get them
7 finalized. But certainly I don't know why we
8 don't provide those to you all. It's just
9 another piece of paper that we'll be giving you.
10 If you want to, we could put them in the
11 mailings or -- but they'll be behind. Just so
12 that you will understand.

13 MS DONNA FATHKE: Or you could
14 e-mail us.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, we could
16 do that, too. But not everybody has e-mail. If
17 we could mail it to those who don't have e-mail
18 or whatever.

19 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: I would
20 mention that they're anywhere from six to ten
21 pages long. They're put into the repository,
22 but it's about three months before they're put
23 in the repository. But we can do whatever.

1 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I'm not
2 speaking for Shannon here, but I want to
3 introduce him to the people that don't know him.
4 He's hired on with ADEM, he is recently from
5 ALDOT. He's already starting to take a load off
6 of me. This is Shannon Golden, welcome to the
7 RAB meeting. He'll be working in the land
8 division, hazardous waste.

9 MS MIKI SCHNEIDER: Speaking
10 for the JPA, we're glad you're here, Shannon.
11 He needs help, it's a huge job.
12 Congratulations, or sympathy, I'm not sure
13 which.

14 Many of you know we've had the
15 discussion about JPA being a part of -- sitting
16 in on the RAB meeting. And one of the pieces
17 that keep coming back and the reason that the
18 JPA doesn't need to be at the RAB meetings -
19 BCT meetings is because we're at the RAB
20 meetings. And that the information that's going
21 from the BCT should be funneled through the RAB.
22 So, it -- I bring that up because I
23 think there should be some way for those people

1 who give their time and are the eyes and ears of
2 the community to understand what's going on in
3 the BCT meetings. And if it's the minutes, so
4 be it, if it's your ten minute report and Bart's
5 ten minute report and the Army's ten minute
6 report on what is happening at the BCT meetings,
7 great. But as long as you know, we're still not
8 there at the BCT meetings, this is the only way
9 that we've got to find out what's going on,
10 other than getting the minutes.

11 DR. BARRY COX: Anybody else
12 have anything to say?

13 MR. PETE CONROY: I'm
14 comfortable with this now, but under what exact
15 rule or regulation that prohibits someone like
16 -- you probably know this answer, because y'all
17 have been fussing about it. Why are the BCT
18 meetings actually closed to the public? I'm
19 sure there's a formal reason.

20 MR. RON LEVY: I can't give
21 you the formal reason, but I -

22 MR. JOE DOYLE: It's a
23 predecisional meeting. It's a working meeting

1 at a working level where -- as a result of those
2 meetings you get a decision which is then
3 reviewed for public comments. But prior to that
4 time, it's a roll up your sleeves, work it out,
5 thrash it out, the attempt is at those meetings
6 is for the regulators and the Army to work it
7 out and get on the same sheet of music, in the
8 hopes that when it is time to go up, for a final
9 decision or whatever, is that everybody is on
10 the same sheet of music.
11 Therefore, at that point, it's a
12 matter of hearing the public's comments on those
13 and producing that final document, as opposed to
14 being in a position with the Army and the
15 regulators are still fighting it out. We're
16 hopefully past that point and it's a -- we're
17 past the point where the Army and the regulators
18 are not in accord, in fact, I don't think
19 anything with BCT is a final decision or where
20 we're not in agreement.

21 MR. PETE CONROY: Have y'all
22 come to terms with that answer?

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: No, we

1 haven't. And our concern is that we're out
2 doing marketing, working on property and the
3 Army and EPA and ADEM over here doing
4 environmental investigations and coming up with
5 decisions, and sometimes we don't know what each
6 other is doing and we have conflicts on
7 properties. Just last week we had one of those
8 instances come up.

9 And we're not asking to be a voting
10 member, we're asking, simply, to be able to
11 attend the meetings, listen and understand what
12 they're working on, what areas of the Fort are
13 being impacted and if -- and that way we can
14 share with them, well, wait a minute, we've got
15 this piece of property and we've got somebody
16 seriously looking at it, you need -- let's work
17 together on this.

18 MR. RON LEVY: Let me
19 interject something here, Miki, because we may
20 be working towards a solution on this, right at
21 this very moment. And short of me telling you
22 exactly what this is going to look like -- we
23 have entertained a meeting with the BCT that

1 we're discussing now, internally with the Army.
2 It's not the BCT, but a meeting with the BCT,
3 either prior to the BCT meeting, you know, that
4 we can bring Miki up to date, we can take input,
5 provide her feedback and do that and then we can
6 go into our meetings, it's almost like on the
7 front end. And we've talked about that, and
8 that's being considered right now.

9 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Yeah, I
10 -- matter of fact she had asked earlier, it's
11 not that I disagree or agree, I did consult a
12 lot of people. I do know that when we're in
13 these meetings, it's intense, we're talking
14 about equations, we're talking about things that
15 take several hours on the same word and we
16 always thought that may be a waste of time for
17 her, until we have, you know, at least some idea
18 of what's going on. After seven or eight hours,
19 bashing and beating up, and trying to get these
20 things worked out, working sentences out and
21 stuff like that, sometimes we've made decisions,
22 but we still have got to make a further
23 decisions and sometimes we thought maybe that

1 might get out to the public. So, all this
2 beating and bashing up, and then it goes to a
3 decision later on that I Can say, gosh, we have
4 every bit of information that she needs to know.
5 And I think she's getting appropriate answers
6 instead of - but I agree with him, we're not
7 throwing her out. And I'm all for that.

8 MS.MIKI SCHNEIDER: And this
9 is not a request that we've entered into
10 lightly. We've talked to other LRAs across the
11 country to understand what the benefit of being
12 in on a BCT is. Because, you know, I don't
13 necessarily want -- I mean, I like these guys,
14 but I don't want to necessarily spend two days
15 with them. But we are consistently having
16 problems that are happening, that we feel that
17 if we are in the meetings, we would know about
18 it ahead of time and we could stop things on our
19 end that would prevent us from ending up on the
20 front page of the Anniston Star, which none of
21 us enjoy finding our name in black ink. But we
22 are trying to work out a compromise. We feel
23 very strongly that, that door needs to be

1 opened, and we continue to push for it.

2 Mr. Clark, Secretary Clark, has
3 indicated that he supports us being there. We
4 have had -- we've talked to a lot of people in
5 the Army. A lot of the problem rests with EPA
6 and their concern. And we have promised that we
7 would stay quiet. You know, we will not walk
8 out of the meeting and tell the Anniston Star
9 what we have heard. We are the future owners of
10 the property. The property has to pass through
11 us to be developed. And the decision is going
12 to remain around that table, impact our ability
13 to develop that property for the community, and
14 the benefit of the community. And that's why we
15 feel it's important to be there and to know
16 what's going on.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: Would
18 confidentiality waivers or something like that
19 be a tool to solve the problem?

20 MR. JOE DOYLE: I don't know,
21 that's something that the department really has
22 to make the final decision. I was just trying
23 to give you a run down.

1 MR. PETE CONROY: And I
2 understand that. It makes sense. Are there an
3 LRAs that meet with BCTs?

4 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yes, very
5 much so. And I can give you a list of LRAs that
6 meet with the BCTs.

7 MR PETE CONROY: That's
8 interesting. Maybe I'm just jealous, I'm trying
9 to figure out a way to keep the public out of
10 some of my meetings. Haven't been able to
11 achieve my goal.

12 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I do
13 picture her sometimes, trying to sit in this
14 meeting where we're spending two hours on trying
15 to figure out where we're going to put a well.

16 DR. BARRY COX: Anything else,
17 Mr. Conroy?

18 MR. PETE CONROY: I don't
19 know. It just seems -- I don't know if this is
20 an issue that the RAB should even be involved
21 in. It's kind of a fringed issue, but if
22 there's any other RAB members that have a
23 feeling one way or another, I'm interested.

1 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Just off
2 for a little bit more. When I first came here,
3 I think it was introduced to me very well with
4 what's going on with each member was doing and
5 what they represented. But I think sometimes I
6 feel -- well, as much as I've been here, I still
7 feel a little bit wobbly. It would be kind of
8 nice to reintroduce, maybe every once or twice a
9 year, reintroduce what everybody's role is, the
10 Army, JPA, ADEM, EPA, and even talk about the
11 sub-contractors. Who are they out here? IT,
12 EODT, ALDOT -- you know, who's out here.
13 And then Fish and Wildlife has a
14 serious job here. What's he doing here? What's
15 his goals and objectives?
16 That way once we've reintroduced
17 each other -- I think it's exciting to hear,
18 this is serious stuff we're doing, extremely
19 serious stuff. We're dealing with dangerous
20 things out there. And my job is to make sure
21 the State gets a high quality product and nobody
22 gets a finger hurt or a cut finger. And that's
23 my ultimate goal. And if I get a cut finger on

1 this, I've lost -- I mean, I didn't do my job.

2 But I also want everybody to be in the same boat
3 of safety and everything.

4 So, reintroducing everybody and
5 what they do would be kind of exciting. Not all
6 at once, but maybe once every other meeting, but
7 it would keep the excitement up.

8 DR. BARRY COX: What about
9 doing that next meeting since we're going to
10 have to new members joining us?

11 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Start
12 with the Army.

13 DR. BARRY COX: What about to
14 start off with, maybe summarize that in writing
15 for us. I mean, who does what? That would be
16 appreciative to the new members. In other
17 words, what are the roles of each individual?
18 Somebody could put us together a paper on that.
19 What about somewhere the -- an overview of the
20 environmental issue of Fort McClellan for the
21 new members, an orientation.

22 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: We have
23 several things -- somebody mentioned acronyms.

1 A list of acronyms in these meetings, and a lot
2 of our reports have -- that right now, we could
3 pull out and it has a thousand acronyms in it,
4 and we could share that with everybody. And the
5 second thing is we have a lot of just real short
6 readings about what this is all about, that
7 gives the key name players and who's paying who
8 and what.

9 MR. RON LEVY: This is all
10 good stuff. The thing that we've tried to get
11 occasionally the mailings and the news letters,
12 see those in the mailings and in the fax sheets.
13 If you've got an idea about one that you think
14 would be helpful, we'll take that. What you're
15 talking about now, it may be good for another
16 fax sheet.

17 DR. BARRY COX: Who's who at
18 Fort McClellan? What is each of their roles?

19 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I
20 wouldn't stop there. Then I would look at these
21 people around on the corner and who are they?
22 Their face is here every time, and kind of put
23 their purpose -- he's from down South Anniston.

1 DR. BARRY COX: That reminds
2 me, that's one thing we did not do. We didn't
3 go around and introduce everybody. Why don't we
4 go ahead, so we'll know who everybody is.

5 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: I'm
6 Lisa Kingsbury. I work for Ron at the Fort
7 McClellan environmental office.

8 MR. BOB DAFFRON: I'm
9 Bob Daffron and I work in the environmental
10 office for Fort McClellan, Army, National
11 Guard Training Center.

12 MR. PAUL JAMES: I'm
13 Paul James, I work for Ron Levy in the
14 environmental office.

15 MR. BILL SHANKS: I'm
16 Bill Shanks, I work for Ron in the environmental
17 -

18 MR. RON LEVY: Let me just -
19 instead of saying that you work for Ron, Lisa's
20 got the IRT program and she's really a focal
21 point on the HGRW stuff that we've talked about.
22 Paul, is really the honcho for the UXO program.
23 He does a lot of the over-site on the UXO

1 program. Bill's expertise really is on his
2 institutional knowledge. He reviews almost all
3 the work from a technical standpoint, from an
4 engineering standpoint. And he's highly
5 involved in the UXO side of the house. So, I
6 just wanted to make sure you understood it
7 wasn't somebody screwing around not doing stuff.
8 They have program areas and they're focused on
9 those programs areas, I just wanted you to know
10 that.

11 MR. JAMES HALL: My name is
12 James Hall and I'm with Pollution in Anniston.
13 I'm particularly concerned about whether the
14 minority, poor, community is left out of the
15 activity that's going on at Fort McClellan.
16 1935 and Monsanto, Swan, whoever was the
17 manufacturing company decided to manufacture
18 PCB, they contributed to the world and the
19 history of it. The use of PCB is what -
20 contributed to the world and using -- how
21 Americans used it in WWII. Poor people on the
22 west side of Anniston suffered along while this
23 material was being manufactured. And when they

1 discovered, recently, that these chemicals were
2 contaminated, kind of like the Russians -- and I
3 would like for you to consider in your meetings
4 -- we're all Christians -- we all got to pay for
5 whatever our debts are -- think about the poor
6 families on the west side of Anniston, their
7 children are suffering. PCB meetings -- about
8 several months ago, we discovered lead in West
9 Anniston. Think about the kids and claiming
10 that the children can't read, having hearing
11 problems. And when you have time, go up to the
12 office on north street and read about this lead
13 and what it's doing to our family and our
14 children. And if there's any way possible on
15 any kind of input can come from this group, I
16 think the people would appreciate it. And we're
17 not about closing-up Monsanto or Union Foundry.
18 It's about getting some treatment to these
19 families and how they are suffering.
20 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: I'm
21 Joan McKinney, and I facilitate and kind of help
22 the RAB, do the admin work and anything else
23 that needs to be done. And give you that

1 wonderful, strong coffee.

2 MR. JOE DOYLE: I'm Joe Doyle

3 and I work for Glen Ryan.

4 MR. BILL GARLAND: I'm

5 Bill Garland I work for the US Fish and Wildlife

6 Service. I'm their representative during this

7 point in time.

8 DR. BARRY COX: And one other

9 housekeeping point -- do we want to keep our

10 topics strictly focused on the restoration and

11 the environmental issues at Fort McClellan?

12 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I would

13 think so.

14 DR. BARRY COX: One other

15 housekeeping issue is the way we traditionally

16 set it up, is that it's opened for discussion

17 among the RAB members and at the end of the

18 meeting then we open it up for discussion for

19 any of our guests. So, I think that pretty well

20 takes care of our old business. Action Summary

21 next.

22 MR. RON LEVY: Let me just

23 kind of go through that action summary sheet

1 that y'all got through the mail. Some real good
2 news. There are three FOSTS out for review for
3 regulatory community. They've also been
4 advertised in the newspaper. FOST, if you
5 remember, finding of suitability to transfer are
6 requirements on us to define property that's
7 clean and can be transferred.

8 The pieces that you see here have
9 come through some level of investigation.
10 M1.13501, says we need to refer to a map. And
11 this is critical, because the JPA has got an
12 industrial area up in this area that they want
13 for redevelopment. That piece that sits in the
14 middle, do you see that? That's 501. We've
15 completed the investigation. Both EPA and the
16 State agree with our findings at this point and
17 are now reviewing the FOST.

18 The E2 or the M2 piece -- most of
19 you know that is a piece that the Consolidated
20 Publishing Company or the Anniston Star is going
21 to get near the entrance to Summerall Gate.
22 That FOST is also out on review.
23 And E7. E7 is the old MP school,

1 which falls right around in here. It's being
2 held back because of the -- an ongoing
3 investigation from RAD side, which we're able to
4 clear the building. Had a RAD lab in it, which
5 we finished the survey and in fact, it is clean,
6 so the building is ready to be transferred.

7 DR. BARRY COX: What about the
8 spot in the yard, is that cleared?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. Building
10 350 is also an E7 FOST. Building 350 is the -
11 used to be the consolidated maintenance
12 facility. So, really, a turnkey operation.
13 It's located right here. It used to be an old
14 fire training pit. That means the fire
15 department here would put fires out. They would
16 put fuel in a pit and come in there and put
17 fires out.

18 So, we were concerned that some of
19 that fuel may have -- would still be there. But
20 in fact, we did not find anything. And believe
21 me we did some extensive sampling up there, on
22 the ground water side. And the BCT came to an
23 agreement that there was no further action

1 there, and that's why we're finding a
2 suitability to transfer. Those are all good
3 news because those were hot items for JPA.

4 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Now,
5 would be appropriate for me to tell them what
6 we're doing with them.

7 DR. BARRY COX: I think that
8 would be fair.

9 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: The MP
10 school is JSU. They'll be moving their
11 educational program and their higher ed program
12 and a new 911 program to that facility.

13 Therefore, we're really excited about that piece
14 happening.

15 Also, there will be a relationship
16 there between Gadsden State and Ayers State, in
17 some way, and I'm not sure exactly how that's
18 going to work. But that's going to bring -

19 being right there next to Auburn and the
20 conflicts that Auburn is getting, it's creating
21 a nice little educational compound for us in
22 that area. M2, like Ron said is going to the
23 Anniston Star. And Building 350, we've had to

1 turn two people away so far, because it wasn't
2 ready, but now it's ready and we have somebody
3 seriously looking at that building that would
4 use it for some manufacturing. They were here
5 last week and they're coming back next week.
6 And then the Reilley Field area, as
7 many of you may have read in the paper, there
8 were two potential businesses. There was a
9 Sam's wholesale distributor that was going to be
10 about a thousand jobs, we lost them. And then
11 there was a tire manufacturing headquarters,
12 that they were going to bring up to that area.
13 And we got down to the top three sites and it
14 went to a site in Georgia. One of the reasons
15 was because we could not guarantee them that we
16 could get a road in to access the property in
17 the most economically, viable place for them.
18 ADEM did everything they could to help us in
19 that situation. I'm afraid now with the
20 boundaries expanding the landfills, which Ron
21 will fill you in next week, that site may just
22 -- industrial at this point in time, may be out
23 the window for us for a little while, but we're

1 going to keep plugging along.

2 MR. RON LEVY: Well, we have

3 air permits on all of our boiler plants. Some
4 of those were grandfathered in. Those permits
5 which in some cases the JPA is going to want.
6 In some cases the boiler itself is being yanked
7 out. The permits will be turned back in. And
8 we're working on that right now. So, the action
9 summary sheet was to tell you that's what we're
10 working towards on those permits.

11 The other thing about those boiler
12 plants, we've got four boiler plants on the
13 installation. Three of those locations we had
14 underground storage tanks which were no longer
15 needed. Mostly, because those plants are on
16 natural gas.

17 So, to insure that those tanks did
18 not in impact future owners, we have pulled
19 those tanks, because most of you -- well, if you
20 don't know, underground storage tanks across the
21 US is a major problem. They tend to leak and
22 infect ground water. So, if you don't need
23 them, it's best not to have them.

1 In this case, we've pulled them.
2 Some were steel and some were fiberglass. But
3 we -- where you could, we disposed of them,
4 where we could, we reused them.

5 The last item on your action
6 summary sheet was the meeting we had at ALDOT.
7 We had a meeting with ALDOT, some of it
8 concerned a centerline, some of it concerned
9 schedules. We are working on schedules right
10 now. This has been a proposal to split the
11 Eastern Bypass up, only the piece that goes
12 through Fort McClellan at the three different
13 phases, so that we can execute, so they can
14 better execute the construction.

15 The three phases are: The southern
16 portion, that which everything below Yahoo Lake.
17 We're working now to transfer that property, an
18 that's the first phase. The second phase is an
19 access road, which is the rerouting of Summerall
20 Gate Road. And we're working schedules on that.
21 And the third phase, which is the most difficult
22 phase, is the phase that goes through the UXO
23 area, which we're totally involved now, and

1 you've heard the briefings on that and the
2 removal actions.
3 So, we're talking about schedules,
4 we're talking about clean-ups, and we're trying
5 to coordinate all this with ALDOT, at this
6 point. We have another meeting scheduled,
7 interal meeting that we're working, coming the
8 26th, to go back and discuss schedules and how
9 we can sell our programs and get the road built.
10 I think what's important to know is that we're
11 really working hard to make sure that we get our
12 schedules coordinated, so they can get in and
13 construct the road.
14 DR. BARRY COX: Any comments,
15 Ladies and Gentlemen?
16 MR. JEROME ELSER: This
17 mentioned revised centerline, does this mean
18 they're wanting to reposition the road in a
19 different spot?
20 MR. RON LEVY: Well, they made
21 some changes to -- well, let me just put it to
22 you this way. Until the surveys are complete,
23 they cannot say for certain that the center

2 lines they define to us are in fact true. I

2 mean, you can't stay in the center lines without
3 the surveys, and they're doing the surveys, now.
4 So, there's been some changes and we're trying
5 to react to those changes. And that was part of
6 what we were saying. We want to make sure that
7 we cover what's necessary. It's a complicated
8 issue, I mean, there's a lot of resources
9 involved and coordination with our contractors
10 and what it is we're going to clean. And then
11 you've got to worry about areas in and around
12 the bypass, too, from construction standpoint,
13 because we'll have issues with those when it
14 comes to clean-up. And all these things are
15 being discussed with ALDOT.

16 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Jerome,
17 what he's saying is something as simple as this:
18 They're doing the survey and they have to dig
19 down three more feet so that the width of it
20 wouldn't be enormous, and then you're dealing
21 with UXO, so it can be extremely complicated.

22 DR. BARRY COX: Anybody else
23 have any comments? Okay. We've got -- Joan, do

1 you want to talk about the representative of the
2 DOD environmental?

3 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Yes, than
4 you. We put in your packet a copy of a letter,
5 but it's informing the RAB members of a
6 stakeholders meeting that's going to be held in
7 St. Louis, in November, I think 14th through the
8 16th; is that correct? Now, we just received
9 that late last week. We got it out to you as
10 fast as we got it in. The Department of Army
11 will select ten names out of the sixty-five RABs
12 to attend and they will be given invitation,
13 travel orders, and they will attend as the guest
14 of the Army. It is a public forum, so anyone
15 can go. But at this point it looks like we have
16 a very good chance of having a representative
17 from our RAB attend. Now, what we asked you to
18 do when we sent it out is if you are interested
19 in attending, let us know, and we would get back
20 with Ron. We did not receive any from any of
21 you, but we still feel strongly that -- and it's
22 up to the RAB, again, who you would like to have
23 representing us. I think there's many topics,

1 as you see on that letter, that we should be
2 part of. If nothing else, we should go to the
3 networking and we should have a representative
4 so we can talk to the other RAB members that
5 will be there.

6 DR. BARRY COX: Any thoughts
7 on that Ladies and Gentlemen?

8 MR. RON LEVY: I would like to
9 take at least two names and submit them. So, if
10 this RAB would like to give me at least two
11 names, I surely would like to send -- what
12 they're telling you is, they're going to pay for
13 your per diem. That means your hotel and your
14 meals and your travel. And what you're going to
15 lose is whatever work hours, because they won't
16 reimburse you for that. I know that's tough on
17 you, but if there's two people we could submit
18 names on, I sure would like to do that.

19 MR. PETE CONROY: It would
20 make great sense for Dr. Cox to have his name
21 submitted, if he could make it as our Chairman.

22 MR. RON LEVY: Can we get
23 another nomination, too?

1 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I'd say
2 Pete Conroy.

3 DR. MARY HARRINGTON:
4 Actually, I think you would be a good candidate.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: I could not
6 be there for all three days. I could be there
7 for part of it.

8 MR. RON LEVY: I need to
9 submit those names by Wednesday. So, I really
10 need the names tonight, please.

11 MR. PETE CONROY: I have to
12 check my calendar. I'll have to tell you
13 tomorrow morning.

14 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: And if
15 he can't go, I would like to.

16 MR. RON LEVY: Super, okay.
17 So, right now that's what we're planning on and
18 you'll let me know in the morning.

19 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Can we use
20 any of that RAB money for -

21 MR. RON LEVY: No. In fact,
22 the guidance from this said we can't use the RAB
23 money to send you for it. So, believe me, if I

1 could, I would love to.

2 DR. BARRY COX: Okay. And the
3 last item on our agenda is the election of a new
4 Vice Co-Chair.

5 MS. DONNA FATHKE: What is the
6 responsibilities for Vice Co-Chair?

7 DR. BARRY COX: Takes care of
8 the Vice and involved in the meetings.

 MR. RON LEVY: Let me read
10 what it says. Vice Chairperson. A Vice
11 Chairperson of the RAB should be elected in
12 accordance of the terms thereof. I'm reading
13 directly out of the bylaws. The Vice
14 Chairperson shall further have each and every
15 other duty identified in these bylaws duties.
16 The Vice Chairperson shall preside in all
17 meetings in which he or she is in attendance an
18 the community co-chairperson is not or at least
19 designated Chairperson. The term of Vice
20 Chairperson should serve a term of at least one
21 year. And he essentially ascends after one year
22 to the community co-chair position.

23 DR. BARRY COX: I would like

1 to nominate Craig Branchfield.

2 MR. PETE CONROY: Do you

3 accept?

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: If the

5 RAB would like me to serve in that position, I

6 would be more than happy to do it.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Do we have an

8 other nominations? Everybody in favor of

9 Craig Branchfield?

10 MR. PETE CONROY: I. Don't

11 get any easier than that.

12 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Wasn't

13 that easy. I wanted to remind you that next

14 month is the month that we normally schedule to

15 go out into the community. However, that again,

16 is up to the RABs call. We can defer that until

17 the beginning of the year, which would then be

18 February, which we have normally done.

19 Historically, even though that's the end of the

20 quarter, November, it's also the last meeting of

21 the year, so historically you all have deferred

22 and gone into the community in February.

23 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Is there

1 a reason for that, why we deferred?

2 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Do you
3 have a location you would like to recommend that
4 we go? No, it's just been -- it has been
5 historically that they've done that, since -

6 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: And the
7 the third Monday in January, it's been a
8 holiday.

9 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: My next
10 question is: Do you have any recommendations on
11 where you want us to set it up?

12 DR. BARRY COX: Joan, did we
13 ever have a meeting where we had any significant
14 outside attendance?

15 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: No. And
16 we've really tried hard to reach the community
17 that we feel that's not -- doesn't have a voice.
18 And, you know, we do all that we can, other than
19 at one time, you all suggested, we buy a display
20 ad, but other than that, we've not had
21 significant attendance at other meetings.

22 DR. BARRY COX: Okay. So,
23 what's the -- do we want to stay here next month

1 or -

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I

3 think we're going to have a difficult time
4 getting, accomplishing the goal of getting more
5 public involved in these meetings, unless
6 there's some sort of notification. I don't know
7 to what extent that exists, but certainly the
8 one I went to that was held over at Golden
9 Springs -- I think it was two months ago -- lots
10 of people playing basketball, but not too many
11 people interested in coming into the room.

12 MR. PETE CONROY: But we

13 really can't expect a large audience when we
14 don't aggressively advertise and promote what
15 we're trying to do. And it's not the sexiest
16 thing in the world to begin with.

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I

18 would suggest, rather than randomly pick dates,
19 I mean, we kind of look at the schedule and see
20 what's coming up and if we see a topic coming up
21 -- and I don't know if there's money available
22 -- put an ad in the paper.

23 DR. BARRY COX: You want to go

1 ahead and just stay here for next month then?

2 MR. DONALD CUNNINGHAM:

3 Recommend to stay here.

4 DR. BARRY COX: Second?

5 DR. MARY HARRINGTON:

Second.

6 DR. BARRY COX: All in favor?

7 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I.

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:

I.

9 DR. BARRY COX: Scott Beckett

10 and Jerry Harper are the two new members. When

11 it's time to replace it will be Curtis Franklin

12 and then Marty Clendenin will be the number

13 four. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have one other

14 piece of business. I understand we're going to

15 have a change in the installation Co-Chair.

16 Glynn, do you want to talk about that or Ron do

17 you want.

18 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I don't mind

19 talking about it. Ron and I have had a

20 discussion on the Co-Chair of the RAB, and we're

21 trying to make sure the community understands

22 our focus, which is clean-up, but the RAB is

23 also -- we hope to get out word out to the

1 community of what we're doing. And not to say I
2 know anything about environmental, that's not m
3 job, that's Ron's job and he does a great job at
4 it and works for me, but I would -- have
5 volunteered to serve as the co-chair and let Ron
6 do a little more work with some of the technical
7 things he needs to talk about. I don't see that
8 as a change, but if you will, it is the
9 importance at which we see this. Ron's focus is
10 the clean-up of Fort McClellan and that's what
11 it should be. So, my focus is to have Dr. Cox
12 or the other co-chair to take care of the
13 business part of this meeting.

14 DR. BARRY COX: We certainly
15 appreciate that.

16 MR. RON LEVY: What we'll do
17 is we'll just change chairs. I'll sit at the
18 BCT, which should be over here. And as Glynn
19 and I have discussed it, I'll continue to work
20 the information piece. As we get to the
21 information, I'll do the talking and Glynn will
22 be here to do administrative and work with Barry
23 on -- to make sure that we're focused on the

1 right thing and ask me to do what's necessary.

2 DR. BARRY COX: Appreciate

3 that.

4 MR. GLYNN RYAN: And I

5 appreciate the opportunity to serve, to make

6 this work.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Welcome

8 aboard.

9 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Thank you.

10 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Shall I

11 mention that you spoke at the Retired Officers

12 Association meeting on the RAB?

13 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

14 DR. BARRY COX: Do we have an

15 non RAB members that would like to comment?

16 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: I got a

17 question. Donna had asked for the executive

18 summary for the Iron Mountain Road Range, are we

19 going to be -- needing to do a presentation on

20 that EE/CA during the next RAB meeting along

21 with the presentation on the information

22 gathered from the board? Are we talking about

23 two presentations next month or -

1 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I think the
2 question was, what is going to be presented at
3 the next meeting.

4 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Did you
5 talk about the ITR?

6 MR. RON LEVY: No, we didn't.
7 We also have an independent technical review
8 also coming up. That means the Army is bringing
9 in outside expertise, people who really know ho
10 to associate with the Army to review this case
11 or arrange clean-up. So, we've got another
12 group of folks -

13 MS DONNA FATHKE: What about
14 that one document?

15 MR. RON LEVY: Well, surely
16 they'll be looking at all of our ranges we'll be
17 discussing it all across the boards.

18 MR. GLYNN RYAN: That's not
19 the focus. It's to make sure we're doing an
20 adequate clean-up and we're doing it in such a
21 manner that -

22 MR RON LEVY: Not to cut
23 dollars, but to make sure that the dollars that

1 we define are well spent. A focus to make sure
2 we're spending our dollars right.

3 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: And it's
4 on what document?

5 MR. RON LEVY: The Ranges on
6 Iron Mountain Road. But we'll look at our
7 entire clean-up ranges. We expect to have
8 future ITRs, as well, on our documents.

9 MS. DONNA FATHKE: So, what
10 was your question you had asked?

11 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: You had
12 asked for an executive summary from that EE/CA.

13 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Right, so
14 we could be there.

15 MS. LISA KINSBURY: Prepare
16 for whatever briefing or presentation we give to
17 y'all at the following RAB meeting. I need to
18 know when you want that presentation so I can
19 start scheduling people.

20 MR. RON LEVY: Lisa, that's
21 something you and I can talk about. We will
22 schedule something, we'll probably schedule
23 something for the next meeting for y'all so we

1 can present it.

2 DR. BARRY COX: And your focus
3 was, if it's going to be presented at the
4 meeting, you wanted a copy of the review ahead
5 of time?

6 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Of the
7 executive summary, so we have an idea of what's
8 going to be talked about.

9 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: I have to
10 ask you one question. Will the ITR process add
11 time on to the scheduling of these documents an
12 final decisions and release of the property?

13 MR. RON LEVY: Well, in fact
14 it already has. Because it's another set of
15 eyes that will be looking and providing us
16 input. So, yes, it will.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: About how
18 much time?

19 MR. RON LEVY: Well, we had
20 already hoped that we would not be here very
21 long further at this point, but since we had
22 some scheduling issues and trying to get
23 everybody together, we're now looking at our

1 ITR, first week in November. And during that
2 ITR, we're hoping we conclude something. And
3 then they'll be another decision at which point
4 what we're going to do from those conclusions -

5 MR. JOE DOYLE: Well, Ron,
6 that's not to say that we won't save time, in
7 terms of what's the outcome and looking at the
8 proposals, as far as the clean-up, how the
9 dollars that we spent, what techniques will be
10 used at any clean-up.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Again, I stand
12 corrected, in terms of saving time finding
13 better ways to do something. Actually,
14 providing us with alternatives that are better.

15 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Ron's comment
16 about funding, this is really a technical review
17 as he said, it's not a funding review. It
18 should not be looked at as a funding review.

19 It's technical folks who may in fact say that
20 the risk is so low, why would we go down this
21 road with something, or maybe it's so high we
22 need to change out total focus. And they in
23 fact have brought in experts with – bearing

1 degrees of experience from all over to these
2 reviews. This is not something that's looked at
3 as a cost saving method. In fact, time saving
4 is the hoping in most areas, because that is
5 money to the Army. If we can turn over property
6 sooner to the community, that's our hopes.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Any other
8 comments? Do I hear a motion for adjournment?

9 MR. PETE CONROY: Motion.

10 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Second.

11 DR. BARRY COX: All in favor?

12 Thank you for coming.

13 (WHEREUPON, the meeting was concluded.)

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