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**Restoration Advisory Board
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6:30 PM**

**Marriott Renaissance Hotel
Spartanburg, South Carolina**

Meeting Agenda

Welcome Jimmy Tobias, Community Co-Chair

Old Business US Army Corps of Engineers

New Business

Sheriff's Department Munitions Responses Lt. Dyass

Project Update US Army Corps of Engineers

Fire Fighting Training Jimmy Tobias, Community Co-Chair

2008 RAB Membership ZAPATA

RAB New Business Topics

Adjourn

Your attendance and participation are encouraged for the success of this important project!

Reminder: Comments/questions shall be limited to two minutes on topic of discussion.

CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE: Marriott Renaissance Hotel
Spartanburg, South Carolina

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, May 22, 2008
6:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES: Shawn Boone, Government Co-Chair and
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BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Donald Gibson
Gary Hayes
John Holcomb
Fred Marler
Bill Shoolbred
Jimmy Tobias

BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:

Glenn Boughman
Larry Cooper
Dickie Corbin
Cris Crissinger
Jerry Hartley
Nic Lane
William B. Littlejohn, Jr.
George Mullinax
Curtis Smith
Emil Spieth

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1 BY MR. TOBIAS:

2 Well, if you all are ready, we'll start the Restoration Advisory Board
3 meeting. Make sure all the board members are signed in. I was hoping for a
4 little better turnout today. Maybe the word didn't get out good enough, but
5 we're going to go ahead and proceed with our meeting.

6 My name is Jimmy Tobias. I'm the co-chair. We'll be introducing a new
7 temporary co-chair from the Corps of Engineers here in a few minutes. I guess
8 the first thing on our agenda is old business.

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 Okay. What I'd like to do is have Shawn Boone introduce himself. He is
11 acting for Dennis McKinley for the interim. So, Shawn.

12 BY MR. BOONE:

13 Thanks for having me here. As Suzy said, I'm acting project manager for
14 the FUDS program for South Carolina, and I'm here on behalf of Dennis
15 McKinley, who is deployed to Iraq.

16 I don't have anything terribly important to say. Thanks for having me.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 And we anticipate Dennis back in September, unless he extends his duty,
19 and that will probably be the time of our next meeting, September, October
20 timeframe. So we'll look forward to having Dennis back or Shawn in his absence.

21 The other, I guess, information to present to the board and the
22 community is one of our board members has submitted a resignation.

23 Nic Lane is making a move for his company and will no longer be able to
24 serve on the board, so he provided us that written notification several weeks
25 ago.

1 As far as old business from our last meeting, Mr. Harold Osborne had
2 asked a question regarding methane gas seeping from the old landfill, and we
3 talked a little bit about that being an environmental issue; and I believe Chuck
4 from DHEC has some information that he can provide us on that old business.

5 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

6 Yes, they have a --- my name is Chuck Williams. I'm with DHEC.

7 They have a passive system in removing the gas now. They're looking to
8 put in an active gas removal system, and it's under review with DHEC now.

9 BY MR. GIBSON:

10 And you said, in a prior conversation, that's the county, Spartanburg
11 County is doing that?

12 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

13 The whoever --- well, I'm not sure who owns the property.

14 BY MR. GIBSON:

15 Okay.

16 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

17 I'm guessing the county is doing that.

18 BY MR. GIBSON:

19 Okay.

20 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

21 I don't know who submitted the package, a consultant or whoever owns it,
22 whoever is responsible for the landfill.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Well, that's on the State Park property, isn't it?

25 BY MR. GIBSON:

1 Well, that's the question I had earlier. Who owned that piece of
2 property? I always thought it was State.

3 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

4 There's a sign out there. I just happened to be out there earlier, and it
5 said something about "stay off, no active flame" and so forth, and "see
6 Spartanburg County Environmental Section if you have any --- if you want to get
7 some more some more information about it."

8 BY MR. GIBSON:

9 Okay.

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 So if anyone is interested in getting more information or needing
12 additional follow-up, they can contact the City of Spartanburg.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Well, is DHEC going to do anything else out there?

15 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

16 They'll permit the system if it's allowable to go out there.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Passive system?

19 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

20 The active system.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 The active system?

23 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

24 Yeah, they have a passive system now. They're looking to put in an active
25 system to remove it and burn it off.

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Well, you wouldn't be contacting the City of Spartanburg, would you?

3 BY MR. GIBSON:

4 No, she meant to say county.

5 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

6 Yeah, county.

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 Oh, the county. I'm sorry.

9 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

10 Yeah, Spartanburg County.

11 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

12 They're just going to set up an active system just to burn that off?

13 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

14 To burn it off.

15 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

16 Okay.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 And that is all I had as far as old business from our last meeting.

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 Okay.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Got anything to report from the --- where the tests were being done out
23 on Camp Croft?

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 The tests? The current activities?

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Yeah, current activities.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 It's a project status. We'll get to that. Jeff will update us.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 Any more old business?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 Okay. I think we'll move on to new business.

10 Is there a representative from the Sheriff's Department here?

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 Right on cue.

13 Do you have any updates on response from the Sheriff's Department to
14 ordnance?

15 BY MR. BEATTY:

16 We did grenade call day before yesterday.

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 Well, what's your name?

19 BY MR. BEATTY:

20 Ted Beatty.

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 Okay.

23 BY MR. BEATTY:

24 We had a grenade call the day before yesterday and it was marked as a
25 trainer, and then the first week of this month we ran a call at the Gun Club, and

1 they were weed-eating and uncovered a mortar round at the site, and that's all
2 we've done in the past couple of months.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Were both incidences laying on top of the ground?

5 BY MR. BEATTY:

6 One of them somebody had found it and brought it home, the trainer, and
7 the other, the mortar round, the guy was cutting grass and weed-eating and the
8 tail pin was sticking out of the ground and he hit it with the weed-eater.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 And he just left it there once he saw what it was?

11 BY MR. BEATTY:

12 Yeah, they called us, and we shot it and it was a live round.

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 And that was at the Spartanburg Gun Club?

15 BY MR. BEATTY:

16 Yes, sir.

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 On Fretwell Road?

19 BY MR. BEATTY:

20 Yes, sir.

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 This probably doesn't pertain to our meeting here, but there's been
23 something said that maybe a bomb ordnance personnel from the Sheriff's
24 Office has been injured. Have you heard anything about that?

25 BY MR. BEATTY:

1 Yes, sir, Rick Renna that normally comes to the meetings with Lieutenant
2 Dyas ---

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 Yes.

5 BY MR. BEATTY:

6 --- was. We were doing a disposal of some improvised fireworks, and we
7 were sorting them. I handed it to Agent Renna, and he lit it. It went off in his
8 hand as just as soon as the flame touched it.

9 He is going --- well, he's in surgery right now, as a matter of fact, for the
10 third time.

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 What kind of damage did it do? I mean, it's terrible.

13 BY MR. BEATTY:

14 He lost the tips of two fingers, and what they're doing now is getting
15 some skin grafts to try and save his thumb, and they're having to actually sew
16 his hand inside his body to do a skin graft and try to save that.

17 He's lost hearing. Jim Lowry, who is also with SLED lost hearing, and I've
18 lost partial hearing in one ear from it.

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 That's --- that's tragic. You know, just pass on our sympathies; and if
21 there's anything we can do, you know, just let any of the board members know
22 or myself, and ---

23 BY MR. BEATTY:

24 Thank you.

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 --- we certainly appreciate everything he's done over the years. I know
2 him personally in Spartanburg, and I'm sorry.

3 BY MR. BEATTY:

4 I'll let him know. Thank you.

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 But somebody made --- all that was homemade fireworks?

7 BY MR. BEATTY:

8 It was --- he had store bought --- you know, actually factory, and then he
9 had some stuff that he had improvised, and it was actually, we had a rash of
10 mailboxes and newspaper box bombs over on the eastside, and this was actually
11 the guy that was supplying the kids with that stuff.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 Okay. I believe that probably completes the Sheriff's Department
14 responses.

15 I guess now we'll turn it to the Corps of Engineers for the project
16 update.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 Jeff will provide that.

19 BY MR. SCHWALM:

20 Jeff Schwalm with Zapata, Incorporated, and we've been working out in
21 on 11C, Cedar Springs Road and on the golf course the last couple of months,
22 and we completed the majority of the field work at this time, and right now
23 we're working with the Corps of Engineers to select the anomalies that we're
24 going to excavate sometime in the future. That's a task order yet to be let. So
25 when that happens, then we'll go out and excavate those anomalies that have

1 been designated or that we think may be ordnance like, so that's what is going
2 on right now.

3 We're just trying to call our picks and make the best picks for going out
4 there and excavating the guidance of both those two areas.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 That's Cedar Springs and Wedgewood?

7 BY MR. SCHWALM:

8 Yes, sir.

9 BY MR. TOBIAS:

10 Okay.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Okay. The last meeting they said they wasn't going to go back onto
13 Wedgewood until the first of next year.

14 BY MR. SCHWALM:

15 To do the --- to do the anomaly excavations. I don't know when that's
16 going to be, that --- the amount of work. Well, what will be determined is how
17 many items are there to excavate, then that's one of our task orders under our
18 contract.

19 We'll negotiate how many anomalies there is to excavate, and then we'll
20 give the Corps a price that will be negotiated then at that time then. That work
21 will be scheduled, and all that area is actually on the golf course that we're ---
22 that we're looking at in the Wedgewood area right now.

23 So whenever, generally for the golf course the better time is in January.
24 I mean that's their slowest time of the year.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 But what I'm saying, since the last meeting here in February, did you all
2 go back to Wedgewood since?

3 BY MR. SCHWALM:

4 We've been working --- we've been working nearly continuous out there.
5 It has just taken that long to do the work since, since we were there in
6 February. We started the work like the first week in February, like the 7th or
7 8th, and then we've been ---

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Okay. Well, I thought ---

10 BY MR. SCHWALM:

11 --- taking ---

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 --- that was going to be Camp Croft behind the Deaf and Blind School.

14 BY MR. SCHWALM:

15 That was part. That was part of that work.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Yeah.

18 BY MR. SCHWALM:

19 Both those areas were being done, much of it simultaneously. We had one
20 crew working in the Wedgewood area, and one worked --- excuse me --- one on
21 11C, which is the Cedar Springs area.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Yeah, 11C.

24 BY MR. SCHWALM:

25 So we've been --- we were doing both those areas nearly simultaneously.

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Now the last meeting they were going to start after the meeting. The
3 meeting was around the first of February, the 7th or 8th, first week in February,
4 something like that.

5 BY MR. SCHWALM:

6 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 And they said, "We'll be in there the next couple of weeks, and we'll be
9 out by the first of March, first week in March," but there have been people in
10 there all through March and all through April.

11 BY MR. SCHWALM:

12 That's correct, and ---

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 So did it overrun?

15 BY MR. SCHWALM:

16 We had to demobilize. We ran in --- we ran into some technical troubles,
17 not troubles but it's not --- we had some technical issues, so we got those --- so
18 we demobilized, resolved those, came back, and then came back to the site
19 when those were resolved.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Now did that --- there was \$174,000 allotted for that project. Have we
22 gone over budget?

23 BY MR. SCHWALM:

24 That \$174,000 is a fixed price fee. So, yeah, we do the work for that
25 amount of money, period, what --- you know, what we've been contracted to do.

1 So, you know, if we --- you know, if we stay on schedule, then we're on
2 even.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 That's what ---

5 BY MR. SCHWALM:

6 You know, if we go over and it costs us more, it doesn't cost the
7 government, no.

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Okay. So that's ---

10 BY MR. SCHWALM:

11 It's just ---

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 So it's 11C and Wedgewood?

14 BY MR. SCHWALM:

15 Yes, sir.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Okay.

18 BY MR. SCHWALM:

19 That's just both those areas, but that --- that portion of the work, the
20 field portion of the work has been completed, and our crews demobilized on the
21 9th, May 9th.

22 BY MR. TOBIAS:

23 Is there any more questions on the project updates?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 All right. Then we're going to move on to the fire fighting training, which
2 the Forestry Commission has been doing some training with the air, Air National
3 Guard at McEntire with the Black Hawks. We trained several of their pilots in
4 Bambi Bucket Response. I'm going to give you all some pictures here to pass
5 down for the board members.

6 (PASSING ITEMS TO BOARD MEMBERS)

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 This helicopter could be requested if we have fires or a response to
9 incidents on the park, the old camp itself, anywhere on the camp.

10 Brad Bramlett here is from the Forestry Commission. We've been
11 working with the Greenville County Sheriff's Department, too, in response to
12 helicopter water drops, and Brad would probably be the point man if we do have
13 a fire on here.

14 Also, besides the training of the Black Hawks, they have another thing.
15 It's a cage, and this cage has got water suppression capabilities that could be
16 slid into it, a pump with foaming. It can also bring in several, probably two four-
17 wheelers, and it may carry up to 11 people in response to fires.

18 It's, of course, if we had an incident like that, which I believe at some
19 point in time we will, and we're trying to come up with a fire management plan
20 with the fire departments, and we've been to the chiefs meeting and speaking
21 to them. So we're trying to be proactive in the fire responses.

22 If anybody has got any questions about helicopter, helicopter training or
23 fire fighting, Brad and myself are here to answer those.

24 Robin.

25 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

1 Jim, just to elaborate, you've had a fire update, Brad, as a ---

2 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

3 I was basically just down there doing some field work.

4 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

5 Field work.

6 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

7 Right, but we did have a fire six or eight months ago.

8 Gary, what did you call that cemetery?

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Antioch Cemetery.

11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

12 Antioch.

13 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

14 It's off of ---

15 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

16 Antioch.

17 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

18 Off of Croft Circle Road.

19 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

20 Got a map right here.

21 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

22 A guy had a robbery at a convenience store. I don't know if he stole the
23 car, but, anyway, he got a car, drove down the road, drove it through a
24 cemetery back through the State Park. The car caught on fire, and the fire
25 department would --- this was in the evening. The fire department and I got a

1 call that evening around dark from one of our dozer operators. He told me what
2 happened. He said the fire was pretty well under control.

3 I said, "Well, look, we don't need to be out there, especially at night
4 plowing. There's a cemetery there." I said, "Let's just --- we'll go back in the
5 morning."

6 We got out there early the next morning. We had to wait for about
7 three hours from Columbia to call to make sure that part of that park was
8 cleared before we could go in there and start plowing.

9 Now had that been a fire that was continuously going, we would have had
10 some problems; but, luckily, the fire department got in there. They did a lot of
11 scratching like with hand tools and stuff like that and got it under control; but
12 like what Jimmy is saying, I don't think it's a matter of if. I think it's a matter
13 of when there is going to be a big fire on the State Park.

14 BY MR. TOBIAS:

15 And just like the Sheriff told us today, there's live round, mortar rounds
16 just laying on top of the ground that were not far, you know, from the State
17 Park lines, which is Fretwell Road there at the ---

18 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

19 Right.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 --- Gun Club.

22 It's a very safety issue. I think it should be high priority for our
23 community to be aware and have plans for fires, and we just want to let the
24 community know that we're trying our best to have responses to minimize risks
25 to fire fighters.

1 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

2 One of the things we will probably do or we're looking at, have you talked
3 about the trail system, Jimmy, or ---

4 BY MR. TOBIAS:

5 Yeah, the last --- the last meeting I brought out the fire orders and the
6 trail system, and they're --- the board has been made aware of it.

7 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

8 Okay.

9 BY MR. TOBIAS:

10 And we're making the fire departments aware for their initial response to
11 use these and contact the Bomb Squad, you know, before we could do any heavy
12 equipment operations and see what they think, which, I guess, that, since you're
13 with the Sheriff's Office, that you would probably be pretty familiar with areas
14 that are contaminated or is it a guessing game with you?

15 BY MR. BEATTY:

16 I ---

17 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

18 I mean, what do we need to do? If we get a large incident, ---

19 BY MR. BEATTY:

20 I ---

21 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

22 --- we need to definitely be in contact with you all.

23 BY MR. BEATTY:

24 I'd say go ahead and call us and let us be on the way and be there
25 standing by.

1 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

2 Okay.

3 BY MR. BEATTY:

4 Because the four of us are fire --- well, a few of us on the team were fire
5 fighters anyway. So it's not going to be anything unusual for us to go in.

6 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

7 Right.

8 BY MR. BEATTY:

9 So we'd be glad to respond and be there in case.

10 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

11 Some of things I envisioned that we would do would be, until we can
12 figure out, before we put a dozer out there plowing, we know --- what is the
13 distance on each side of the trail, Jimmy, that's been --- I've heard 20 feet.
14 I've heard 50 feet. Does anybody know?

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 Cleared on the ---

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 The horse trails?

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 Horse trails.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 I believe it is 10 feet.

23 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

24 Just 10 feet?

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 Ten feet.

2 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

3 I believe.

4 BY MR. TOBIAS:

5 From center.

6 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

7 Wow.

8 BY MR. SCHWALM:

9 I think it's --- I think it is 15 feet, though. I think it was cleared at 30
10 feet wide.

11 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

12 Okay.

13 BY MR. SCHWALM:

14 So it's like 15 feet either side. We ---

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 We can check that.

17 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

18 Okay. That --- that's something that ---

19 BY MR. SCHWALM:

20 --- can check that.

21 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

22 --- would be helpful for us. You know, if we had to, let me back up to that
23 fire we had that the guy drove through the woods.

24 Actually, the way that fire burned, a lot that happened to be pretty close
25 to a horse trail, and the trail actually stopped a lot of the fire. The fire burned

1 up to it and stopped. That was --- it was a slow creeping fire. It got in the
2 evening. Humidities were up. The fire was just probably short plane length. It
3 went just up to the edge of the trail and went out.

4 The way I envision it is if we get a fire out in the middle of the park and
5 it's burning pretty good, we may try to go to some of the other trails downwind
6 from where that fire is and set a backfire and let it go back into where that big
7 fire is instead of trying to put a dozer out there in the middle of it to plow.

8 I've got guys that I know they would want to go, but their safety is first,
9 and they know that. So, I mean it's not that they're not --- don't want to go.
10 It's just it's a safety issue.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 It's a wonder something didn't happen that night when Greg was down
13 there.

14 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

15 Yeah, it's a very wonder.

16 What --- and what we ended up doing was, the Sheriff's Department
17 wanted that vehicle out for evidence. So we ended up hooking that vehicle to
18 our dozer and drug it out ---

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 At ---

21 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

22 --- all the way to the road so they could hook up to a roll back and take it
23 out.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 At night.

1 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

2 So it's --- that's a mess.

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 Well, ---

5 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

6 Or it has a potential to be a mess out there.

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 --- all I can say is we're working on that, and we're going to continue to
9 work on fire responses on the park or on private and public lands.

10 Now, Robin, did you have a question?

11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

12 Yeah, please. I'd like for everybody to understand that I'm not trying to
13 interject my apocalyptic vision into this discussion tonight, but I do know that
14 DHEC has reported combustible gas is packed down in that landfill; but if we
15 know it's a vast landfill, Croft landfill, my worry and --- I mean it was what Jim
16 was talking about it and what you were just saying, Brad, it's not a matter of if.
17 It's just going to be when.

18 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

19 Right.

20 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

21 Some idiot goes down there and sets a campfire or walks off and leaves
22 it. I mean some way somehow or another, if flames blew into an area where
23 that gas was coming out, ---

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 Well, it just takes lightning.

1 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

2 Yeah, just lightning. We would think it was a mini Hiro --- no, I take that
3 back. We would think it was a Hiroshima all over again for people who live here.

4 BY MR. TOBIAS:

5 Really?

6 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

7 That's something that ---

8 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

9 The way methane gas is just boom.

10 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

11 Yeah.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 Does it seep out of the ground?

14 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

15 Yeah.

16 BY MR. GIBSON:

17 We understand. Well, they got pipes? They got vent pipes on it?

18 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

19 They have vented pipes.

20 BY MR. GIBSON:

21 They got vent pipes on it through the --- I mean it's capped.

22 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

23 It has vented pipes.

24 BY MR. GIBSON:

25 With what? Twelve or 18 inches of dirt?

1 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

2 Right.

3 BY MR. GIBSON:

4 Fill on top of it, which is ---

5 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

6 Right.

7 BY MR. GIBSON:

8 --- capped to hold it. Then they put vent pipes to get --- let the gas out
9 at strategic locations.

10 BY MR. TOBIAS:

11 Are they --- can you see those pipes fairly well? Are they low to the
12 ground?

13 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

14 That I don't know. I've never been there, and I haven't been questioned.

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 We might need to go out there and inspect and locate the pipes for the
17 methane.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 And mark them.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 Yeah.

22 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

23 I wonder. I'm just thinking out loud.

24 I wonder if there's a way we could try to work out something with the
25 companies who go in there and scan, nothing else, a 15-foot perimeter around

1 the landfill. You know, if we had to get in there and put a break, a fire break
2 around the landfill, that's ---

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 Go ahead and have a perimeter line.

5 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

6 Yeah, and that's not going to stop, if you get a lightning fire on the inside,
7 there's nothing you can do, but I mean ---

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 Well, ---

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 I think ---

12 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

13 --- ordnance and a wild ---

14 BY MR. TOBIAS:

15 But that's something that can be appropriated?

16 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

17 --- campfire that starts and burns over into the landfill.

18 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

19 I think the county would have the coordinates of the landfill.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 He's talking about the ordnances around the exterior of the landfill itself
22 to where we could put a dozer in there safely and plow it around if the ---

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 I don't ---

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 --- methane gas ---

2 BY MR. SCHWALM:

3 I don't --- I don't believe that it is an issue there. That area has been
4 investigated, around that area has been investigated under --- in the past.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 Oh, really?

7 BY MR. SCHWALM:

8 And that area was, under the Action Memorandum was a no further
9 action.

10 BY MR. TOBIAS:

11 Oh, really?

12 BY MR. SCHWALM:

13 So they didn't --- so there was no ---

14 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

15 In other words, you would feel safe for me to put one of my dozers and
16 plow around that perimeter there?

17 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

18 They wouldn't be thinking about putting in an active system if that hadn't
19 already been done.

20 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

21 Okay.

22 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

23 Well, I don't ---

24 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

25 Well, that's --- that's ---

1 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

2 I --- I don't know how funding is set up for this whole project, and I've
3 asked about it before, but --- but the whole Camp Croft area where we're
4 talking about how to control fires out in there and helicopters and all that
5 stuff, it seems to me that we need to lay it out in a grid pattern and clear
6 swath through it in --- in a --- in a definite grid pattern that we can chart and
7 put on somebody's GPS and know exactly where those lanes are, and then you
8 have access to any part of it that you need when you need it.

9 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

10 That was one thing they did that was helpful that --- Jimmy, that map
11 that you all have of the horse trails. We were actually set up a few months ago
12 to go GPS those, and then at the very last minute they called us back and ---
13 and I thought the Park's probably had it done and they did. They called us back
14 and said, "Look, we've got these trails GPS. We don't need to go do just the
15 trails."

16 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

17 Well, I mean do they have it on a database where you can get to it?

18 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

19 I guess we'll address that now.

20 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

21 Where you can get that little handheld GPS and ---

22 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

23 Yeah, that's good.

24 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

25 That's --- you know, that's useless unless it is ---

1 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

2 It's not ---

3 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

4 --- general information.

5 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

6 I do have a GPS in my truck. If there's a way we could get their trails
7 into my GPS, ---

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 Well, the problem we're going to run into that, I believe, is that they
10 have to appropriate money to do certain things, and it would be on a list, I
11 guess, even if it's even possible to do anything like that.

12 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

13 Well, if you've got a lane and split the park in half, it would be 50
14 percent, 50 percent.

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 Well, there are coordinates of the areas that have been cleared of
17 ordnance. I mean the boundaries of those clearance areas do have coordinates.
18 There are GIS maps. It's a matter of can we get electronically those
19 coordinates to download to other systems, and then maybe ground verify some
20 of those points, because realizing there may be some positional inaccuracies;
21 and those coordinates are in the Camp Croft GIS database, and maybe we can
22 work through Jimmy to see about --- you know, and our GIS manager, and we
23 had talked with Brad at the last meeting about getting those coordinates so
24 that the Forestry Commission has an electronic database, so to speak, to know
25 what's been cleared and what hasn't.

1 So we can ---

2 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

3 Okay.

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 --- again, look at the ---

6 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

7 If you all can get us that, that would be helpful.

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 --- current GIS.

10 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

11 If you just got coordinates.

12 BY MR. SCHWALM:

13 It may be actually on the website.

14 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

15 It is, I believe. It's on the ---

16 BY MR. SCHWALM:

17 And it may ---

18 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

19 --- www.campcroft.com website.

20 BY MR. SCHWALM:

21 I don't know if it's downloadable off the website, but if there's a ---
22 there's a square or something like that, the coordinates for those areas should
23 be on that.

24 I'll check, you know, to be sure probably early next week sometime.

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 Well, what we can ---

2 BY MR. SCHWALM:

3 To see how accessible it is, see if it's downloadable just off the website.

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 And if there's a GIS person or a mapping individual with the Forestry
6 Commission, ---

7 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

8 We have a ---

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 --- put them in contact.

11 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

12 Okay.

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14 Because Brad was going to try to hook, hook us up at the last meeting.

15 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

16 Get Harry Blount to, in Columbia, to do that.

17 BY MR. SCHWALM:

18 Okay.

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 And then we can allow ---

21 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

22 Well, ---

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 You know, work with our GIS folks to get those data points transferred.

25 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

1 Yeah, I mean Google Earth, all you've got to do is have the coordinates
2 and you can zoom in and look at the rocks almost.

3 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

4 Right.

5 BY MR. SCHWALM:

6 And ---

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 Well, I ---

9 BY MR. SCHWALM:

10 And it will also tell you what areas are suspected remain contaminated,
11 also. Those will also be identified probably in that same data, database.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 Well, we don't need to probably spend the whole meeting talking about
14 fire fighting. We all know it's an issue, and, you know, I just want to assure the
15 public that the Forestry Commission is aware of it and the State Park is aware
16 of it, and we're doing our best to minimize people getting hurt by mortars laying
17 on the ground.

18 So I think at this point maybe we ought to move on from the fire
19 fighting.

20 If anybody has specific requests, they can see me or Brad.

21 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

22 I'll be here after the meeting.

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 After it, and we'll continue to working on it and apprise you at the next
25 meeting maybe what we --- what kind of successes we've had.

1 So I think our next order of business should be the 2008 RAB
2 membership.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 Okay.

5 As everyone is aware, our membership on the board on the Restoration
6 Advisory Board is two years, and this fall will be two years for the current
7 board; and our process, as is described in the by-laws and that we have followed
8 for the last 13 years I believe we've been having these meetings, is if anyone is
9 interested in being considered for the board, there are community information
10 forms on the back table.

11 We also send them out to individuals on the mailing list. They'll be posted
12 on the website. Feel free to complete that form. I believe I've put a return
13 date in August for consideration and selection for our next term, which will be
14 in the fall.

15 So, please, if you're interested, take a form, fill it out. You can scan it
16 and email it to me. You can fax it, mail it. Take forms for those who you think
17 also might be interested and please distribute them, and we'll look forward to
18 receiving everyone's forms and making our selection for the new board this
19 coming fall.

20 If there are any questions on that, feel free to see me.

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 Will that be at the next meeting, or are we going to have a meeting
23 before?

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 I'll have to see what the timing is for the meetings.

1 We try to have meetings quarterly, which would be four a year, and
2 because of the government fiscal year and the holidays in December and
3 January, we tend to not get our four full meetings in. Usually it's three. I am
4 going to try this coming year to have four meetings, one as early as September,
5 and then try to schedule one in either early December or January, right after
6 the holidays, and then March and June.

7 So September may be a transition from this board to the new board.

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 Okay.

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 Now we discussed this before. I want to clarify what our discussion was.
12 Now, like if we get 30 people applying for the board, for instance, how are we
13 going to weed those down to the actual board?

14 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

15 We will, if we have that large of a turnout, I will most likely coordinate
16 with the Corps of Engineers and put together a selection committee, which was
17 actually how we selected the very first RAB. It was comprised of community
18 members that were not interested in serving on the board but very interested
19 in this project, and they would do an evaluation based upon the responses
20 received and make a recommendation to the Corps of Engineers for approval to
21 down select.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Okay. So the last by-laws that you wrote states there are nine board
24 members on the next board.

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 The current by-laws read that the RAB shall consist of no more than nine
2 members, correct.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Okay.

5 So what number above nine constitutes getting a selection committee?

6 One?

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 If the Corps of Engineers and Zapata in reviewing those are having
9 difficulty determining are we getting a broad community representation, then
10 we would look at bringing on a selection board.

11 What the objective is is to have a diverse interest and diverse
12 representation on the board, and we were very fortunate this past go around to
13 have as many individuals as yourselves apply; but, in reality, looking at the last
14 few meetings, our RAB attendance is starting to dwindle.

15 So, you know, realistically, we may get the nine or ten applications, and
16 then we will look at that accordingly.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Zapata and the Corps?

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 Right.

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 The next order of business, if we could, I'd like to pass this down to the
23 board members and make sure I've got you all's correct email addresses, if we
24 could.

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 Could they just write them on the back?

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 Just write it on the back of that.

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 And I want to make sure, I think we're missing one sign-in, so before the
6 evening is over, are we missing ---

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 We've signed.

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 Four, five, six --- we've got Jimmy, John, Bill, Fred and Gary.

11 BY MR. GIBSON:

12 Oh, you're talking about we need to sign that one. I signed one in the
13 back.

14 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

15 You're a member.

16 Thank you.

17 BY MR. GIBSON:

18 Well, that one back there said member, didn't it?

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 Thank you.

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 All right.

23 We covered the memberships.

24 I guess the next order of business would be new business topics.

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 And I have received, just as an update, no phone calls or emails on any
2 new topics for discussion tonight.

3 So, if the board, first of all, has any new topics for either tonight or our
4 next meeting?

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 Well, I think that it would be good to go over what you all expect out of
7 those tests on Wedgewood, and you should --- by the next meeting you should
8 be able to put all the information in the computer and see how many hits you
9 had in those areas, wouldn't you?

10 BY MR. SCHWALM:

11 Correct, and we should have those results by the next meeting. That's
12 correct.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Will those be able to be in a grid type form to know where --- or map
15 type form to know where they are or ---

16 BY MR. SCHWALM:

17 Yes, and like in the past, and there's an example over here of some of the
18 previous work that we did where we plotted the anomalies that we did dig, and
19 we'll --- we can do something like that again for the future of those --- those
20 anomalies and the places where we expect to dig.

21 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

22 Is that the information you said that you all may have that you all could
23 get to us, because with us, as fire fighters, that --- something like that would
24 be very helpful to us? Is that the map you're talking about in the database that
25 you all maybe could send to us or is that something different?

1 BY MR. SCHWALM:

2 Yes.

3 BY MR. BOONE:

4 That's something different.

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 Something different.

7 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

8 It is?

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 The map and the database would be the coordinates of the boundaries in
11 which the clearances where specific items were dug.

12 Now we do have, I mean if you were to dig down into the data, each
13 specific dig has a coordinate, but I don't know that that's ---

14 BY MR. SCHWALM:

15 But ---

16 BY MR. TOBIAS:

17 This is just ---

18 BY MR. SCHWALM:

19 But it just shades in the areas.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 --- maybe at the most 75 acres or something. I don't know, maybe a
22 hundred.

23 I'm not sure exactly how big it is, but it's just a small portion.

24 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

25 Small area.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 That's been cleared.

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 Yeah.

5 I do see some people here from the public, and I want to take any kind of
6 questions at this time from anyone here.

7 BY MS. PORTER:

8 Yeah, I don't have a question.

9 BY MR. TOBIAS:

10 Would you state your name?

11 BY MS. PORTER:

12 My name is Louvenia Porter.

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 Porter?

15 BY MS. PORTER:

16 Yes.

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 Okay.

19 BY MS. PORTER:

20 I don't have a question. We was here awhile back at one of the other
21 meetings. In fact we've been coming ever since the meetings started, but,
22 anyway, I was asked did we have a microfilm about the death of my father, and
23 I know somebody is going to say, "Here we go again."

24 We have been talked about, laughed at, even made fun of and whatever,
25 whatever, but, anyway, I have the microfilm if you all want to see it. I have the

1 inquest papers, the judge --- the judge's decisions about the inquest, if you
2 want to see it. You all act like ---

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 Yeah, I'd like to see it.

5 BY MS. PORTER:

6 --- we came here --- we came here to make up something.

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 No, I ---

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 We never insinuated ---

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 I think we believe ---

13 BY MS. PORTER:

14 We'll try to check about it over and over again, but you all act like, you
15 know, so I'm just letting you know that we have proof that this really, really did
16 happen.

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 Well, I believe it happened.

19 BY MS. PORTER:

20 And we don't have no reason to tell a lie.

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 Okay.

23 BY MS. PORTER:

24 But then you all don't want to discuss it. You all don't want to do anything
25 about it, and the Army Corps is responsible.

1 So, you know, every time we talk about it, it's just like, "Yeah, right.
2 Okay," and that's the end of it, you know; but I'm just bringing this to let you all
3 know that that did happen, and the Army Corps has never got in touch with us
4 until today.

5 Nobody never did anything about it, so, you know, so this is --- and we
6 were asked to come to these meetings. We didn't know anything about it. We
7 were asked to come to these meetings.

8 So somebody had to have a reason to tell us to come to this meeting, and
9 if --- if you all are still finding mortar shells at this late a date, my father is a
10 part of that, too; but you say you don't have no information about his death, but
11 you can go back all these years and still finding mortar shells today.

12 So, now, somebody is like kind of ain't doing what they need to supposed
13 to do, and somebody is not --- somebody has got to be covering up some things
14 that you don't want to talk about and don't want to deal with.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 Well, I think the board has addressed it several times, and I --- I don't
17 know that anybody --- I mean I know Jessie for a good while has been coming,
18 and I know you, ma'am, and the board has addressed this several times, and I
19 think we even got up some money or something, you know.

20 BY MS. PORTER:

21 No. No.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Didn't we get up some money for a tombstone or something?

24 BY MS. PORTER:

25 No.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 Yes.

3 BY MR. JOHNSON:

4 No.

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 Did we talk about it or ---

7 BY MS. PORTER:

8 No.

9 BY MR. JOHNSON:

10 Mr. ---

11 BY MS. PORTER:

12 Jim Brown.

13 BY MR. JOHNSON:

14 --- Jim Brown donated the stone.

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 They did.

17 BY MR. JOHNSON:

18 And ---

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Okay.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 Correct.

23 BY MR. JOHNSON:

24 That's what was told to us.

25 BY MS. PORTER:

1 Now, the Army Corps wouldn't --- well, we contacted the Army Corps
2 asking where it was.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 That's back when Jim ---

5 BY MS. PORTER:

6 "Give us the tombstone."

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 It's been a while.

9 BY MS. PORTER:

10 They wouldn't give us the tombstone.

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 The tombstone was donated, I believe, as a courtesy.

13 BY MS. PORTER:

14 So Jim Brown took it on himself.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 Jim with the Chamber of Commerce.

17 BY MS. PORTER:

18 Jimmy Brown Memorial took it on himself and donated it.

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 So actually two people were killed?

21 BY MS. PORTER:

22 Right.

23 BY MR. JOHNSON:

24 By the mortar.

25 BY MS. PORTER:

1 The men, somebody else picked it up.

2 My dad happened to be standing next to him, and it killed both people,
3 but you didn't do nothing right for either one of them.

4 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

5 June?

6 BY MR. TOBIAS:

7 I wasn't even alive then.

8 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

9 June 1945?

10 BY MS. PORTER:

11 '45.

12 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

13 June 1945 that happened on ---

14 BY MR. JOHNSON:

15 July.

16 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

17 July?

18 BY MR. JOHNSON:

19 July.

20 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

21 July around that peach orchard up there off Henningston Road.

22 BY MR. TOBIAS:

23 Yes, that's the heavy contaminated area.

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 It's ---

1 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

2 It's heavily contaminated there.

3 BY MR. JOHNSON:

4 And, see, they have a chain across the road, and they needed 150 bushels
5 of peaches, and they took the chain down and sent these people out there along
6 those things that they --- and for the picking 150 bushels of peaches.

7 Not only after that we was allowed to go out there, and every piece of
8 ground you all talk about down there, well, we just about done worked on it,
9 digging those bullets up and someone could have got killed again and didn't even
10 know it.

11 Now this gas you all are talking about, is that gas from a line or gas that
12 they have buried down there?

13 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

14 Chemical gas, Jessie, from all those years of piping impacting all that
15 garbage and different chemicals, it produces methane gas.

16 BY MR. JOHNSON:

17 Well, ---

18 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

19 I don't want to be around if anybody lights a match there. Let me put it
20 that way.

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 No. Well, what happens if ---

23 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

24 It would be like Mount St. Helens going off.

25 BY MR. JOHNSON:

1 But what happened to the gas that was buried down there?

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 I don't think we found any gas buried.

4 BY MR. JOHNSON:

5 Up in Whitestone and Glendale. I mean where Whitestone Springs is
6 coming out in through there.

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 As far as I know, the only kind of gas we found is some aerosol cans on
9 Wedgewood.

10 BY MR. JOHNSON:

11 But, see, back in the early days, there used to be a barbwire fence
12 around there.

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 At this time I don't think we've uncovered any. That's kind of what this
15 whole RAB is about is doing preliminary surveys to try to find out what kind of
16 ordnances are there, how bad the ordnances are and cleaning ---

17 BY MR. JOHNSON:

18 There's plenty of it down there.

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 --- it up.

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 There is.

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 If you know specifically where something is, you need to talk to that man
25 right there. (Indicating to Jeff Schwalm).

1 BY MR. SCHWALM:

2 Okay.

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 You know.

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 All the fingers point.

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 Well, that man right there, and let us know. If you see something laying
9 on the top of the ground, you need to contact the Sheriff over there.

10 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

11 Here again, I'm not trying to --- I think what he's really talking about is
12 when that defense pipeline that's ran from Fairfax, Virginia to Baton Rouge,
13 Louisiana, which ran right through Whitestone, and the Army did have a gas
14 terminal out there.

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

17 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

18 At the end of the war, they did just run a lot of petrol products into the
19 ground where those people live at Whitestone. I mean that much I know
20 because I've had men tell me about what they did.

21 Over the years, one of the petroleum companies out there, as you well
22 know yourself, Jimmy, dumped excess water, contaminated gas in there.
23 There's quite --- he's right. I mean there's quite a buildup down there. There
24 really was.

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 Well, I don't deny that ---

2 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

3 But the RAB board is not responsible. I think the RAB ---

4 BY MR. TOBIAS:

5 The RAB is a certain thing, and what we're trying to do, I thought, is try
6 to figure out exactly what's there.

7 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

8 Yeah.

9 BY MR. TOBIAS:

10 And if it's bad enough, it will be to try to clean it up.

11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

12 Right.

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 If we have money appropriated from the federal government.

15 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

16 Right.

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 And it's going to be an ongoing thing. It's not going to stop next week,
19 next month.

20 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

21 Oh, I understand.

22 BY MR. TOBIAS:

23 And I think that's the part he's doing over here on Wedgewood. I assume
24 that's what you're trying to do is find stuff that could hurt people?

25 BY MR. SCHWALM:

1 Yes, sir.

2 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

3 Yeah.

4 BY MS. PORTER:

5 Sir, could you pass our name on down, please?

6 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

7 Yes.

8 BY MS. PORTER:

9 We've given it to you all the time.

10 BY MR. TOBIAS:

11 I don't think we've ever disputed that ---

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 That it happened.

14 BY MR. TOBIAS:

15 --- that happened. I just don't know what us as a board is supposed to do
16 about it.

17 BY MS. PORTER:

18 Well, you were talking, "If there's anything we can do or anything or any
19 way we can help you, just let us know."

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 Who told you that?

22 BY MS. PORTER:

23 Somebody on the board at the Deaf and Blind School. You all have
24 changed members.

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

2 BY MS. PORTER:

3 Since you weren't even on the board at that time.

4 BY MR. TOBIAS:

5 Right, I know.

6 BY MS. PORTER:

7 See, I've been here since the beginning and you haven't.

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 No, I haven't.

10 BY MS. PORTER:

11 Okay. Thank you.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 You know, and I feel badly about it. I'm trying to keep other people from
14 getting hurt. That's one thing with working with the fire departments and the
15 Forestry Commission. So if we have an incident down there, these first initial
16 responders will be safe. I ---

17 BY MS. PORTER:

18 See, that's --- that's how --- that's how we got involved early on. They
19 asked the question: "Is there any family member that have gotten hurt or got
20 killed because of firing them mortar shells?"

21 And we said, "Yeah," and that was the end of it.

22 So why ask the question if you're not going to do anything about it?

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 Well, and I do believe, with respect to the board and those who have
25 been attending the meetings, is there has been some research in what the

1 statute of limitations will allow for the family to talk to the Corps of Engineers.
2 Mr. McKinley has provided that information back to the family, and we are
3 looking for, you know, opportunities.

4 This board is a volunteer organization. We're not attorneys. We don't
5 work for the government, and the best we can do is relay the information to the
6 government representatives if there is a course of action; and I know that in
7 the past meetings we've talked a little bit about what some of those options are.

8 I don't think there's an answer. I think that's ---

9 BY MS. PORTER:

10 Yeah.

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 --- that's where we're struggling.

13 BY MS. PORTER:

14 Okay.

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 Is there's not, not an answer.

17 BY MS. PORTER:

18 Okay.

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 If we could get some copies, I can go to the copy center so you can have
21 these back.

22 BY MS. PORTER:

23 But you say there is nothing you can do.

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 I can.

1 BY MS. PORTER:

2 You know, and we --- I was five months old myself. He was what, 12, 15
3 years old?

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 Right.

6 BY MS. PORTER:

7 And statute of limitations?

8 BY MR. JOHNSON:

9 Seven.

10 BY MS. PORTER:

11 So, I mean, you know, we were children. We were children at that point.

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 Right.

14 BY MS. PORTER:

15 And then in 1945, we probably couldn't even pass by a lawyer's office, let
16 alone talking about going into one to hire one, going into an office to hire a
17 lawyer.

18 You know, we were up against the wall in a lot of ways. First of all, we
19 were black. Second of all, we were children. Third of all, we wasn't allowed to
20 go in a lawyer's office back in '45. You couldn't even go in restaurants. Now how
21 am I going to go into a lawyer's office and hire a lawyer?

22 You know, it's a lot of things we had stacked against us from the
23 beginning, you know, but then there's nothing that can be done about it.

24 You all might not can help me, but I'm just letting you know we didn't
25 come up in here because we are just trying to make something out of nothing.

1 We were asked to come, and we are still --- somebody is still asking us to come,
2 for whatever reason I don't know. We're still coming because we are asked to
3 come. So, now, I don't know.

4 BY MR. TOBIAS:

5 That's terrible, horrible.

6 BY MS. PORTER:

7 What?

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 What's happened to you.

10 BY MR. JOHNSON:

11 Yes, it's kind of rough, but ---

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 Yeah.

14 BY MR. JOHNSON:

15 --- the problem I have with the whole thing, I --- I wish it wouldn't have
16 gone down there, and --- and whoever put them down there, it was probably just
17 a bunch of children out there. They all had something or another. The war
18 wasn't going to last not forever, and then people would be building houses and
19 sometimes they come up; and if they took five bombs out, well, why didn't they
20 bring shells, five bombs come back or whatever shot? Not just take the stuff
21 out there and bury it, because somebody would get killed. That's what did
22 happen; but, you know, I guess I pay as much tax as anybody else, and it's kind
23 of bad when they only need you to pay tax and fight wars.

24 I --- I've never been in jail. I worked for law enforcement about three
25 years for security, and I try to be just kind and friendly to everybody. I don't

1 make no difference in no color; but if somebody would have come and said, "I'm
2 sorry what happened," we would have felt a whole lot better; and I saw my
3 mama many times stood up on a board and wash for a dollar a day, and then go
4 back the next day, and I --- and it was so cold, she couldn't stand on the ground
5 and nobody said, "I'm sorry," but then all these people just coming in here, you
6 all are spending all this money on Wedgewood, them people ain't got a thing to
7 do with none of this; but if you figure it out, the only thing you're doing, so if
8 they sell their property, something happen, you can't --- they can't come back in
9 and say, "Well, the Army Corps is in this. Well, we checked," but they ain't
10 spending no time with us.

11 I talked to Hollings. I talked to some staff on Strom Thurmond, got
12 letters. We were just like something going out in the wind, and all this work and
13 then pay taxes; but --- but it's mighty sad when you've done worked all your life
14 and then somebody make you feel like you ain't called nothing, you just
15 something the cat drug in and it kind of --- it kind of eats me sometime.

16 BY MR. TOBIAS:

17 That's understandable.

18 BY MR. JOHNSON:

19 Okay. I'm sorry if I ---

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 No.

22 BY MR. JOHNSON:

23 --- took up some of the meeting, but that's the way ---

24 BY MR. TOBIAS:

25 No, that's fine.

1 BY MR. JOHNSON:

2 But I ---

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 But we're here to hear you.

5 BY MR. JOHNSON:

6 I quit work at home to come because you all asked me, and I want to be
7 here participating, and if I don't do nothing, I still want to come.

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 That's right. No, we want to hear what you have to say.

10 BY MR. JOHNSON:

11 Because I don't want to hear nobody else getting blown up like that.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

14 BY MR. JOHNSON:

15 Even though if I don't know them, I don't want this to happen.

16 BY MR. TOBIAS:

17 No.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Well, those two incidences that the Sheriff talked about a while ago
20 could have happened, Jessie.

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 Well, I've got one more question.

23 I thought there was no limitations on a death. Now you could have called
24 that murder, I guess.

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 I guess you could.

2 BY MR. JOHNSON:

3 Because people --- because back then, if they told you to climb a tree
4 backwards, that's what you had to do.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 Yeah, but I'm --- I'm not sure that the board can actually help you with
7 pursuing a lawsuit or getting money for a wrongful death. We might could give
8 you information based on public information that will help you pursue that, but I
9 don't think we can do it.

10 BY MR. JOHNSON:

11 That's okay. We know what we can do, but we appreciate your help.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 You know, we want to hear.

14 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

15 Well, we appreciate your coming to the meetings.

16 BY MR. TOBIAS:

17 We want to hear.

18 BY MR. JOHNSON:

19 Okay.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 Yes, sir. Go ahead, Robin.

22 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

23 In the National Archives in Washington, D.C., there's a number of papers.
24 I have copies of them. I'll see to it that every board member gets them, a
25 report they filed in 1947 about Jessie and Ms. Porter's father's death.

1 BY MR. TOBIAS:

2 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

3 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

4 And saying that area was badly contaminated.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 Right.

7 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

8 Off in between Henningston and Dairy Ridge Road. I'll see to it that
9 every board member has copies of it.

10 BY MR. TOBIAS:

11 I'd like to see it.

12 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

13 I'll make copies of it, because I went up there and spent all day in them
14 boxes and I found them. I don't know if that will do any good or not, but I'll do
15 it just ---

16 BY MR. TOBIAS:

17 Now, you know, our scope is kind of limited.

18 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

19 Yeah. Well, I understand.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 Even then financially, I mean.

22 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

23 Oh, yeah, I understand that.

24 BY MR. TOBIAS:

25 Wrongful death, I --- I'm just kind of a liaison.

1 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

2 Oh, sure.

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 With them and the public. We want to hear it, and I appreciate copies of
5 it.

6 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

7 Okay. You'll get a copy of it.

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 But I know this man right here had his hand up, but I think he'd like to
10 say something. If you'll say yourself to the board.

11 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

12 I'm Jerry Campbell. I own some of the land you've been checking down
13 on ---

14 BY MR. SCHWALM:

15 Yes, sir.

16 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

17 --- Cedar Springs Drive. I've got some questions for you about that.

18 BY MR. SCHWALM:

19 Yes, sir.

20 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

21 I see a number of flags, etcetera, out there on that stuff, little stakes
22 with numbers on them and all. What does all that mean?

23 BY MR. SCHWALM:

24 What we do is the areas are identified by, say, a larger box.

25 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

1 Right.

2 BY MR. SCHWALM:

3 What we call a polygon.

4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

5 I must be 11C.

6 BY MR. SCHWALM:

7 That's 11C.

8 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

9 Okay.

10 BY MR. SCHWALM:

11 So it's the larger area, and then we grid that off into a hundred by
12 hundred squares.

13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

14 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

15 BY MR. SCHWALM:

16 And what you see is you're seeing the hundred by hundred squares is
17 what you're seeing, and then that just keeps our instruments orientated so we
18 know which --- you know, so we're always traveling and seeing directions and
19 that --- and that kind of stuff, so that's --- that's generally ---

20 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

21 Well, I see some different colored stuff out there, though. I see some
22 green. I see some ---

23 BY MR. SCHWALM:

24 But it's just because what they --- it's just a color they had, and it's so
25 that you can see, like through the woods you can see the next stake or area.

1 Sometimes they have flags. They may have a flag and a grid and just to keep
2 their selves [aligned]. It's kind of whatever they had in the truck.

3 There's no --- the colors out there don't represent anything specific,
4 other than generally probably a corner or some of the colors that the surveyors
5 use. A professional licensed surveyor, he may have what they call control
6 points, which are randomly throughout the site that, you know, so he's --- he
7 sets, oh, about four, one of those control points, and he has to be on two, and
8 then he can shoot any of his points from there. That's generally how that's
9 worked out.

10 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

11 Well, okay. I bought that property as an investment to develop, and I've
12 sold a few lots off of it. I'm leery of selling anything else.

13 They came through, somebody came through, what, maybe ten years ago
14 and commissioned to check it and all that, and I'm going, I said, "Sure, as long as
15 I get a letter saying it's clear when you get through."

16 BY MR. SCHWALM:

17 I think ---

18 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

19 And that never happened.

20 BY MR. SCHWALM:

21 I think what happened eight to ten years ago was the EE/CA, and that
22 was a sample. They checked parts of the area, and they put in some smaller
23 grids and just did a sample of the area; and when they did that, when they did
24 the 11C area, they found remnants of one ordnance item that's, and it was a M9,
25 like a rifle grenade is what they actually found, and --- but based on that, that's

1 why we're at clearance finally after all these years since then, the funding for
2 the clearance phase, or at least the investigation phase for the entire area has
3 been funded, so --- and that's the work we just completed; and now, once we get
4 with the Corps and agree on, you know we do some testing and what items that
5 are in the ground are more most ordnance like or potentially ordnance like, we
6 can see whether they're metal there or they have a certain shape, that kind of
7 a thing, we'll go dig those anomalies and determine whether they're ordnance or
8 not; and then once that's completed, like the folks in Wedgewood, after ---
9 after we've gone through, the Corps agrees with our investigation of our
10 results, and then they sign off certificates of clearance for all the land.

11 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

12 Okay. So you're talking about possibly coming back and doing that in
13 January, the first of the year?

14 BY MR. SCHWALM:

15 The ---

16 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

17 Is that ---

18 BY MR. SCHWALM:

19 The hope is ---

20 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

21 Did I misunderstand?

22 BY MR. SCHWALM:

23 No, sir. You didn't misunderstand.

24 The area around the golf course is probably December, January

25 timeframe because that's their slowest time; and 11C we hope, and Mr. McKinley

1 had hoped to have, intends to have that funded earlier, so that work will
2 actually be done before that.

3 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

4 Okay. So, ---

5 BY MR. SCHWALM:

6 So that --- and 11C, I think, based on, again, Shawn is kind of new, but
7 Mr. ---

8 BY MR. BOONE:

9 We're talking about the fiscal year '09 budget next week, as a matter of
10 fact, and that's something that I'll be bringing up, and now the budget is this
11 big and there's this much stuff to do. (Indicating by hand motion).

12 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

13 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

14 BY MR. BOONE:

15 So I'll be throwing our hat in the ring to get more work done here. We'll
16 see how that comes out.

17 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

18 So in the meanwhile, I don't need to go up there with my loader and do
19 any digging, or I don't need to sell anything else?

20 BY MR. BOONE:

21 Well, there's no prohibition on you selling anything.

22 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

23 Well, okay.

24 Well, when I bought it, nobody said --- nobody told me about any
25 ordinance out there. You know, I was --- I wasn't aware of that at the time. So

1 now, I don't know about you all, but I see a lot of potential liability if you sell
2 anything until it's cleared and then somebody gets hurt or whatever.

3 BY MR. SCHWALM:

4 That's why we have attorneys to answer those kind of questions. I don't
5 know. We don't know that there's that kind of ordnance out there and that's
6 what the investigation will determine.

7 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

8 Meanwhile, I'll just keep making payments.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 But by the next meeting you'll have some maps showing him?

11 BY MR. SCHWALM:

12 Where the anomalies are that we're going to investigate.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Where you think there might be a possibility there's something.

15 BY MR. SCHWALM:

16 Well, we'll have --- we'll have that portion of the work. We will know what
17 anomalies we're going to dig and where they are at by the --- by the next
18 meeting, I would imagine.

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 In September.

21 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

22 And you'll know if there are none on his property, no anomalies on his
23 property?

24 BY MR. SCHWALM:

25 There are anomalies on his property.

1 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

2 There are anomalies. Okay.

3 BY MR. SCHWALM:

4 I will tell you --- I would tell you that right now.

5 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

6 Okay. Well, ---

7 BY MR. SCHWALM:

8 There are some --- there are ---

9 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

10 The little flags, in other words, if I'm out there, just don't worry about
11 the flag, though.

12 BY MR. SCHWALM:

13 Don't worry about the flag. The flag is just a point.

14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

15 Okay.

16 BY MR. SCHWALM:

17 The flags are just survey corners.

18 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

19 Okay.

20 BY MR. SCHWALM:

21 For our grid pattern. That's --- they're not --- it's not like there is
22 ordnance underneath that flag or anything that is ordnance.

23 BY MR. GIBSON:

24 At this time you can just ride by on the road and look at it.

25 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

1 Yeah, right.

2 Well, another question.

3 Okay. I go from the road back up to the ball field fence.

4 BY MR. SCHWALM:

5 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

6 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

7 Okay. And you all were clearing out there so you could run your --- pull
8 your whatever the little cart is you pull or whatever, you didn't go all the way to
9 the fence up there. Why? Why is that? Are you going to do that on the next
10 trip or ---

11 BY MR. SCHWALM:

12 No, sir. I don't know that we will conduct a --- out beyond where we're
13 at. Somewhere in the past, you know, 15 years ago plus, probably, someone
14 determined that 11, that that area was the potential area for contamination.

15 Now I --- you know, that was done during the EE/CA phase that boxes
16 were drawn in suspect areas where there was training activity or ordnance and
17 potential ordnance activity for all of Camp Croft, and we --- I have a map, some
18 maps over here and can show you kind of how that --- how they did that, and
19 they looked in those areas to see if there was any ordnance activity.

20 In some places they found ordnance or activity from the training activity
21 and in some areas they did not. So it --- but in the 11C area, they just they
22 drew that box for --- and I don't know how they determined what size and
23 where exactly to put the corners of that box, because that --- and they don't
24 necessarily go along the property lines out there, and that's --- that's kind of
25 evident where we see the, you know, where the people are manicuring their

1 property and stuff, and that our --- our lines don't necessarily match up with
2 that for any reason. So, is that answering your question?

3 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

4 Sort of. Kind of.

5 BY MR. SCHWALM:

6 So, and if we go out there and we do find ordnance and we find it right up
7 to that boundary, our current boundary, then --- then the Corps will maybe have
8 to then determine whether to extend it up more towards the ball field or
9 maybe there's some additional investigations in the future that may trigger
10 them to go out and look further, you know, towards the ball field, so.

11 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

12 So if we do get funded, then you will get partial clearance and not a
13 complete clearance?

14 BY MR. SCHWALM:

15 We will clear ---

16 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

17 Is that ---

18 BY MR. SCHWALM:

19 We will clear within the box that is there.

20 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

21 Okay.

22 BY MR. SCHWALM:

23 You know is --- you know, for example, and this is only, you know, a very
24 rough example, and there might be 5,000 anomalies for us to investigate in the
25 area, in that area. I don't think it's anywhere near that, but just for example,

1 5,000. When we negotiate with the Corps of Engineers, we'll tell them how it
2 takes we can excavate so many anomalies a day, this is what our team size is,
3 that kind of thing, and this is what it costs to excavate 5,000 anomalies and
4 excavating, say, 200 anomalies a day.

5 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

6 Okay.

7 BY MR. SCHWALM:

8 So, and then we'll go out.

9 They'll fund it. We'll go out there, and we'll excavate our 200 anomalies a
10 day. We record every anomaly that's --- that's investigated, and we take our
11 instrument, go back over the area again where each anomaly is expected to be.
12 We'll go over and make sure that the --- the anomalies actually been
13 investigated, because the instrument will show clear if it's --- if it's been --- and
14 we document exactly what each anomaly is, whether it's a piece of coat hanger,
15 car part, piece of ordnance, you know, around the houses refrigerator magnets.
16 I mean I have found everything imaginable in the housing areas, you know,
17 around housing and some of these --- some of these areas, and, you know, we
18 could find something unexpected, so, but ---

19 BY MR. BOONE:

20 And the Corps of Engineers will never just walk away from Camp Croft.
21 Even after all the known places that have ordnance have been cleared and we
22 think everything is good, if something is found, we'll be back to do another
23 investigation and another clearing; and as long as the Corps manages the FUDS
24 program, it will be an active, active thing.

25 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

1 Okay. So anybody that owns property out there, they've just got a
2 problem more or less.

3 BY MR. MARLER:

4 Well, then the bottom line is when the Corps and you pack up and go
5 home, there is still going to be ordnance down here, right?

6 BY MR. SCHWALM:

7 Where, sir?

8 BY MR. MARLER:

9 Anywhere in the park area you're not going to get 100 percent everything
10 out of there, right?

11 I'm talking about on land that you have access to now.

12 BY MR. SCHWALM:

13 Right.

14 BY MR. MARLER:

15 There's land on Henningston you don't have access to that's most likely
16 full of stuff, but ---

17 BY MR. SCHWALM:

18 Correct, because some in the past, and I don't want to speak for the sake
19 of the Corps, but the experience is some landowners have not given rights of
20 entry to their property, and you just ---

21 BY MR. MARLER:

22 But this massive area and the amount of ordnance that may be down
23 there, you can't guarantee you're going to get it all in the area that you have
24 access to?

25 BY MR. SCHWALM:

1 In the areas that we have access to our clearance standards are pretty
2 high. Can you ever say 100 percent? I'm not sure you can ever say 100 percent,
3 but our clearance standards are very high in the very high 90 percentile using
4 the type of equipment we use and the techniques and the things that we do.

5 BY MR. MARLER:

6 And so ---

7 BY MR. SCHWALM:

8 I ---

9 BY MR. MARLER:

10 So the area that you have ---

11 BY MR. SCHWALM:

12 We have a ---

13 BY MR. MARLER:

14 --- access to, you can --- a future property owner can be fairly certain
15 it's clear?

16 BY MR. SCHWALM:

17 I --- yes, be --- or they wouldn't have issued clearance letters to the
18 folks in Wedgewood. They have, you know, for the work that's been there, an
19 actual for the --- for the folks whose properties have been cleared, they've
20 been given letters by the Corps of Engineers.

21 BY MR. MARLER:

22 And over the ages, I guess, you mentioned there's a lot of junk down
23 there that was just dumped that has nothing to do with Croft.

24 BY MR. SCHWALM:

25 Understood.

1 BY MR. MARLER:

2 And yet you're digging up a 1930 Hudson or something if there was such a
3 thing.

4 BY MR. SCHWALM:

5 Is that ---

6 BY MR. MARLER:

7 But ---

8 BY MR. SCHWALM:

9 If we --- is that something you're interested in, sir, if I find one?

10 Are you looking for one?

11 BY MR. MARLER:

12 I just wanted your feelings on what's going to be left when the Corps of
13 Engineers finally, whenever that is, go home, and then you're going to be
14 probably 99 percent sure you got the danger out of that area?

15 BY MR. GIBSON:

16 The areas that he has cleared.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 Yes, the areas that are cleared.

19 BY MR. SCHWALM:

20 Yes.

21 BY MR. MARLER:

22 What you have access to.

23 BY MR. SCHWALM:

24 Yes, and 11C --- and 11C, once we look at the anomalies and we agree on
25 what anomalies need to be excavated, those anomalies will be excavated, and

1 our clearance standard is that we have to prove that every anomaly that we
2 excavate has been cleared.

3 So, you know, when we go out there, we'll find, we'll relocate the anomaly
4 and polygon anomaly, they'll check it with --- they'll take the instrument that
5 they use initially that helped pick the anomalies.

6 They'll use that same instrument, go over the top, and they'll be able to
7 take a reading, and say, "Yep, that anomaly is really at that location," and this is
8 --- and this is, you know, have a milli --- what we call a millivolt level, and say it's
9 20 millivolt.

10 So my team will go in there. They'll excavate the anomaly. They'll run
11 that machine back over the top of it, and say that my guys pulled some metal
12 out of there. They didn't hear anything else with their magnetometers. They
13 run back over it, and it's down to zero or the minimal level. Sometimes out at
14 the Camp Croft area the minimum levels is at four millivolts. There is so much
15 noise in the ground right now, so it's the base line is four millivolts. So, you
16 need to be cleared to four millivolts or the Corps of Engineers will not accept it.

17 So if my guys go over there and they dig and my quality control guy goes
18 back over the top of that and it's --- say it was 20, now it's down to 15, they're
19 back in that hole until --- until that area gets down to the --- back down to a
20 millivolt reading, which is approximately four is the ----

21 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

22 What kind of depth are you having to go to?

23 BY MR. SCHWALM:

24 Most all the anomalies that they are experiencing at Wedgewood is most
25 all the anomalies are within a foot. Some about the deepest we found any

1 grenades was about 16 to 18 inches, and those were generally probably buried
2 somehow or another where, you know, people excavating their lots or something
3 pushed dirt over some of those areas, but generally you wouldn't expect to find
4 grenades in the type of ordnance items. Like in 11C I would expect any
5 ordnance to be found fairly shallow ---

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 Are there any ---

8 BY MR. SCHWALM:

9 Within ---

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 --- gullies?

12 BY MR. SCHWALM:

13 Within a foot.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Are there any gullies in that area that something might be in and
16 something filled back over?

17 BY MR. SCHWALM:

18 I --- that's possible for a lot of reasons, but our equipment, our
19 equipment we're using, it will see a grenade down to 18 inches, but grenades is
20 generally something that's thrown. You know, generally it sits on the surface.
21 It would not be at a significant depth.

22 The few that we have found, and it is very few, that at a more depth
23 were probably where the land was pushed over the top for some reason or
24 other; and in the case of mortars or projectiles, larger projectiles, which were
25 in, for example, OU6, over on Dr. Lowry's property, that they would have been

1 deeper, but our machines can see them deeper. They're larger. They're larger.
2 They're bigger in mass, and our machines can see them down to three, three or
3 four feet deep.

4 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

5 Is that 105 rounds or what?

6 BY MR. SCHWALM:

7 105s, correct.

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 Well, I ---

10 BY MR. SCHWALM:

11 And I think there were some more ---

12 I think it was mortar rounds, 81s and 60 millimeter mortars in that area.

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 Well, ---

15 BY MR. SCHWALM:

16 But I think the majority was 105s.

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 Well, I've got a question now. Since these are around barracks, would
19 potentially if a soldier had munitions he didn't expend during the day and he
20 slipped out at night and dug a three feet hole and buried two cases of mortar
21 rounds and had thirty-aught-six boxes, ---

22 BY MR. SCHWALM:

23 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

24 BY MR. TOBIAS:

25 --- would that, would your machine see that?

1 BY MR. SCHWALM:

2 If there's a concentration of metal, if there was --- if there was one
3 grenade down 36 inches, our machine could not see it.

4 BY MR. TOBIAS:

5 No, I'm not talking that. I'm talking ---

6 BY MR. SCHWALM:

7 But if there was a case of it, they would ---

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 Would it?

10 BY MR. SCHWALM:

11 They would easily see it.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 Okay.

14 BY MR. SCHWALM:

15 Down to three feet, they would easily see it.

16 BY MR. TOBIAS:

17 Okay.

18 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

19 Jimmy, I'd just like to make a comment. I know the RAB does the very
20 best it can, as does Zapata, as does the Corps of Engineers. What you're
21 talking about, sir, they'll be finding stuff at Camp Croft 200 years from now. I
22 mean you can count on that. I mean somebody somewhere in the year 2208 is
23 going to be down on the water or it might be down off of Henningston Road now,
24 they're going to hit a 75 millimeter pack howitzer shell or 105 or a tank shell or
25 something, it's going to be found.

1 BY MR. MARLER:

2 I figured that, but I wanted his opinion of that situation. If he told me
3 it's going to be 100 percent clear, they're going to be here into the next
4 century. There's just too much down there.

5 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

6 I have some property up at Glassy Rock Mountain in Greenville County. In
7 fact, I've got about a half a hill there. That's where the soldiers that were
8 stationed at Camp Wadsworth fired the French 75s in World War I training. I
9 can find them all over my property, and I don't even need a metal detector.
10 That's in Greenville County. I can go out there and just probe a little bit, and
11 then I'll find a French 75 millimeter howitzer. That's what they fired in 1917
12 and 1918, and it's the same way with Croft. I mean it will never be completely
13 and perfectly clear.

14 BY MR. GIBSON:

15 I've got a question.

16 BY MR. SCHWALM:

17 In answering your question, sir.

18 BY MR. GIBSON:

19 I've got a question just since we're talking about clearance and so forth,
20 just for personal info as much as anything. The two other areas down there
21 that are used quite a bit, the --- I mean the bike trail where they just had the
22 stump jump this past week, has all that been cleared in the past?

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 No.

25 BY MR. GIBSON:

1 No?

2 Okay.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 I'm not sure where the property is.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 No, that's behind the landfill kind of. I don't think any of that has been
7 cleared.

8 BY MR. GIBSON:

9 And how about the area that's going to be used as part of the Palmetto
10 Trail?

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 No, I don't think it's been cleared.

13 BY MR. GIBSON:

14 Okay. Is there a need to think about putting that on some kind of
15 priority since it is --- you know, the bike trail is used daily, and then the
16 Palmetto Trail is being promoted certainly around the state and further?

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 You know, if it was up to me, I'd put a fence around the park and wouldn't
19 let anybody on it, you know, but it's not, and I don't think they're ever going to
20 clean everything up, and ---

21 BY MR. GIBSON:

22 Okay.

23 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

24 The horse trail has been cleared, but the bike trails are?

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 I think they are.

2 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

3 No, they've never been down there on the bike trail now.

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 And what we need to do is look at the map where the investigations were
6 done to determine what was found during the investigation. Some of those
7 areas may have already been identified as no additional action because the
8 investigations did not find evidence of ordnance, so I'm not sure exactly where
9 those are. We can look to see where it falls with the areas that have been
10 investigated, which those investigations then provide the priority list for what
11 gets ---

12 BY MR. GIBSON:

13 Okay.

14 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

15 --- addressed. So if these are new areas that weren't in areas of
16 investigation, maybe they needed to be added to this current investigation
17 scheme. If they had been investigated, then what was the outcome.

18 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

19 See, I just don't see how the park could put in bike trails without having
20 something cleared.

21 I mean ---

22 BY MR. TOBIAS:

23 Bike trails ---

24 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

25 --- that opens up a world of liability.

1 BY MR. TOBIAS:

2 Brad, the bike trails existed before any of this ever started. There was
3 a motorcycle trail initially around the landfill, and when they ran the
4 motorcycles off, the bike people started riding because they weren't
5 prohibited.

6 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

7 Right.

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 You know, it is foot traffic and bicycles, and they just established it on
10 their own. That's it.

11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

12 There used to be go cart trails down there.

13 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

14 That's going to be a liability.

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 Well, ---

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 But we can look at ---

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 That's why we're here, you know, to listen ---

21 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

22 No, the park can ---

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 --- to people's concern.

25 BY MR. GIBSON:

1 It's being used so much.

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 I'd put a fence around it and wouldn't let anybody on it.

4 BY MR. GIBSON:

5 In the areas where nobody is on it, I don't worry about.

6 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

7 But I mean if the horse trails are clear, that's ---

8 BY MR. GIBSON:

9 But they had hundreds of people in town this past weekend.

10 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

11 You can ride it and it's cleared, but if the bike trails aren't.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 No, they're not. They're not cleared.

14 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

15 I would just put that on top of the priority list.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Well, see, the bike trail is on one side of Fairforest Creek on the horse
18 trail is on the other.

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 That's right.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 But what Palmetto Trail is wanting to do is put a bridge across Fairforest
23 Creek to where they can go use the bike trails as a trail, and then go on the
24 other side of Fairforest Creek and use the horse trails for a trail.

25 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

1 But they don't let bikes on the horse trails.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Well, they don't have anybody to regulate whatever. I mean they're not
4 supposed to be down there at night riding bikes but they are with lights on
5 their helmets. It says that's the main thing and the State Park is supposed to
6 get \$2 per person for a day or they have to have a yearly permit to be on the
7 park, and they don't have anybody to regulate that. So here they are getting
8 more openings for people to get on the park and not enough people to regulate
9 who is there, what --- how they're using the park or what they're riding or
10 walking, or, you know, whatever, but, you know, it's just --- it's just adding more
11 work for the park people and they don't have the staff to control everything.

12 BY MR. GIBSON:

13 And then there's --- of course a lot of the area is not theirs. I mean how
14 much does the State Park take up of the old camp area? Half?

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 About seven to 8,000 acres.

17 BY MR. GIBSON:

18 Okay. And ---

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 Out of the 19.

21 Out of the 19,000.

22 BY MR. GIBSON:

23 Yes, so you're talking less than half.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 Yes.

1 BY MR. TOBIAS:

2 And the bike trails are mainly around the landfill.

3 BY MR. GIBSON:

4 Yeah, they're down on the other side.

5 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

6 Maneuver Area Four as that was called, Maneuver Area Four.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 Here's the one in blue right here. They go in from that South Park ball
9 field.

10 BY MR. GIBSON:

11 Groce Road?

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Yes,

14 BY MR. GIBSON:

15 About the end --- all the way to the end of Groce Road. You've got bike
16 trails down there as well as you've got a ball field where they play Little League.

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 I'm not sure the ball field has ever been checked either.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 I don't think the ball field has been checked.

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 No.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Is that ---

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 That may be the next thing we need to talk about is high use areas like
2 the bicycle trails and the ballpark and maybe see if there's money available to
3 have it checked, or maybe the Sheriff's Office can check some of it, the ball
4 field, especially inside the field, with a metal detector just to make sure now.

5 BY MR. BEATTY:

6 Is that county property?

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 Yes.

9 BY MR. GIBSON:

10 Yes. Well, I say it's county. The county --- the county maintains it, I
11 think at South Park ---

12 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

13 I think Spartanburg County Parks and Recreation did. They run it.

14 BY MR. TOBIAS:

15 I have no idea.

16 BY MR. GIBSON:

17 South Park.

18 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

19 They run it, though.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 It's part of the County Parks, but I don't know whose property it is.

22 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

23 Southside Park is out there.

24 BY MR. TOBIAS:

25 I don't know who owns the property.

1 See, the actual deed to the State Park, the Forestry Commission is
2 deeded to it.

3 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

4 Right, the deed to it is the Forestry Commission.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 Well, any more business?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 Okay. I guess we'll adjourn the meeting.

10 I appreciate you all coming. There's a motion to adjourn it?

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Make a motion to adjourn.

13 BY MR. GIBSON:

14 Second.

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 Accepted. We're going home.

17 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.)



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***COMMUNITY INTEREST FORM FOR
CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD***

Conditions for Membership:

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Members are volunteering to serve one two-year term and attend all RAB meetings. Duties and responsibilities include reviewing and commenting on technical documents and activities associated with the Defense Environmental Restoration Program at the former Camp Croft. Technical experts will be made available to the RAB. Members will be expected to be available to community members and groups to facilitate the exchange of information and/or concerns between the community and the RAB. RAB community members can expect to devote approximately three hours every three months to support the RAB. RAB members will receive no compensation for their service.

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1. Are you affiliated with any group related to the environmental restoration activities ongoing at the former Camp Croft? If yes, list the group and your position.

2. Briefly state why you would like to participate on the RAB.

3. What has been your experience working as a member of a diverse group with a common goal?

4. Are you interested in serving as Chair of the Restoration Advisory Board?

5. Are you willing to voluntarily serve on the RAB?

Yes, I am willing to serve.

6. By submitting this form, you are indicating that you are aware of the time commitment that this appointment will require of you.

In order for us to ensure that the RAB membership consists of diverse community members and reflects the community interests, we would appreciate the following information (which will be kept confidential):

Male _____ Female _____

Age _____

Occupation _____

If you are selected for the Board, will you be representing an interest group or other organization, or will you be serving as an individual member?

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Authority: 10 U.S. Code (USC) 2705(c) and 42 USC 9620(f), state and local participation in cleanup of federal facilities. Principal Purpose: To identify members of the local community who are interested in participation in the RAB.

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