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1 DR. BARRY COX: Ladies and  
2 gentlemen, do we want to go ahead and get started?  
3 It's 5:01. If you would, please answer the roll call.  
4 Mr. Bolton?  
5 BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Bolton is  
6 here.  
7 DR. BARRY COX: Ms. Bragg?  
8 Mr. Buford?  
9 JAMES BUFORD: Here.  
10 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Burgett?  
11 PHILLIP BURGETT: Here.  
12 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Clendenin?  
13 MONTY CLENDENIN: Here.  
14 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Elser?  
15 JEROME ELSER: Here.  
16 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Hall?  
17 JAMES HALL: Here.  
18 DR. BARRY COX: Dr. Harrington is  
19 excused. Mr. Howard?  
20 GENE HOWARD: Here.  
21 DR. BARRY COX: Robert Jackson is  
22 excused. Dr. Kimberly?  
23 DR. MICHAEL KIMBERLY: Here.

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1 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Kimbrough?  
2 Mr. Miller? Dr. Spain?  
3 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Here.  
4 DR. BARRY COX: Dr. Steffy is  
5 excused. Mr. Wilson?  
6 PENN WILSON: Here.  
7 DR. BARRY COX: Ms. Klomp?  
8 MICHELLE KLOMP: Here.  
9 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Brittain? Why  
10 am I not surprised? Ms. Little?  
11 BRANDI LITTLE: Here.  
12 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Wilson?  
13 PENN WILSON: (Nods head.)  
14 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Wilson, you are  
15 here, aren't you?  
16 PENN WILSON: Yes, sir.  
17 DR. BARRY COX: Let the record show  
18 that Mr. Wilson is here.  
19 All right. Now, let's introduce the  
20 guests. We'll start with the eldest guest over here.  
21 LISA HOLSTEIN: Lisa Holstein, Fort  
22 McClellan Transition Force.  
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1 BRENDA CUNNINGHAM:

2 Brenda Cunningham, Fort McClellan Transition Force.

3 GENE ROBINSON: Gene Robinson, just  
4 an observer.

5 KAREN PINSON: Karen Pinson, Fort  
6 McClellan Army National Guard Training Center.

7 STEVE YOUNG: Matrix Environmental  
8 Group and JPA.

9 MR. RON GRANT: Ron Grant, TAPP  
10 contractor.

11 DR. BARRY COX: We appreciate  
12 everybody coming. Do we have a -- we have a quorum,  
13 do we not?

14 BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Yes, we do.

15 DR. BARRY COX: Has everybody had a  
16 chance to review the minutes? Do we have any  
17 additions or corrections? Do I hear a motion or  
18 motions?

19 GENE HOWARD: Approve.

20 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Second.

21 DR. BARRY COX: Okay. So minutes be  
22 approved. All in favor, say I. All opposed, same  
23 sign. Minutes have been approved.

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1 Old business, the TAPP contract.

2 SCOTT BOLTON: The TAPP contract has  
3 been -- Ron, of course, he has signed it, I guess, and  
4 sent it back to Mobile, so he is now the official TAPP  
5 contractor for the RAB.

6 DR. BARRY COX: Brenda, what about  
7 the status with the potential new members?

8 BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I sent letters  
9 out as you all requested to all the businesses on  
10 Fort McClellan, and you have three applicants that  
11 have sent their applications back that are interested  
12 in being a RAB member. Those applications are in  
13 front of your name plate for the people that can vote,  
14 and there is a ballot there if you all wish to vote  
15 tonight on a new member. The other two, whoever you  
16 do not vote in, we'll hold for future vacancies on the  
17 RAB.

18 DR. BARRY COX: What's the pleasure  
19 of the group?

20 GENE HOWARD: Vote.

21 DR. BARRY COX: Vote now?

22 DR. JOHN SPAIN: Yep.

23 DR. BARRY COX: You want us to vote

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1 now?

2 BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Yes, and I'll  
3 collect them.

4 MONTY CLENDENIN: Do we get to give  
5 any campaign speeches?

6 DR. BARRY COX: Does anybody want to  
7 make a speech for any of the three potential members?

8 MONTY CLENDENIN: I would like to  
9 recommend John Pearce. He is an Auburn drug dog  
10 trainer honcho out here at the Fort and a very active  
11 member of my church, retired Air Force, and a fellow  
12 Oakie, so I think he's got all the qualifications he  
13 needs.

14 DR. BARRY COX: Appreciate it.  
15 Anybody else want to speak on behalf of one of the  
16 other two candidates.

17 DR. JOHN SPAIN: I would just say  
18 that John Pearce has been very active at Music at  
19 McClellan and volunteers with the activities that go  
20 on here at McClellan.

21 DR. BARRY COX: Any other comments?  
22 If everybody will go ahead and fill their ballot out,  
23 then we'll --

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1                   Do we want to go ahead and start with  
2           the agency reports? Brandi, do you want to --

3                   BRANDI LITTLE: Sure. Do I need to  
4           wait for the ballots to be done?

5                   DR. BARRY COX: That's okay. We'll  
6           have that excitement after.

7                   SCOTT BOLTON: Give Brenda time to  
8           tally the results.

9                   MONTY CLENDENIN: Or we could do it  
10          like they do on TV and eliminate the first guy and --

11                  DR. BARRY COX: We can break in in  
12          the middle of the presentation with the breaking news.

13                  Go ahead, Brandi. I apologize for the  
14          interruption.

15                  BRANDI LITTLE: That's okay.

16                  In your packet, as usual, is the list of  
17          ADEM activities that we report at every meeting.  
18          We've got the documents broken down from which agency  
19          they're from and then the reviews that we've done, and  
20          I think for the most part, we have concurrence letters  
21          and acknowledge receipt letters. Which are usually  
22          for the documents sent for our records only, and  
23          looking over the comment letters, most of the ones

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1       that we had were very minor issues, with the exception  
2       of the draft remedial investigations. Obviously,  
3       those had a lot more comments. They're a lot bigger  
4       documents.

5                       I guess, you asked for what our major  
6       issues are, and when we did our evaluations to the  
7       Army's comments on that one, I think our big one was  
8       the child recreational receptor, choosing the clean-up  
9       level for lead. We had our BCT meeting, and we all  
10      held hands and sang Kumbaya, and we came to a nice,  
11      happy agreement on that.

12                     So like I said, most of the rest of them  
13      are very minor document-related issues.

14                     And then you have a list of meetings  
15      that we've had since our last RAB meeting.

16                     DR. BARRY COX: Anybody have any  
17      questions for Brandi?

18                     We will have the breaking news right  
19      now. Due to the elegance of our speakers,  
20      Mr. John Pearce, we'll congratulate him as our new  
21      member of the RAB.

22                     Would you convey the message that we  
23      appreciate him, and we look forward to him joining us.

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1                   EPA? I assume I know the answer to  
2           that. JPA update?

3                   MICHELLE KLOMP: We do have an  
4           update in your handouts, but since we're doing a tour  
5           this evening, I just figured I would reserve our  
6           update for the tour itself, but if you have something  
7           specific you want to address now, let me know;  
8           otherwise, we'll wait until we're on the bus.

9                   DR. BARRY COX: Okay. Scott, if you  
10          want to --

11                  SCOTT BOLTON: Again, our summary is  
12          in the back of your booklet. A couple of areas, I  
13          guess, on the MMRP side, munitions side, what we refer  
14          to as the Eastern Bypass, Iron Mountain Road Addition,  
15          in other words, the exit ramp coming off of Track 1  
16          into the JPA Industrial Access Road.

17                  We've sent the final set of comments and  
18          comment responses off to ADEM, and that will start --  
19          once we get the concurrence from ADEM, that will start  
20          the 30-day public review and comment period, and then  
21          we'll be ready for all that EE/CA.

22                  Essentially, what we're looking at doing  
23          for that piece of property is construction support

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1       when they build it. It would probably require a right  
2       of entry, and as necessary, we're already working that  
3       issue as well. The Corp of Engineers is already  
4       working the language on the ROE and so on, so if they  
5       are ready to start construction, if they have the  
6       funding in place and so forth, we'll just execute the  
7       right of entry, and they can go ahead and do that.

8                       MONTY CLENDENIN: You're talking  
9       about the intersection of the Eastern Bypass and Iron  
10      Mountain Road?

11                     SCOTT BOLTON: That's right, on the  
12      south side.

13                     MONTY CLENDENIN: Let me ask a  
14      question, and I don't know where or whether to pose a  
15      question or what, but at that exit, I would like to  
16      see some kiosk sort of acknowledgement that this  
17      bypass is going through sacred grounds and that there  
18      are funerary Native American sites at the top, just to  
19      acknowledge a two-parking slot to drive off and look  
20      at just a draft or picture, Harry's work or something.  
21      But where would asking for that to be included in the  
22      groundwork, when we build the exit, to lodge that?

23                     SCOTT BOLTON: I'm not sure. My

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1 conjecture would be that it depends on whose property  
2 you put it on. Obviously, on AL DOT's property,  
3 that's State property, and I have no earthly idea.  
4 I'm sure there's some sort of rules about it because I  
5 know they have rules about signs and taking down signs  
6 and so forth on major roads. We've all seen signs  
7 that should have been taken down eight years ago. All  
8 the boxes haven't been checked yet, so I don't know.

9 PENN WILSON: Chemical Corp Museum.

10 SCOTT BOLTON: The other guess would  
11 be that it would probably be better directed to JPA,  
12 if in fact it was on their piece of property.

13 MONTY CLENDENIN: I would imagine if  
14 it was a drive-off, it would be on the right-of-way of  
15 AL DOT's property is where it would be, you know, but  
16 I don't know how far off -- well, the red stuff is how  
17 far back we've given AL DOT to service, so it wouldn't  
18 be conceivable to put it 100 yards up the mountain.  
19 If it couldn't be put right at the intersection, it  
20 would not be of much value.

21 SCOTT BOLTON: Like I say, I'm not  
22 real sure as to exactly who. I would think it would  
23 be more feasible -- of course, I don't want to sign

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1       the JPA up for anything. I don't have Mickey here or  
2       somebody to address it specifically, but that might be  
3       something worth talking to them about. To me, that  
4       would be the logical place as opposed to where you  
5       come onto the less traveled part.

6                   MONTY CLENDENIN: JPA.

7                   SCOTT BOLTON: Again, I don't know  
8       what their design looks like on that road. I don't  
9       know what their preliminary specs are, you know, if  
10      they've got specs yet, but I don't know what the  
11      design concept for that road is.

12                  If you're looking at a four-lane divided  
13      highway and so on and so forth, then it's something --  
14      all of those things, I would imagine, would have to be  
15      taken into account. I wish I had a good answer. I  
16      just really don't have one for you.

17                  MONTY CLENDENIN: I'll keep on  
18      asking it. I'll find the right committee sometime.

19                  SCOTT BOLTON: I just don't have a  
20      clue. Lisa might can ask somebody named Harry about  
21      that. He may have some knowledge about that. I don't  
22      know.

23                  MONTY CLENDENIN: Harry has done the

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1 work. This is not -- this is a road issue.

2 SCOTT BOLTON: Right. It may well  
3 be possible. I just don't know. I just don't have a  
4 clue.

5 DR. BARRY COX: Would it fall under  
6 the term of historical marker?

7 MONTY CLENDENIN: Yeah. One of the  
8 definitions of our existence has to do with historic  
9 preservation, restoration kind of things, and y'all  
10 have heard me for six years drag on about the Snake  
11 Effigy, but I think it's a significant archaeological  
12 site, and it goes all the way up the back side of the  
13 mountain to Jacksonville. You know, we're treading on  
14 really holy ground to the Native American people, and  
15 I think if this committee or JPA or AL DOT or somebody  
16 would acknowledge that, that would be -- you know,  
17 that maybe we won't have bad dreams at night if we go  
18 through there. I'll keep asking.

19 GENE HOWARD: Monty, isn't that  
20 where that Snake Effigy was publicized?

21 MONTY CLENDENIN: Yeah, it's right  
22 below that.

23 SCOTT BOLTON: The roadway is very

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1 close to that. I think it's straight down.

2 MONTY CLENDENIN: Iron Mountain is  
3 right at the foot of that mountain.

4 GENE HOWARD: That would be a good  
5 historical site to promote.

6 MONTY CLENDENIN: It would. It  
7 really would, but at the same time, the other side of  
8 the coin is you don't want people to start a foot path  
9 up to the site in restricted areas, so it's got all  
10 those nuances of not happening in it.

11 SCOTT BOLTON: The other area that  
12 we're dealing with as far as on the munitions side, of  
13 course, is the Charlie Area EE/CA, which is basically  
14 the Fish & Wildlife Service and about 8600 acres of  
15 the Fish & Wildlife Refuge. What we've done is we've  
16 agreed with some additional sampling.

17 We had some meetings with ADEM where  
18 they felt that there was some data gaps, and we've  
19 agreed to some additional sampling. I guess the work  
20 plan or work planning, if you will, is underway, and  
21 the fact is: We're meeting with Brandi and folks down  
22 in Montgomery in the 19th of this month, and that's  
23 one of the items -- the two things and the Iron

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1 Mountain Road Addition is obviously on that agenda.

2 On the HTRW side, the big thing that  
3 we've got going on, we've got seven RIs going on,  
4 remedial investigations, and we're working real hard  
5 at this point to get those things closed out so we can  
6 move on to the next phase, the feasibility study,  
7 where you can actually start looking at what you're  
8 doing and so on.

9 I think the BCT, as Brandi alluded to  
10 it, and I think we've got some people moving, and  
11 hopefully we've submitted some documents on some  
12 ecological risks and so on just last week, so  
13 hopefully we can get through a couple of log jams that  
14 we've had with these remedial investigations that have  
15 been ongoing forever.

16 As you can see, the contaminates are  
17 relatively straight forward. It's just difficult  
18 sometimes to get to the areas, and how you're going to  
19 work it, and when you have the underlying munition  
20 concerns, of course that always becomes an issue, so  
21 primarily the contaminates that we're dealing with on  
22 the hazardous chemical side of things, it's metals for  
23 the most part down in 24 Alfa. We actually have a

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1        little bit of groundwater contamination there. Again,  
2        that's from the DOCs and so forth that they used. A  
3        lot of times, we find out now days that the decon  
4        agents many times that we used for the chemical  
5        munitions and training soldiers how to use them, so on  
6        and so forth, in hindsight being the virtue that it is  
7        now, you find out that those things might have been in  
8        some ways a greater contaminate than the agents  
9        themselves. But again, you don't know what you don't  
10       know. Unfortunately, what you know 60, 70 years  
11       later, sometimes is different, so that's the status  
12       there.

13                    Property transfers haven't changed any  
14       since the last time we met. The Army still owns about  
15       311 acres. Hopefully, the 23 acres for the water tank  
16       sites that will go through JPA to the Water Works  
17       Sewer Board, those deeds are in preparation, and they,  
18       by God, better be done very quickly. They're tired of  
19       hearing from Lisa and I.

20                    Snap Road Water Tank Site, that's sort  
21       of held hostage. There's some overlying MEK issues,  
22       and that will be cleaned up under the ESCA.

23                    Eastern Bypass Tract 3, we've finally

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1 got AL DOT's comments within the last month. We've  
2 responded to those comments, and hopefully, we can  
3 move forward on that.

4 And the Iron Mountain Road Addition is  
5 the ten acres that's involved with that EE/CA that we  
6 were just talking about.

7 So that's all I've got unless anybody's  
8 got any questions.

9 DR. BARRY COX: Any questions?

10 Do we need to -- you've got a list of  
11 the upcoming programs. Is that just for our  
12 information? Do we need to comment on those?

13 SCOTT BOLTON: I would think that as  
14 people get ideas or have things that they would like  
15 to see, I think we should always bring it up. This  
16 came out two meetings back or so, when we were trying  
17 to look at programs and different things that the RAB  
18 wanted.

19 DR. BARRY COX: Either that or the  
20 last meeting.

21 SCOTT BOLTON: I can't remember  
22 which, but sort of these four items came up, and  
23 obviously, we probably need to have an ongoing process

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1       where we keep adding things to the list.

2                       DR. BARRY COX: Any comments on the  
3       upcoming programs? Do you like this priority? Would  
4       you like to change it or is it -- I guess, no  
5       comments. We'll just leave it in that order then.

6                       PENN WILSON: It looks okay to me.

7                       SCOTT BOLTON: We've had a lot of  
8       new members, so the RAB 101 might be a good thing to  
9       do initially just to refresh everybody.

10                      DR. BARRY COX: Any audience  
11       comments?

12                      GENE HOWARD: As a new member, thank  
13       you. That's useful.

14                      DR. BARRY COX: Okay. I guess it is  
15       now time to adjourn to the buses. Anybody have a  
16       motion for adjournment?

17                      PENN WILSON: So moved.

18                      DR. BARRY COX: Do I have a second?

19                      GENE HOWARD: Second.

20                      DR. BARRY COX: All in favor?

21       Adjourned.

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