

CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE: School for the Deaf and Blind
Swearingen Center
Spartanburg, South Carolina

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 14, 2007
6:30 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES: Dennis McKinley
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Dickie Corbin
Cris Crissinger
Donald Gibson
Jerry Hartley
Gary Hayes
John Holcomb
Nic Lane
William B. Littlejohn, Jr.
Fred Marler
George Mullinax
Bill Shoolbred
Curtis Smith
Emil Spieth
Jimmy Tobias

BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:

Teresa McCoy

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1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 Good evening. I'd like to go ahead and start our meeting tonight. Thank
3 you everybody for coming out on this beautiful Wednesday evening.

4 First of all, I would like to introduce Mr. Dennis McKinley. As you know,
5 Ron Nesbit, who has been our project manager from the Charleston District
6 Corps of Engineers, has retired. He retired in January, and Mr. McKinley is
7 Ron's replacement. So I'll let Dennis introduce himself, and then we'll move on
8 with our meeting.

9 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

10 Thanks, Suzy.

11 As Suzy said, my name is Dennis McKinley. I'll share a little information
12 about myself.

13 I grew up in South Carolina. South Carolina is home. I've got 22 years
14 experience with the Corps of Engineers. I've got two and a half months
15 experience with the FUDS program, so, fortunately, we've got some folks here
16 that have a lot more experience with the FUDS program than I do.

17 Those 22 years is basically what I did was project manager functions.
18 We did flood control projects, beach nourishment projects, shoreline
19 protection, ecosystem restoration, those types of things. So I do have some
20 experience in project management.

21 I've recently returned from two overseas deployments, which is how I
22 ended up in the FUDS program. When I returned, I had an opportunity to learn
23 something new. So I look forward to that. I look forward to working with the
24 Board members and learning about the FUDS. So that's a little something about
25 me.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 And also this evening Brendan Slater with the Corps of Engineers,
3 Huntsville.

4 BY MR. SLATER:

5 Good evening.

6 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

7 I'd like to remind everybody, if you haven't, over the course of the
8 evening, if you'd please make sure you sign in. The RAB members will sign on the
9 members sheet, and attendees, there is a sign in sheet, and an agenda is at the
10 front door.

11 Also, as we move on this evening, if there is an opportunity for you to
12 make a statement, if you have any discussion points, when you do speak, to
13 please speak clearly and loudly. The room is set up fairly awkwardly this
14 evening, and also make sure you state your name for the record. The meeting
15 Minutes are recorded and made available to the public in the library, as well as
16 on our website.

17 The first item on our agenda is to elect our chair for this new RAB, and
18 before we move into that event, I'd like to inform the Restoration Advisory
19 Board and the meeting attendees this evening that there is a new rule, a
20 federal rule on restoration advisory boards. It actually formalizes the process
21 that we've been following for many years, so I've provided each of you a fact
22 sheet on that rule, as well as the link to where you can download the rule. This
23 link is also on the Camp Croft website for your reference, so you might find
24 that interesting, and I will just briefly summarize. I will not read the entire
25 rule.

1 The highlights for this ruling, "The rule applies to the defense
2 environmental restoration program, DERP activities," and that's the program
3 that this effort falls under, "specifically for military munitions response
4 program activities and installations, as well as formerly used defense sites," and
5 Camp Croft is a formerly used defense site. "Under this rule a RAB should be
6 established where there's a community interest," and this RAB has been
7 established since 1995. "RAB membership should include representatives from
8 the Department of Defense and the community," and we have Corps of
9 Engineers representation, as well as diverse representation from our community
10 here in Spartanburg. "The RAB meetings are open to the public." All of our
11 meetings are public meetings. We announce them in the newspaper, on the
12 website, as well as send out meeting announcements via our mailing address,
13 which is updated every time we get additional interest. We make sure we have
14 current mailing information. "There is a community co-chair and community RAB
15 members serve voluntarily," and they're not paid to serve on the RAB; and the
16 rule goes on to talk about provisions when a RAB comes to closure and then how
17 to re-establish a RAB.

18 So that in a nutshell is the final ruling. It's available on the website, and
19 you do have the fact sheet for reference. So I wanted to make sure you had
20 that current information.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Suzy, are you saying that our - did our last RAB go to closure?

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 No, this is a continuation.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Okay. So we're - we're having a RAB Board meeting tonight. Our Board is
2 not open to meeting. Usually David Mullinax is the chair of this Board until we
3 elect a new chairman. David is not here tonight, but David was here last
4 meeting, and David was not allowed to open last meeting, so our last meeting was
5 out of order. So when our chair is not here, we can have a co-chair, and the
6 co-chair is to bring our meeting to order.

7 So I think before we proceed, we need to bring this meeting to order.
8 It's not Suzy's job to bring this meeting to order. It's not Mr. McKinley's job to
9 bring this meeting to order. This is a Board meeting, so the Board needs to
10 bring this meeting to order.

11 So somebody needs to be a co-chair tonight since David, our chairman,
12 who was not recognized to conduct the meeting last meeting, we need to have a
13 co-chairman to bring this meeting to order tonight. Without doing so, we're not
14 having a RAB Board meeting.

15 Now we're here to have a Board meeting, and last meeting we were not
16 able. We were not granted our privilege as a Board to have a Board meeting.

17 Does anybody have any discussion or does anybody want to suggest who
18 be co-chair tonight and bring this meeting to order?

19 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

20 I think you should be the man, Gary. I'm not on the Board, but I think it
21 should be you.

22 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

23 And, Gary, you have served in the past as co-chair. I, as the facilitator, I
24 believe can offer the opening for the meeting.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Well, Suzy, I mean, here we're coming up. You handed out By-laws that
2 were not our By-laws last meeting, and you've got on the agenda that we're going
3 to vote on these By-laws that you wrote up yourself.

4 In our By-laws it states how we change our By-laws, and, Suzy, you do not
5 change the By-laws, but you did. You took it upon yourself to pass out By-laws
6 that were not our By-laws, so the Board members that got these false By-laws
7 have been reading these false By-laws, so we need to have our right By-laws
8 passed out, but our right By-laws don't have to be voted on because they're our
9 By-laws. They've already been voted on.

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 I'd like ---

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Mr. McKinley, has anybody brought anything like this up to you in your
14 training?

15 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

16 I ---

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Has anybody suggested to you that this Board is being commandeered and
19 not able to meet in their meetings?

20 Does it make any sense to you?

21 Doesn't every board if you have a chairman, the chairman opens the Board
22 meeting?

23 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

24 I - I've got to defer to Suzy. I mean I have absolutely zero experience
25 with the RAB, so, I mean, I've got defer.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 And what I will offer is, yes, we have had a chair.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Okay.

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 We've had By-laws. The By-laws that I provided at the last meeting were
7 an amendment based upon a Corps of Engineers, who is the governing entity,
8 that have ---

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 But, Suzy, were they our By-laws or were they not our By-laws?

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 Yes, and that's to be voted on and discussed.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 You changed the By-laws. Those were not our By-laws.

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 The By-laws were amended for discussion and approval and vote, and if
17 you all don't vote on that this today, then we will - we will have a motion and we
18 will discuss the amendments, and they will be revised per the Board. I did not
19 unilaterally say, "These are your new By-laws."

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 But this gives proof to what's been going on in these meetings.

22 Sir, all this work, all this money being spent on these projects are
23 supposed to be coming through our Board. Our Board is supposed to be making
24 recommendations to the Corps of Engineers as a community group with input
25 from our community as to how we suggest to the Corps of Engineers this work

1 should be proceeded with, and we're not given a chance to do that. All this work
2 is going over our head. It's been over six years since we made a suggestion to
3 the Corps of Engineers - Corps of Engineers, and it's time for the Board to pick
4 back up and do their duty and be given a chance to do their duty.

5 It's just like this is a prime example of the way the By-laws was handled
6 last week. It just goes over our head. They write whatever they want, hand it
7 out, and here they want us to vote on it. We didn't get a chance to even work
8 through the By-laws. I'm not saying that the By-laws don't need revising, but we
9 work as a group. We can break into separate work groups if we want to. Two or
10 three people can work on it or whatever, but we can work as a group and bring
11 back to the Board a revision, and then we vote on the By-laws.

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 And that's why I handed the proposed revisions based on the Corps'
14 recommendation at the last meeting for your opportunity to review and discuss
15 and be prepared to discuss it and vote whether you approve it or want to amend
16 it tonight.

17 BY MR. SPIETH:

18 I'm totally new to this whole operation, and I don't know from nothing,
19 but I don't think we're being terribly productive right now. Why don't we go
20 ahead and somebody be the chairman and let's go on and follow along through
21 the agenda. I mean we've spent what now, 15 minutes and haven't accomplished
22 anything, so why don't we get on with the program?

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 Gary, would you like to open the meeting as co-chair?

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 I can open the meeting.

2 We'll call this meeting to order. Things that we have to talk about
3 tonight, let's try to stick to our subject and follow through with it and get
4 things resolved as soon as possible, then we can go home and enjoy our friends
5 and family.

6 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

7 And, Gary, let me ask you for the order of the agenda. We ---

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Okay. The agenda is supposed to be worked through with the Corps of
10 Engineers and the chairman of the Board. I don't know who drew this agenda
11 up.

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 I drafted the agenda. I ---

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Okay. So ---

16 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

17 --- forward it to the Board for their recommendations.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 --- Suzy is not with the Corps of Engineers, and she's not on the Board, so
20 I don't think this agenda is worth the paper it's written on.

21 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

22 Well, let me comment there. Suzy is under contract with the Corps of
23 Engineers. I mean basically what she does she's under contract to handle the
24 community relations and the RAB activity, so as far as that, I mean she is under
25 contract to the Corps.

1 Now I agree the Board should have input into, I mean, the agenda. I
2 mean that's ---

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 I sent it to ---

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 Okay. Has any of the Board had input in this agenda for tonight, please
7 raise your hand?

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 The Board - the agenda was submitted to the Board for their review ---

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 Did you talk to our chairman anything about the agenda, Suzy?

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 Everyone on the Board ---

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 David Mullinax.

16 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

17 --- received a copy of the agenda.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Did David Mullinax receive a copy?

20 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

21 I believe he did.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Okay.

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 And ---

1 BY MR. SPIETH:

2 I move that we accept the agenda as it presides.

3 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

4 Second.

5 BY MR. MARLER:

6 Second.

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 Any discussion?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 Okay. Gary, would you like to continue?

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 All right. We're going to elect the RAB chair. Does anybody have any
14 nominations that they want to put before the floor?

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 I nominate Bubba Littlejohn.

17 BY BOARD MEMBER:

18 Second.

19 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

20 I decline, thank you.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 We have a nomination, a second and a decline.

23 Any more nominations?

24 BY MR. JOHNSON:

25 I nominate Mr. Hayes.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 The Board needs, I believe, to nominate.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 What we'll do with this, we'll have a - we'll have a card here to vote with,
5 written ballot, or we can vote any way we want to. We can raise your hands,
6 however you want to, but the By-laws says it's a ballot vote.

7 BY MR. SPIETH:

8 Would it make sense to ask for volunteers anybody who wants to be
9 chairman?

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 That would be fine.

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 Volunteers?

14 BY MR. TOBIAS:

15 I'll volunteer.

16 BY MR. JOHNSON:

17 I just nominated Mr. Hayes there.

18 BY MEMBER IN AUDIENCE:

19 I think you have to be on the Board to nominate somebody.

20 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

21 Okay.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 And Mr. Tobias has - has volunteered.

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 Are there any other nominations or volunteers?

1 BY MR. GIBSON:

2 Just to make it interesting put my name on the list.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Okay. Mr. Don Gibson has nominated himself. We have two: Mr. Jimmy
5 Tobias and Mr. Donald Gibson.

6 Anyone else?

7 BY MR. CRISSINGER:

8 I make the motion the nomination be closed.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Okay.

11 BY MR. SPIETH:

12 Second.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Second. Okay. How would you all like to vote on this?

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 You ---

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Show of hands or use ballot?

19 BY MR. CRISSINGER:

20 Show of hands is fine.

21 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

22 Show of hands.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Mr. Mullinax asked for a show of hands. Does anybody object to that?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Okay. A show of hands. Mr. Jimmy Tobias was nominated first.

3 Everybody for Mr. Jimmy Tobias, please raise your hand.

4 (HANDS ARE RAISED)

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 Okay. I'm showing ten hands. That should be a majority. So Mr. Jimmy
7 Tobias will be our new Board chairman. He will take up as Board chairman at the
8 next meeting as prescribed by our By-laws.

9 Okay. Our next agenda is to approve the By-laws. Does anybody have
10 discussion on the By-laws?

11 I brought some copies of our By-laws. If you want some copies of that, I
12 can hand them out.

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14 Everyone should have a copy in their notebook.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 Everybody got a copy of the By-laws you wrote, Suzy.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 Correct, and the only change ---

19 BY MR. GIBSON:

20 Can you tell us in 25 words or less what the difference is in what's ---

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Well, the main difference is in how they spoke about unexploded
23 ordnance. Some it was about removal. Some of it was about she made the
24 change. She dropped the members - the number of the members of the Board
25 from 18 down to nine without any discussion of the Board.

1 This Board has existed for over ten years, probably 12 years now, and
2 we've had to adjust our By-laws to survive, basically, and a lot of times we'll get
3 a nice group like this, and it will putter down to a smaller group. One of my main
4 concerns with a small group puttered down, we're not going to have many people
5 at all; but what I'm saying with this scenario, the Board has kept running pretty
6 efficient as we can with no more than 20 on the Board, but that's what our
7 By-laws now say. I think we have 18 on the Board now.

8 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

9 Back to the original question, Suzy, what are the changes?

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 The changes were the terminology for the new military munitions
12 program. I replaced ordnance and explosives with military munitions, so that is
13 to keep the program terminology current.

14 The change to the actual functionality of the Board was a
15 recommendation from the Corps of Engineers for manageability of the group.

16 In the past our Board has been five to seven to nine who have shown up.
17 The last couple of years we have had a small group. This year were excited to
18 have as many individuals apply as we have. So it's a matter of managing a group
19 and the Corps of Engineers thought that nine, a cap of nine for the next two-
20 year term might be appropriate, and the reason that those By-laws were passed
21 out in our November meeting were for you to review that for discussion and
22 acceptance or amendment tonight. It was not a unilateral, "Here are the new
23 By-laws." All of the meetings, as a reminder, are open to the public, whether
24 you are on the Board or an attendee, a participant. Any statement, any
25 recommendations go into the formal record, so that all stays the same.

1 So the one item that I think is of concern is the reduction as a cap for
2 the members on the Board for future RABs.

3 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

4 And that recommendation came from the Corps of Engineers?

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 Yes.

7 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

8 I make a motion to approve the By-laws as presented.

9 BY MR. CRISSINGER:

10 Second.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 I'd like to have some discussion on whether we can have a breakout group
13 to revise the By-laws.

14 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

15 Well, we have a motion on the floor to entertain is the point.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Okay. We've got a second.

18 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

19 Yes.

20 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

21 You can discuss that motion but you can't discuss having a breakout
22 session.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Okay. Is there any discussion as far as approving the By-laws as written
25 as passed out in the last meeting?

1 BY MR. GIBSON:

2 Just for clarification, Suzy. The change from the Board size is going to
3 affect the next Board that comes in and not this Board?

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 Right. The Board serves two-year terms, so for the next Board, when we
6 go out and ask for applications and do the review process, we would - the Corps'
7 thought was to limit the number of those individuals to nine. It does not affect
8 this current Board.

9 Yes, sir.

10 BY MR. SPIETH:

11 Another clarification question. What's the maximum number of people
12 you've ever had on the Board here?

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14 This Board right here.

15 BY MR. SPIETH:

16 Yes.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 Which is 17, I believe.

19 BY MR. SPIETH:

20 Actually in attendance or just names on a piece of paper.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 I think our ---

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 Names on a piece of paper right now.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 I guess our biggest one before now might have been when we first got
2 started.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 We had 15, I believe. So this actually will be the larger group we've ---

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 But we still had on the By-laws to be 20, I think, at that time.

7 BY MR. GIBSON:

8 Yeah, that's a part of the discussion now is ---

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Yeah.

11 BY MR. GIBSON:

12 --- if we accept them as rewritten.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 As rewritten.

15 BY MR. GIBSON:

16 As rewritten.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Yeah.

19 BY MR. GIBSON:

20 So if we vote to accept them, the nine applies to the next Board, and I
21 agree with, you know, nine is a good number. If you get a number like this, it
22 gets to be a headache.

23 BY MR. CRISSINGER:

24 How are the original By-laws written and prepared and developed?

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Well, they were - they were - have evolved as we went along.

2 BY MR. CRISSINGER:

3 By who?

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 I mean we've had to change. I think originally Zapata brought some
6 By-laws forward, and then we had breakout groups, and the breakout groups
7 made recommendations and change this and change that, and then when the
8 Board got smaller, we added that the Board members could serve second terms
9 and things like that to be able to survive as a Board, because the interest
10 wasn't that high at that time.

11 BY MR. CRISSINGER:

12 Zapata was the author of the By-laws, and you can give input into the
13 By-laws, I don't see what the problem is with them developing changes,
14 amendments to the By-laws.

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 And ---

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Well, the main thing they didn't bring it before the Boards.

19 If you look on the very last page of our By-laws, it states how we change
20 our By-laws. So they're not going by what was recommended, what's in the
21 By-laws as to when our By-laws was changed and presented to the meeting last
22 meeting and didn't tell the new Board members that there was another By-laws
23 before Zapata wrote the new By-laws without going by the By-laws to rewrite
24 the By-laws.

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 To clarify, the original By-laws at the inception of the RAB were drafted
2 based on Army Guidance for Restoration Advisory Boards. That's the template.
3 They have gone through some revisions as the program has grown, shrunk, you
4 know, changing some of the specific terminology that we'll go every October,
5 because we didn't meet, you know, on a set schedule. So those have all been
6 evolved and provided input to and approved by the Board.

7 BY MR. CRISSINGER:

8 And these are consistent with other RABs or are they unique to us?

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 They are - the umbrella is consistent with other RABs. Some of the
11 nuisances with the dates and the timeframes are specific to accommodate this
12 program and this group; and when I did present these at the last meeting, I
13 presented them with the revision, specifically the change from nine - to nine
14 individuals so that the Board was apprised that there was a change and to be
15 discussed at this meeting. So I do take exception that this is a unilateral
16 direction from Zapata.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Any more discussion?

19 BY MR. HOLCOMB:

20 Question, Suzy.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 Yes.

23 BY MR. HOLCOMB:

24 Are the proposed By-laws in compliance with this restoration advisory
25 board rule that was presented?

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 Yes, it outlines the role of the RAB. It outlines the role of the Army. It
3 outlines the role of a facilitator, so all of the elements are consistent.

4 BY MR. HOLCOMB:

5 Thank you.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 Any more questions or discussion?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Okay. We want to vote on this by a raise of hand or would that be fine
11 with everybody?

12 BY MR. GIBSON:

13 That's great.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Okay. Anybody - we have a motion to accept the By-laws by Bubba
16 Littlejohn. All in favor raise your hands.

17 (INDICATING)

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Okay. It looks like a majority. The By-laws are accepted as written.

20 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

21 I do have one question that was also raised at the last meeting as to
22 whether or not the Board would like to have the By-laws posted on our website.
23 Currently they've been provided to the Board, and there's not a link on the Camp
24 Croft website. If there's any discussion on whether there are concerns one way
25 or the other so we know whether to post that.

1 Any thoughts on ---

2 BY MR. LANE:

3 What would be ---

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 It's a public document, so.

6 BY MR. LANE:

7 What would be the disadvantages to posting them on the website?

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 It's a public document. There are none. So I just wanted to make sure
10 that individuals didn't have any other thoughts on that as a Board.

11 BY MR. GIBSON:

12 Do we need a motion to make that happen?

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14 We could. If you want to follow the process, Gary? You want to ask for
15 a motion?

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Well, I would like to consider discussion that we review the By-laws, and
18 I think - I think the By-laws need some revisions myself.

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 You just approved them.

21 BY MR. CRISSINGER:

22 We just approved them.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 What do you have - wait until another meeting?

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 Oh, he's making a motion to review them. Okay. You can make a motion to
2 review them. Do you want to make - do you want to make a motion?

3 BY MR. SPIETH:

4 I think that's in the form of new business, isn't it, revising the By-Laws?

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 We can ---

7 BY MR. SPIETH:

8 I mean we've got By-laws.

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 We can bring it up under new business, or if Gary would like to make a
11 motion to consider a work group or a committee to evaluate, he could do that
12 now.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Well, ---

15 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

16 It says under the proposed amendments you have to appoint a procedures
17 committee, and they have to present it at least 20 days prior to the meeting at
18 which point they would be considered.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Yeah.

21 So is there any discussion? I'll bring a motion to review the By-laws, but
22 I think the Board probably needs some type of legal entity to help us with the
23 By-laws. I've talked to people about these By-laws, and they said we need a
24 written document other than our By-laws to state our duties to give us the
25 strength that we need to go forward as to what we need to do in the future.

1 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

2 I'm sorry, Gary, who have you spoken with?

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Gary Poliakoff told me that.

5 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

6 He reviewed these By-laws?

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 No, he hasn't reviewed the By-laws, but he just wanted to know ---

9 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

10 Oh, he looked ---

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 --- if I - we had a written document stating our duties other than the
13 By-laws.

14 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

15 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

16 BY MR. GIBSON:

17 Are you making a motion that we review them for possible proposal for
18 changes?

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 I'll make a motion that we have a breakout group as proposed in our
21 By-laws to review them and try to get us some legal advice as to answer the
22 question, "Is this exactly what we need? Do we need revisions or what do we
23 need to go forward?"

24 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

25 Well, I think in all fairness ---

1 BY MR. GIBSON:

2 Is there a second to that motion?

3 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

4 I'm sorry.

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 BY MR. GIBSON:

7 I think that answers your question, Gary.

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Okay.

10 All right. Project - project schedule, Corps of Engineers.

11 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

12 Real briefly, if I may, as Ron Nesbit has talked many times in the past,
13 I've reviewed the Minutes of the last RAB meeting, the schedule is really
14 dependent upon the funding that we get. I mean we can't do anything if we
15 don't get any funding.

16 I can tell you right now that we hope to have funding next quarter to do
17 some additional removal activities, and hope is about the best I can say.

18 Typically what happens if we don't get contracts awarded for activities
19 by the third quarters, the revision office takes a look and says, "Okay. You
20 haven't awarded the contract for removal activities up to this point. It's fourth
21 quarter. We've got to meet our expenditure goals, so that money is going to go
22 somewhere else."

23 So if we can get funding for additional removal activities within the next
24 three months, that's what we're looking to do is to implement some additional
25 removal activities; and as I understand the project, we basically got about

1 three areas that we can look at, the areas that are around the Wedgewood
2 subdivision and the golf course area. We've got the areas in the State Park, and
3 then we've got another area, I think its OOU11C behind the school, and there's
4 different ---

5 BY MR. SLATER:

6 Right.

7 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

8 --- areas within those parcels themselves, but that's basically the areas
9 that we can look at, and those areas are defined in the action memorandum that
10 the Corps has gotten.

11 Now along with that goes the fact that we've got to secure rights of
12 entry before we can go out there and do any additional removal activities.

13 So those are some of the things that we hope to accomplish within the
14 next -- next quarter to move the schedule along.

15 At this point in time we don't know which of those three areas would fit
16 that criteria, but we're going to be looking and coordinating and see at what we
17 can do. So that's about all I can tell you as far as the schedule.

18 Dependent upon the funding, we hope to have some funding available
19 within the next quarter, and the areas that we'll undertake removal activities
20 will depend to a large extent on where we can secure the rights of entry.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Which - which school are you talking about?

23 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

24 This school.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Oh.

2 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

3 Yeah, and I think that's shown on the map back there as OOU11C.

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 Right.

6 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

7 I think it is.

8 Yes, sir?

9 BY MR. SPIETH:

10 Okay. If I look at that massive thing that's called the Federal Budget,
11 where would I find reference to this particular worksite? Where would I look?

12 You may not be able to answer it here today, but that would be an
13 interesting to see, you know, I mean somewhere another there's got to be an
14 item that says something about doing this kind of work.

15 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

16 I'll go out ---

17 BY MR. SPIETH:

18 And the amount - and the amount of money that's budgeted and
19 authorized.

20 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

21 I'll go out on a limb and say you probably won't see anything that says,
22 "Camp Croft."

23 BY MR. SPIETH:

24 Well - but there's got to be a line item which describes this kind of work
25 and how much money is - is in it.

1 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

2 I'm sure there's something that says DERP FUDS program, but I can't
3 answer that, you know.

4 BY MR. SPIETH:

5 Right. Well, I spent four years in the Corps, so, you know.

6 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

7 Right.

8 BY MR. SPIETH:

9 A little bit familiar with how things work.

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 We can get that information with the projected funding for the - at a
12 program level list ---

13 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

14 Right.

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 --- and present that at the next meeting.

17 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

18 Any more questions?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Okay.

22 Old business, Corps of Engineers.

23 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

24 Suzy, I'm going to let you take that up.

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 Sure. A few items from our last meeting that were open. Robin
2 Zimmerman had referenced a contact, Mr. Sam Fleming, who had some
3 information in a statement on the suspected buried drums, and I was just
4 wondering if we had contact information for Mr. Fleming.

5 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

6 I gave - I provided Lieutenant John Dyas a statement, a written
7 statement.

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 Okay.

10 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

11 Mr. Fleming did specify that he saw these drums.

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 And do we have a way to contact Mr. Fleming? Do we have his contact
14 information?

15 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

16 And, Suzy, he lives in - at Lake Greenwood. He's had a massive stroke.
17 This information was given to me before this happened. Now there is another
18 gentleman who lives in Pacolet who wishes his name to not be brought in front of
19 this Board, but I will supply this man's name to Lieutenant Dyas or Lieutenant
20 Renna, but he did say that he would be glad to talk with them.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 Perfect, and that closes that discussion as long as you're forwarding that
23 information.

24 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

25 Right.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 Under old business.

3 The other item that was open for discussion at our last meeting or
4 brought up at the last meeting and open for discussion and ideas this evening
5 were improvements on making meeting announcements and notifications. Mr.
6 Hayes had brought up concerns about how information is being distributed and
7 is it a wide enough distribution and is there maybe some other opportunities for
8 improving on notifications for these meetings.

9 Currently, we announce it in the newspaper. The meetings are posted on
10 the website. There's a mailer that goes out to everyone on the mailing list that
11 is updated based upon addresses that are provided to us. So I would like to
12 open that up. I don't know if we need a motion, Gary, to discuss your ideas on
13 whether or not this is a concern or if there are recommendations on potential
14 improvements.

15 BY MR. GIBSON:

16 Before you - just one clarification on that. The approximate size of the
17 mailing list?

18 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

19 Is about 200 and it's local, you know, Pacolet and this area. It's not the
20 entire county of Spartanburg.

21 There are some property owners who don't live here that we have their
22 addresses.

23 BY MR. GIBSON:

24 I was just curious as to size.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Well, 200 if it's a post - you know, regular stamp will be about \$100 per
2 mailing for stamps, but it would cheaper than that for a postcard, and she has a
3 good many email addresses where she can just send emails.

4 What -- are we looking for recommendations on improving our mailing?

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 Is the word getting out?

7 BY MR. GIBSON:

8 I was just looking for information there.

9 I was not interested in ---

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 I ---

12 BY MR. GIBSON:

13 I think the paper ---

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 I talked to one man tonight who wasn't on the - I think Mr. Cunningham or
16 outside I talked to him. He said he saw it in the paper today. He didn't get a
17 mailing. I told him to be sure to sign in, but Suzy is getting some mailings back
18 to her. When they're returned back to her, we can check - take those that
19 came back and research and make sure we've got the right mailing for the
20 people that come back.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 And I do. We do a website search for the names of those individuals, and
23 granted, this mailing list is since the inception of the RAB, ten years, and a lot
24 of folks have moved on. So some of these people we won't be able to
25 necessarily track down, but we do, when we get a return flier, at least try to do

1 a name search on the internet to see if we can't get an address and check the
2 white pages.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Any more discussion on mailing procedures or improving the mailing
5 procedures?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 Okay.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 I don't think there needs to be a motion.

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 I just wanted to bring that up since that was open-ended business from
13 our last meeting.

14 The other item was we do ask for new business for individuals to either
15 call on the toll free number, make a note at a current meeting for new business
16 to be brought up at the next meeting, to send an email. Everyone has our email
17 address, as well, and I just wanted to apprise the Board that as of tonight's
18 meeting, no new business items were formally provided to me, other than some
19 information that Mr. Mullinax provided to me this evening; and so if there's no
20 other old business?

21 BY MR. MARLER:

22 I have another question.

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 Yes.

25 BY MR. MARLER:

1 Are there a list of properties down here that the Corps was refused
2 entrance to examine?

3 There are some properties that the property owners would not allow.
4 Are there a list of that so future owners might know if the property has been
5 cleared or not?

6 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

7 Yes, as far as the real estate office, the Corps of Engineers would have a
8 record of which property owners at the time of those actions refused right of
9 entry.

10 BY MR. MARLER:

11 Where's that at? I mean where could that be accessed by the general
12 public?

13 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

14 I think what you'd have to do is submit a request to the Charleston
15 office. We'd have to pass it up through office of counsel since it involves, you
16 know, individuals that we've contacted. I just - I mean, if you would, submit a
17 request to me. I'll pass it up and see if I can't get it out.

18 BY MR. MARLER:

19 What is that, sort of a Freedom of Information item?

20 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

21 I don't know whether it would be or not. If you can just send me a
22 request, I'll find out what has to happen.

23 BY MR. MARLER:

24 I mean it would be rather awkward if somebody buys a piece of property
25 down here and then find out it's full of ammunition because the previous owner

1 wouldn't let the - or in the inspecting - inspect it to see if there was anything
2 there or not.

3 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

4 Right.

5 BY MR. MARLER:

6 Then you all are not going to come back 15 years from now and clear that
7 property the way I understand it. Once you all are through, you all are through,
8 aren't you?

9 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

10 I know that the Corps can. The Corps has the option of not coming back
11 to that site. I - I know that to be a fact. Now whether we would or not, I don't
12 know.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Well, that comes in, too, with the purpose of the Board. The Board can
15 meet and vote to make a suggestion or advise the Corps of Engineers that we
16 recommend they go back in and clean it up.

17 BY MR. MARLER:

18 Well, when they're through, this Board is through, isn't it?

19 When they declare the park restored, ---

20 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

21 Yes.

22 BY MR. MARLER:

23 --- then the ---

24 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

25 Yes.

1 BY MR. MARLER:

2 --- Board is dissolved.

3 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

4 Exactly right. Now before we can declare a project being through, we've
5 got to coordinate that action through South Carolina DHEC and the other
6 regulatory agencies, and it would also be coordinated with the RAB before we
7 would go into the project closeout phase.

8 BY MR. MARLER:

9 I guess with the little bit of funds that probably our children will be on
10 this Board before we do that with the funding coming down on us. I understand
11 that.

12 BY MR. RENNA:

13 I'd like to make a statement.

14 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

15 Sure.

16 BY MR. RENNA:

17 Rick Renna with the State Law Enforcement Division Bomb Squad.

18 If somebody does buy a piece of property or anything like that and they
19 find some ordnance, all they have to do is call 911, and we will respond, and,
20 normally, if we find a large number of items, we contact Ms. McKinney and
21 notify her. If the property owner wants it cleared, we tell her. There are
22 some property owners around here that I've responded to and gotten ordnance
23 off -- off their property, and they do not want the Corps of Engineers there.
24 They've refused to have it cleared. Mostly - mostly they're called hunt
25 property and they just don't want anybody going in there and clearing it and

1 scaring away the animals. So all they have to do is dial 911, and the Spartanburg
2 County Bomb Squad or the State Law Enforcement Division Bomb Squad will
3 respond and take care of that item, and we - we do go out with the same
4 instruments the Corps is using, the metal detectors, and check the area for
5 them that they - that they want, and just do a general check. If we find a lot
6 of abnormality - abnormalities on the property, we will tell them, "I wouldn't dig
7 here. I would suggest you call - contact the Corps of Engineers." If the RAB is
8 dissolved at that time, but I think the RAB is going to be around. I think the
9 project is going to go for several more years, and I started this project back in
10 '95. It's not going anywhere anytime soon, so we'll take care of anything that's
11 found and we notify them.

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 And to clarify, I immediately notify the Corps of Engineers. I am just a
14 conduit of information. So the Corps is made aware of those situations.

15 BY MR. SPIETH:

16 The question wasn't about the property that hasn't been cleared. Is
17 there a register available of the property that has been investigated and
18 cleared, in other words the glass is half full part of that question?

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 There are removal reports for all of the activities that have taken place
21 that are linked on the website, as well as hard copies are in the library. We did
22 check. Most of those documents are in there.

23 Our last removal report from this past summer is not in the library, so
24 we'll get that copy in there, but it is on the website. So all of the documents
25 for clearance activities define the properties by coordinates and reference, not

1 necessarily property owner, but all of that information and the maps of those
2 areas are documented.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Okay. Any more discussion on that?

5 Anything from the public on that?

6 Mr. Mullinax.

7 BY MR. MULLINAX:

8 I've got a petition here from Elaine Harris, Mayor of Pacolet, given to her
9 about the pollution, ammunition, all kind of things. Now this petition states,
10 "Everyone who signs this petition feels they have been harmed or someone in
11 their family has been harmed by pollution left at Camp Croft, South Carolina.
12 The signatures of this petition also believe they should be compensated for pain
13 and suffering caused by said pollution from these areas."

14 Now this states that you signed this that you want compensation. Now
15 Mr. Johnson there, I worked with him, and he worked with Mr. Inglis, and tried
16 to get some compensation. We got nowhere, and there was a restriction with
17 the US Government that the case was over a year old, they would not honor it.

18 We couldn't even get the Army to give us a marker for the grave. So we
19 got John Brown. He - he donated two markers for the grave.

20 So like I'm saying, they put this out, but now this shook the mayor up,
21 because it says that area is real dangerous. Now we had some complaints
22 before, and I don't know whether the Sheriff went down there or not, couldn't
23 find nothing.

24 So like I say and - and this was put out by James Lancaster. Now Mr.
25 Coleman had some property down there. Jessie Campbell, I think is his uncle.

1 I'm not sure who - the relationship, but he - Jessie said that the property was
2 cleared, but I will check with him again, in Pacolet.

3 So that's - you gave them - these out, Suzy?

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 The Board, and that's for the Board to review, and this is an item for new
6 business. The Corps of Engineers also has copies, and I'll take any of those
7 extras for action, and if the Board needs to meet after the meeting or during
8 the next interim period to review and discuss, this will be a - on the agenda for
9 our next meeting.

10 BY MR. MULLINAX:

11 Suzy, Mr. Johnson has a comment.

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 Yes, sir.

14 BY MR. JOHNSON:

15 I'm - I'm Jesse Johnson, and there's something that I - I just can't
16 figure out. I've been coming over here for - ever since I learned about this.

17 There's myself, I can't hardly breathe. I'm not saying what, and then
18 there's my sister back there. Look at her shape.

19 Now, well, we gets nothing, and all of these new people coming in here
20 ain't got nothing to do with this whatsoever is reaping everything, because I've
21 been around here for 69 years, and we have lived in this area all our lives, but
22 we gets nothing and all these new people coming in here is the one who getting
23 all of this money.

24 Now I ride around in my van a lot just looking, and if - if the Army Corps
25 of Engineers is going to do right about people, but you ought to start at A and

1 go to Z cleaning up somebody's property, but everybody is talking about
2 Wedgewood. Yeah, Wedgewood wasn't even there when Camp Croft was here,
3 but all these people coming in own Wedgewood. So they can sell their property
4 and gets plenty money out of it, and we still gets nothing.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 I've got a question.

7 Where's your property at?

8 BY MR. JOHNSON:

9 My property? It's on Whitestone Glendale Road, and across the road
10 where my property is, we live up there in a field, and my sister will verify, that
11 was in '71, there was fired bombs up in the attic, and I had nailed all this stuff
12 up up in my attic, and how I found the bomb, the house got on fire one Sunday
13 morning, and my aunt she was going while I was pointing. I said, "Well, I'll go up
14 in the attic and see there's five canisters. I said, "While I'm up here, I can look
15 around and see what's in the attic," and there was five bombs laying up there,
16 and three of them was alive, but we called the police in Pacolet, and there was
17 the National Guard down there. They didn't touch it, so they had called
18 somebody from Georgia or somebody to come and move them bombs out of
19 there. So there's bombs all over that place down there.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 I've lived - I've lived here all my life and just like you had. I grew up at
22 Camp Croft on West Croft Circle.

23 BY MR. JOHNSON:

24 Yep.

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 And I found out that children and/or young adults find these things and
2 they bring them home and they put them under their house, they put them in
3 the attic. So you're going to have ordnances spread out that are off the park.

4 BY MR. JOHNSON:

5 They're all ---

6 BY MR. TOBIAS:

7 You know, that's just a fact of life.

8 BY MR. JOHNSON:

9 Yeah, but what -- this was right at the drill field, and not only that when
10 I would find - for Murph driving tractors on the - on the left side of Kohler
11 down there, we used to find - I used to find little clusters of them, and - and
12 they would come and remove them, too.

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 So you're requesting that somebody come on your property and search
15 for ordnances?

16 BY MR. JOHNSON:

17 Well, ---

18 BY MR. TOBIAS:

19 Is that what you want?

20 BY MR. JOHNSON:

21 You'd be welcome.

22 BY MR. TOBIAS:

23 Well, I - and I think maybe that's what the Board should do, taking input
24 from people like you, and ---

25 BY MR. JOHNSON:

1 Because I don't know what's out there.

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 And they come out there, and if the money ---

4 BY MR. JOHNSON:

5 Well, ---

6 BY MR. TOBIAS:

7 --- is available to search your property, I think there should be some kind
8 of a system in place where people can request to have their land searched.

9 BY MR. JOHNSON:

10 You'd be welcome, because I don't know what's there.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Yes, ma'am.

13 BY MR. JOHNSON:

14 And all - and all on the Board ---

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 Back in ---

17 BY MS. PORTER:

18 Okay. That's my brother that's talking, but the house that he's talking
19 about ---

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 What's your first name, ma'am?

22 BY MS. PORTER:

23 Hmmm?

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 Name?

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 What's your first ---

3 BY MS. PORTER:

4 My name is Louvenia Porter.

5 The house that he is speaking of that had the bombs in the attic, that
6 house no longer exists. That's not the property he's on now. He's talking about
7 a totally different plot of land where the bombs were found in the - in the attic
8 of the house.

9 So the property that he lives on now is down the road from where this
10 other house used to be.

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 My understanding is on the park itself, my history of growing up there,
13 they demolished 99 percent of all the buildings.

14 BY MS. PORTER:

15 That house was there because we lived in it.

16 BY MR. TOBIAS:

17 And it was on the park?

18 BY MS. PORTER:

19 No, it wasn't on the park.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 It was of the park?

22 BY MS. PORTER:

23 He didn't say that. That's not what he said. That's not what he said.

24 BY MR. TOBIAS:

25 See, I'm trying to figure out exactly what he's saying.

1 BY MS. PORTER:

2 He said that the house that ---

3 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

4 --- in Whitestone.

5 BY MS. PORTER:

6 --- our grandmother lived in ---

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 In Whitestone.

9 BY MS. PORTER:

10 In Whitestone.

11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

12 Whitestone.

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 Okay.

15 BY MS. PORTER:

16 But that bomb was in the house ---

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 That was in the boundaries of the park?

19 BY MS. PORTER:

20 It didn't have anything to do with the park.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 In the boundaries of the camp.

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 Camp.

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 Camp, not the park.

2 BY MR. SLATER:

3 There's 19,000 acres. The forest is only about 7,055. That's all the
4 State requires for the park.

5 So when you talk about park, it's really, you know, less than half of what
6 the camp actually encompassed.

7 BY MR. GIBSON:

8 Just to clarify. The house ---

9 BY MS. PORTER:

10 But this property has got anything to do with the park.

11 BY MR. GIBSON:

12 --- that we're talking - you're talking about, referring to with the
13 ordinance in it, was it on the camp property or was it near the camp property?

14 BY MR. TOBIAS:

15 Yeah, that's what I was trying to find out.

16 BY MR. JOHNSON:

17 At the time ---

18 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

19 We can look at the map.

20 We can look at the map.

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 And if I can recall, when the Army come in, they took everybody's
23 property around there, but we was just children, you see. When my father got
24 killed there, I was only seven years old, and all these people are all up under me.
25 So then when we moved from Wedgewood, we moved right behind the drill field

1 there right where there is Kohler there, and now I don't know if the camp was
2 on there at that time or not.

3 BY MR. GIBSON:

4 Did you live at the house while the camp was active?

5 BY MR. JOHNSON:

6 No, sir, but we moved in the house after the camp had gone. The camp
7 been gone a long time ever since I was a boy.

8 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

9 If I may interject something into this, the camp deal on that house.
10 There was a little slice of land there besides the drill field where they moved
11 some tenant farmers out, and that house has been owned by the Morrow and
12 Montgomery families, not the Montgomery of Montgomery Textiles, but that's
13 the house he's talking about for the ---

14 BY MR. TOBIAS:

15 It was adjacent to the ---

16 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

17 It was adjacent ---

18 BY MR. TOBIAS:

19 --- camp.

20 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

21 --- to the camp.

22 BY MR. TOBIAS:

23 See, that's what I'm saying. There's a lot of things that come off the
24 camp and end up - I know a young man when I was growing up, he used to ride
25 his bicycle into the park and take bombs in Duncan Park. There's houses in

1 Duncan Park that potentially have bombs in their basements under the crawl
2 spaces. That's where he stacked them.

3 BY MR. RENNA:

4 We've had calls over there.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 Have you? So I'm saying this - this ---

7 BY MR. JOHNSON:

8 But if you all don't go to house to house, how are you going to know whose
9 house there's bombs in and who ain't, and instead of just ---

10 BY MR. TOBIAS:

11 Well, ---

12 BY MR. JOHNSON:

13 --- looking around just ---

14 BY MR. TOBIAS:

15 --- that's ---

16 BY MR. JOHNSON:

17 --- that one and that one and that one and that one?

18 BY MR. TOBIAS:

19 Well, all I'm saying is that maybe the Board needs to put in place a
20 way ---

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 Exactly.

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 --- where you could ---

25 BY MR. JOHNSON:

1 Exactly.

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 --- to request they come to your house and search above your house and
4 see if there's any bombs up in there.

5 BY MS. PORTER:

6 See, you're trying to associate his house he live in today with the house
7 he's talking about. This is two different things we're talking about.

8 BY MR. GIBSON:

9 Just for clarification for me since I'm new on the Board. The overall
10 project, as far as restoration, is it strictly related to the camp site as it
11 existed in the forties?

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 It's - it's the boundary of the former Camp Croft, which is about 19,000
14 acres.

15 BY MR. GIBSON:

16 So anything outside ---

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 It's ---

19 BY MR. GIBSON:

20 You have this group or this project has nothing to do with it?

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 Unless it is tied to, correct me if I'm wrong from the Corps, unless it is
23 tied to an activity that was related to the camp and that the boundary was just
24 not encompassing it, if it was a related camp activity; and, again, the process is
25 the investigations, those engineering evaluations and cost analyses where we

1 looked at the - the Corps of Engineers looked at the range fans and the firing
2 points and the impact areas. Those defined the areas of investigation to
3 determine what removal actions or other actions to keep the public safe needed
4 to be undertaken, and there were two of those activities, and that's when you
5 look at that map, those rectangles and those areas that we've discussed at the
6 last meeting were those areas of investigation.

7 Based upon the historical land use and what was found, then leads the
8 Corps to the action of, "What do we need to do to keep the public safe?" If
9 there was ordnance found in those areas and it's a publicly accessible area, then
10 those areas undergo removal actions, such as the area in the park down by the
11 trails, as well as Wedgewood, because it's - there were live grenades found and
12 it's a highly populated area.

13 There are still other areas that have yet to be cleaned because of the
14 funding stream. So that's the ongoing process; and, again, the information
15 where there are areas that maybe were not investigated but there are items,
16 and a populated area and area of concerns, then those do need to be elevated
17 for consideration in - in an assessment and a review.

18 BY MR. GIBSON:

19 So we're not going to - you're not going to go out and look in every -
20 search every house in Duncan Park or Pauline or wherever?

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 That's what you should do.

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 There's not enough money to do it.

25 BY MR. JOHNSON:

1 See, that's how my daddy got killed because somebody didn't pick up their
2 mess.

3 BY MR. RENNA:

4 Again, when I said earlier, if you think there's ordnance, if you see
5 ordnance on your property, all you have to do ---

6 BY MR. JOHNSON:

7 There's no ---

8 BY MR. RENNA:

9 --- is call 911.

10 BY MR. JOHNSON:

11 It's not under my house now, because I built my house from the ground up
12 down in the gully on up, but we lived across the road right behind the drill field.
13 Now who put them there and how they got there, I do not know.

14 BY MR. RENNA:

15 There were people walking around with ordnance all the time. If they'd
16 find stuff, they throw it back from World War - it may not be from Camp
17 Croft. They brought it back from the Pacific, from Europe. I get calls all the
18 time for hand grenades. We just picked one up out of the Pacolet River not too
19 long ago, a live Mk. II hand grenade. You're always going to find this stuff, you
20 know, and if people find the stuff, all they have to do is call 911 and we'll come
21 take care of it.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Yes, sir.

24 BY MR. COLE:

25 You all treating this gentleman ---

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Could you state your name, please?

3 BY MR. COLE:

4 My name is Charles Cole, and you are treating this gentleman as if he
5 don't care - you don't care. You're saying this - he's got a legitimate question
6 and he got a legitimate complaint. So you all are going all around and not giving
7 him the - just giving him the run around, and that's ---

8 BY MR. GIBSON:

9 That certainly wasn't intending to give him the run around.

10 BY MR. COLE:

11 But that's what you were doing.

12 BY MR. GIBSON:

13 All I was doing was trying to establish is where the property he lives on
14 falls in the jurisdiction of this group here, and apparently the answer is no.

15 BY MR. COLE:

16 You said there's 19,000 acres, am I correct?

17 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

18 Yes, sir.

19 BY MR. COLE:

20 Okay. Now 19,000, where does that go for the Camp Croft versus
21 surrounding of that?

22 BY MR. MULLINAX:

23 There's a map over there.

24 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

25 There's a map.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 There's a map we can show that to you on ---

3 BY MR. COLE:

4 Okay. Well, nobody ---

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 --- and show you the ---

7 BY MR. COLE:

8 But you're saying he found a bomb across the street from where he's
9 living now. So now you are still treating it as, you know - I - I don't know what
10 you're treating it as, but you're not treating - you're not giving him the respect.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Jesse, is the bomb there now?

13 BY MR. JOHNSON:

14 No.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 When did you find the bomb across the ---

17 BY MS. PORTER:

18 He just told you.

19 BY MR. JOHNSON:

20 In 1971.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Okay.

23 BY MR. JOHNSON:

24 That's - we lived there until - is it '72 or three, and the Murph sold -
25 after Murph got the property back, they just sold it, and I built me a house

1 right, come down the hill, right across the street, because we're talking about
2 '71, back then. We ain't talking about now.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Yeah. Okay.

5 BY MR. JOHNSON:

6 Because I don't - there's - there's no bombs under my house now.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 Okay.

9 BY MR. JOHNSON:

10 Unless somebody put them there last night, because I was out in the yard
11 all day yesterday.

12 BY MR. CARTER:

13 I've got a question. I want to ask - my name is Hezekiah Carter, and I
14 want to know from the Corps what all this pollution, the water pollution came up
15 in this area? Did it come from Camp Croft? Did it come from the tanks up here
16 or what, because all this area here is polluted?

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Your well is polluted?

19 BY MR. CARTER:

20 It was. Yeah, it was. There were - there - until we finally got water in
21 this area.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 City water?

24 BY MR. CARTER:

25 City water, but every well in this area was polluted.

1 So what did it - did this come from Camp Croft or where did all this
2 pollution come from? These people had to drink the water for years and years
3 and years.

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 Did DHEC test the water or ---

6 BY MR. CARTER:

7 Oh, DHEC tested it.

8 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

9 They tested it, Gary.

10 BY MR. CARTER:

11 That's the reason they condemned it. That's the reason - that's a reason
12 they put the water in this area, ---

13 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

14 And ---

15 BY MR. CARTER:

16 --- because these ---

17 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

18 Go ahead. I'm sorry, sir. Benzene, Toluene and other petroleum based
19 chemicals were found in these wells. Where this came from was a 1940 United
20 States around the fence pipeline from Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Fairfax,
21 Virginia, sir, and where Jesse and all these other people over here, it rans boom
22 where all the tank farms out here that are out here today. They build huge
23 dikes around the tanks. From what they did back then, nobody ever heard the
24 word pollution. So when they got product coming in, what they did, they simply,
25 around these dikes, they put a pipe in and let it go. I know that for a fact

1 because I've talked with me who worked there. My father worked for Phillips
2 Petroleum Company for 20 years. He's totally disabled today. That's the reason
3 your wells are polluted.

4 (BRIEF INTERRUPTION)

5 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

6 I'm sorry.

7 Something else I'd like to address, too, real quick without disturbing
8 anybody. Where Mr. Johnson lives and where these people live, the drill field
9 was there. The camp owns the property behind the drill field. Down
10 Whitestone Glendale Road they used to march all the way to a little satellite
11 camp they had in Clifton, South Carolina, where they did cliff climbing behind
12 the Clifton Mill No. 2. They fired bazooka rockets. They fired grenades. They
13 fired 60 millimeter mortar, and they fired 81 millimeter mortars in this little
14 satellite camp, and a lot of times these soldiers would carry this with them in
15 ammo carrier packs, and it was - you know, it could be easy for them to just
16 guard some of it in your area or in you all's area, but to answer your question,
17 sir, in 1998, they not only found bacteria from dog doo - dogs do the same thing
18 we do. They imbibe nourishment, and then they discharge waste. What you
19 were told, you both were told that it was dog manure, and ---

20 BY MR. CARTER:

21 No.

22 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

23 --- it was through - well, you were told it was from dogs, because they
24 also found Toluene and Benzene and Hexachlorophene and other petroleum
25 based chemicals in those wells. That's why they condemned them. I do know

1 that for a fact, and that came from and still comes today from these pipelines
2 that are out there.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 And let me real quickly, sir, before we - to follow up on the question, the
5 South Carolina Department of the Environment, South Carolina Department of
6 Health and Environment - to make my acronyms correct - is responsible for soil
7 and water and ground water contamination. So this group does not know the
8 details, unless you have some reports on - on the sources of those
9 contaminations and those investigations, but we can get you a point of contact
10 with the State and Environmental Agency that has sampled and defined the
11 sources and the actions. That is not within this program, so we don't have those
12 details to be able to provide you, but I'd be happy to provide you a point of
13 contact so we can try to get that information for you.

14 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

15 Excuse me, Suzy. That was the Spartanburg County Health Department
16 that you're speaking of.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 So - well, and - and the State should have those records, as well.

19 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

20 Maybe.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 So we can provide that information to you.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Well, the County Health Department is part of DHEC, isn't it?

25 BY MR. GIBSON:

1 It is now, yes.

2 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

3 In 1998 it wasn't.

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 And I'm sorry, sir.

6 BY MR. CARTER:

7 And he took - he took samples of 28 houses, just random samples, and out
8 of 28 houses, 26 was -- wells was polluted. They came out with fecal and other
9 stuff they wouldn't tell. We went down - I called down to Atlanta for
10 Environmental Protection Agency, and I talked to Ms. Ellington. This is in 1998,
11 and they were supposed to send someone. I talked to Senator Hollings. I
12 talked to Representative Inglis, and we - that's how we got the water. That's
13 how we got the water, because ---

14 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

15 Yes, sir.

16 BY MR. CARTER:

17 --- we was putting pressure on them, too, the politics.

18 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

19 And they ran a water line.

20 BY MR. CARTER:

21 Then ran the water line.

22 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

23 McGraw's ---

24 BY MR. CARTER:

25 Yes.

1 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

2 --- Service, yes.

3 BY MR. CARTER:

4 It was 1998.

5 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

6 '98.

7 BY MR. CARTER:

8 Yeah.

9 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

10 Yes, sir, 1998.

11 BY MR. CARTER:

12 But I still don't know whether - they wouldn't tell us the other thing. The
13 only thing they would say is fecal. They wouldn't give us the other, but all of
14 these were positive for these positive ---

15 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

16 These were petroleum based products.

17 BY MR. CARTER:

18 I understand that ---

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Well, we should be able to get that report, right?

21 BY MR. CARTER:

22 --- what it was.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 From DHEC. Isn't that - could we get that through Freedom of
25 Information Act?

1 BY MR. CARTER:

2 We had - we had it at DHEC, but they wouldn't give it to us. If you can
3 get it, get it.

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 And, again, the mission of the Board is ordnance and ordnance related
6 contaminants.

7 BY MR. MULLINAX:

8 Not chemicals.

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 Not ---

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 It's not chemicals.

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14 Not ---

15 BY MR. MULLINAX:

16 That's in barrels and stuff like that.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 It's not petroleum.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Yes, ma'am.

21 BY MS. LEWIS:

22 My name is Gladys Lewis, and we live in that area, also, and I'm just
23 wondering how that could happen and DHEC not fully disclose everything that
24 was in that water? My husband is totally disabled, also, and there are several
25 other people on that land permanently disabled. So I'm just sort of appalled

1 that DHEC did not fully release that information. I know you all don't have
2 anything to do with that.

3 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

4 Well, what I'll do is I'll contact South Carolina DHEC tomorrow when I
5 get back to the office, and I'll request that they provide a participant to the
6 RAB Board.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 Well, it might not be our job to clean it up, but why not find out what it
9 said?

10 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

11 I can give you an answer to that, too. It was ---

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 I think that would be a good idea, Mr. McKinley, and that would be - that
14 would be - I think it would be great to bring back to the next meeting.

15 BY MR. MULLINAX:

16 In this report I've got here it states that they dumped barrels of
17 chemicals in these wells, but it didn't say what was in - what the chemicals were.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Okay.

20 BY MR. MULLINAX:

21 It's in there.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 I'm still - I'm not sure what we're going to bring up at the next meeting
24 about this report.

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 Well, I wanted the Board, as did George, an opportunity to review it, and
2 the Corps of Engineers to be able to review that to be able to present what
3 alternatives there are for follow-up action.

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 So the next meeting the Corps of Engineers will do a follow-up on this?

6 BY MR. MCKINLEY:

7 Yes.

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 And ---

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 Okay. Good.

12 Does anybody have any question on that or any - any more discussion on
13 this matter?

14 BY MS. PORTER:

15 I have a question, but it's not on the contamination there. I have a
16 question to the entire Board. I've been coming to these meetings since almost
17 day one, and we're here to ask questions. We're here to find out what's going on
18 in our neighborhood, but it seems to be when a question is asked, you get talked
19 around. You get asked all kind of unnecessary questions, but you never, never
20 answer the questions that you're asked. Like the gentleman right here, you
21 never answered the question that was asked of him, but he talked all round the
22 subject, but he never answered either one of the questions he was asked; and
23 when you ask a Board member something, instant attitude, you won't answer
24 what is asked of you. You don't have the information that is required of you.
25 If you're going to be on a Board, I'm going to be able to look through my book

1 and if you ask my question, I'm going to be able to flip through my pages and tell
2 you what you're asking me; but as this Board, and as this Board has been doing
3 all the time, you come to a meeting, you're asked questions, but you never get an
4 answer. You get talked about, talked around. You're ridiculed, but you don't get
5 answers.

6 BY COURT REPORTER:

7 I need your name, please.

8 BY MS. PORTER:

9 Louvenia Porter.

10 BY COURT REPORTER:

11 Thank you.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Ms. Porter.

14 Well, Ms. Porter, one thing we do, I think everybody tries to answer a lot
15 of questions, and sometimes there's not answers, but if you have a certain
16 question that's on your mind that you think is very important, you can always
17 write to a Board member. A Board member represents you and the community,
18 and the Board member can pass it on to the Corps of Engineers or to Zapata
19 Engineering; and if it's in writing, there's no question as to what your question is,
20 and that's the better way that we can respond that we can bring that up as old
21 business at the next meeting and discuss it and make sure we try to get an
22 answer for it at that time, and that would be - it would be documented, and it
23 would go on the Minutes and the answer will always be there in the future.

24 Any more discussion on this matter?

25 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

1 Yeah, I do.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Robin.

4 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

5 Gary, I'm sorry.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 That's all right.

8 BY MR. JOHNSON:

9 That's what we're for. Talk.

10 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

11 Yeah, I'm - what we're dealing with here, and I'm not trying to be Bob
12 Woodward or Carl Bernstein, but these people have suffered for years and
13 years, because I've seen him. My dad's worked for the petroleum industry for
14 20 years and know what it is.

15 Everybody starts rolling their eyes and tilting their heads, whatever.
16 You're dealing with a benign cover-up where these back in 1998 where Jesse and
17 Mr. Cole, this gentleman here, when they found those petroleum contaminants in
18 their wells, I know for a fact - I shouldn't say how I know for a fact, but I do
19 know for a fact that representatives of the nine big oil companies and these oil
20 terminals out here got to DHEC and told them not to put that out.

21 Now these people all suffered bouts of chronic intestinal maladies, which
22 fall on my dog waste, but they found dog fecal matter in these wells. Yes, they
23 did. They also found an extraordinary high content of petroleum based
24 products deep, not only in the water, but deep in the soil, and that was hushed
25 stuff in Columbia, South Carolina, during the governorship of David Beasley.

1 Now that - I'm sorry if I scare anybody by saying anything to anybody if I come
2 across - but that is a fact. That is how it happened. You're dealing with a -
3 maybe not so benign cover-up, and whoever these people are that are trying to
4 get this - what Mr. Mullinax was talking about, I think that's what they're trying
5 to address; and simple prudence tells you that whoever lawyers are going to
6 represent these people are, their lawyer/client confidentiality, they're not
7 going to say anything to anybody.

8 I'm glad I got that off of my chest, because I've been wanting to say
9 that for nine years now and I haven't, but I finally did; and to answer your
10 question further, I don't think really there's anything the Corps of Engineers
11 can do about what comes from these petroleum terminals.

12 BY MR. GIBSON:

13 And I think that's the real question before the Board is does this Board,
14 does this project, as far as the restoration, have anything, any jurisdiction over
15 what you're saying?

16 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

17 Probably not.

18 BY MR. GIBSON:

19 Okay.

20 BY MR. MULLINAX:

21 They don't.

22 BY MR. RENNA:

23 I think we've already stated that the Board, this Board is only for
24 ordnance removal, period.

25 BY MR. MULLINAX:

1 Right.

2 BY MR. GIBSON:

3 Or contaminants related to ---

4 BY MR. RENNA:

5 Correct.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 You know, if we find mustard gas or something like that somewhere, they
8 have to clean it up, or an old trash dump or something like that that's
9 contaminable.

10 BY MR. GIBSON:

11 But anybody - this is a statement of fact.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 For what?

14 BY MR. GIBSON:

15 Anybody that's been around here - Donald Gibson.

16 Anybody that's been around here for the existence of this and the
17 installation of the pipeline and so forth know that the regulations then were
18 quite different as far as dumping of wash-down or whatever when they did and
19 put the tanks in. That's just a statement of fact, but that has nothing to do
20 with what this Board is about or this project is about, as I understand it.

21 BY MR. CARTER:

22 Well, where would you go for a Board, if this is through Camp Croft Board
23 elusive from Camp Croft, where do you go if you don't come here?

24 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

25 Let me go ahead and address that.

1 My recommendation would be you take the Minutes on what Robin has
2 just said and perhaps the names of each of you all who have suffered this
3 injustice, and they need to go to our state elected officials, Senator John
4 Hawkins, Representative Scott Talley, Representative Keith Kelly and Lanny
5 Littlejohn, because those are - those are the State elected officials for this
6 particular area, and then they can respond or they can research whatever has
7 gone on, because it's going to require somebody of their nature to get to the
8 bottom of it.

9 BY MR. CARTER:

10 We did that in 1998. The ones that we called in 1998 was - well, it's
11 everything that was in there. Doug Fabel.

12 Do you know Doug Fabel?

13 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

14 No.

15 BY MR. CARTER:

16 Fred Barbington, Orangeburg; Mary Best; Major Peter Brooks, National
17 Guard; Carter Waldrip, National Guard; and then Harold Osborne and Robin
18 Zimmerman, but these are - but these are people that are not on there that I
19 tried to call - contacted Washington. Senator Thurmond I think is on there.
20 Inglis, Thurmond, and we - we contacted all the political ---

21 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

22 Well, I ---

23 BY MR. CARTER:

24 All the - we did - we did our homework on that.

25 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

1 Yes, sir, but I hear - see I'm hearing that this is a DHEC issue, which
2 makes it a State issue, and so if you go to the State officials, and these - these
3 - these four men I mentioned, they represent you.

4 BY MR. CARTER:

5 Right.

6 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

7 They represent you in this area, and so they'll be responsive to your
8 needs and what your request is, and they're the ones that you put the pressure
9 and apply heat to DHEC to get answers to what happened ten years ago,
10 because there's a file or there's something there, but that's going to be the
11 best avenue at this particular point is to have some people that represent you
12 go to the State Agency, which is DHEC, and try to discover what has
13 transpired, and they're there to help you, but I think if you all give each of your
14 names and we record it in the Minutes, and then we'll see that the Minutes get
15 to those four gentlemen.

16 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

17 One other thing. Senator Glenn Reese sent me a letter asking me to
18 come to this thing tonight and report to him what was said. Now he's taken a
19 very keen interest in what was going on back there.

20 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

21 Well, and I think also at this time it would probably be appropriate to
22 represent two of our elected officials from the county, Johnnye Code Stewart
23 and Rock Adams, and welcome them to this meeting.

24 BY MR. ADAMS:

25 Bubba, you need to put Senator Ritchie's name down, also.

1 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

2 Jim Ritchie.

3 BY MR. ADAMS:

4 This would be his area, and John Hawkins around the edges, but then this
5 would be Lanny Littlejohn, Kelly, and who else?

6 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

7 Scott Talley.

8 BY MR. ADAMS:

9 Scott Talley. Yeah, Scott Talley is the house member, and Jim Ritchie is
10 a senator along with John Hawkins.

11 You've got to attack it on a local/state level. You've got to make the first
12 move on, like you said. No doubt about it.

13 BY MS. STEWART:

14 And I'd just like to add an item. I was just listening tonight.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 It's Ms. Johnnye Code Stewart.

17 BY MS. STEWART:

18 But do you have - you know, diversity is the way of life. Do you have a
19 minority on your Board so there could be a transfer of information between the
20 races?

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 No.

23 BY MS. STEWART:

24 That - you know, that's what you need, and I'm not giving any information
25 out. I'm the only African-American, the only woman and the only Democrat on

1 the Spartanburg County Council. You see my little - my little one vote, but if
2 it's just one minority on the Board, then maybe the information could trickle
3 down to other minorities in the community.

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 Ma'am, we did.

6 BY MS. STEWART:

7 That's just a suggestion.

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 We did have one minority applicant who was approved to be on the Board.

10 BY MS. STEWART:

11 Okay. Who was that?

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 And we have not been able to contact her. I don't know that she has
14 moved. Her name plate is up here, Ms. Teresa McCoy did apply to serve on the
15 Board and was approved, and unless you know maybe some new information, we
16 have been unable to contact her over the last several months.

17 BY MS. STEWART:

18 Well, if you aren't able to serve, you need to be removed and replaced,
19 and I would recommend Mr. Charles Cole.

20 BY MR. MULLINAX:

21 Well, Susan, didn't we have one before on the Board, a black man?

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Mr. Littlejohn.

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 Yes.

1 BY MR. JOHNSON:

2 Suzy.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 Yes.

5 BY MR. JOHNSON:

6 Excuse me, but you also had Mr. Stonewall Stewart.

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 Yes, Mr. Stewart ---

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Stonewall Stewart did.

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 --- served on the Board several terms. Thank you. Thank you.

13 BY MS. STEWART:

14 Excuse me?

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 We had Mr. Stonewall Stewart who has also served on the previous
17 Board.

18 BY MS. STEWART:

19 He's from Pacolet, isn't he?

20 BY MR. JOHNSON:

21 Whitestone.

22 BY MS. STEWART:

23 Whitestone. Oh, okay, but is he active now?

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 No, he opted not to apply.

1 BY MS. STEWART:

2 Okay. Don't just let his name hang there as a Board member and he's not
3 participating.

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 No, he is not on our current Board. He was on our previous Board. We
6 serve two-year terms.

7 BY MS. STEWART:

8 So he's not on it now?

9 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

10 No.

11 BY MR. MULLINAX:

12 No.

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14 No, ma'am.

15 BY MS. STEWART:

16 Okay.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 He was previously on the Board.

19 BY MS. STEWART:

20 Then it would be nice to be diversify this particular Board.

21 BY MR. MARLER:

22 I think one of the problems - and this is my first term on this. I've been
23 in the audience when this thing started, but I would say we don't have any
24 minorities because they didn't apply. I sent in my application because I'm a
25 property - manage a property, and I considered where the park was and was

1 approved, and I take it that there was not any minorities made enough
2 application, and I'm encouraging ---

3 BY MS. STEWART:

4 Maybe this information ---

5 BY MR. MARLER:

6 --- you all - right.

7 BY MS. STEWART:

8 --- there's application ---

9 BY MR. MARLER:

10 And get active.

11 BY MS. STEWART:

12 --- in time to apply.

13 BY MR. MARLER:

14 And get active.

15 BY MR. STEWART:

16 Maybe they didn't get the information there was an application in time to
17 apply.

18 BY MR. MARLER:

19 I don't know. I'm just saying ---

20 BY GENTLEMAN:

21 They had the ad in the paper.

22 BY MR. MARLER:

23 --- most of the time people, and I'm going to use this as an example. I
24 went to my precinct meeting two weeks ago. I was president, secretary,
25 anything you want to call it. I was the only one there. Lack of participation is

1 based on the individual, not us, because I mean we can't go out and recruit. You
2 have to come on yourself. Suzy may have some applications.

3 (BRIEF BREAK IN MEETING)

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 Okay. Let's get the business going.

6 BY MR. MULLINAX:

7 All we need is to adjourn.

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Okay. What - do you all remember what we talked about last?

10 BY MR. MULLINAX:

11 DHEC.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Okay. Any more discussion on DHEC? We need to get on with our
14 meeting.

15 Okay. I don't see any hands. Okay.

16 We need to check with Mr. Rick Renna. Have you had any removals lately
17 or any calls on any removals?

18 BY MR. RENNA:

19 Not really.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Anything to report?

22 BY MR. RENNA:

23 We have had nothing in this area lately, at least not since the last
24 meeting. You know, I mentioned I had an Mk. II hand grenade from the Pacolet
25 River, but that was probably something dropped off the bridge.

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Yeah. Okay.

3 Well, the main thing for everybody to know and tell all your friends and
4 family, if you find anything, don't touch it. Call 911. Rick Renna, Mr. Dyas will
5 come out and handle it for you; and if you have any questions, you can contact a
6 Board member or call Mr. McKinley at the Corps of Engineers or Zapata
7 Engineering, but we've had a very good meeting tonight.

8 If you have anything you want brought up at the next meeting, you can
9 call Zapata or call Mr. McKinley at the Corps of Engineers and bring it on - put
10 it on the schedule. Mr. Jimmy Tobias will be the chair at the next meeting. He
11 can work on the agenda with the Corps of Engineers to get the agenda set for
12 the next meeting and the time and date and everything; but we've got a good
13 group here on the Board, and what we need to do is be sure that we are given
14 the information to move forward and make recommendations to the Corps as to
15 how we advise them to move forward and how we advise them to use the funds
16 that are available. If we can spend our money wisely, we can get a lot
17 accomplished with our limited funds that we're provided during wartime now.

18 I've had a lot of complaints from the public that the Board -- and I've
19 looked back through the Minutes. I can't see over six years now that a Board
20 has given advice to the Corps as to what we recommend that they do. They
21 don't have to do what we say, but we're recommending the community to present
22 to them what we recommend that they go forward with, and so that - that
23 means a lot, and so I've talked to Mr. McKinley about that. He understands
24 that, and we'll try to keep everything on track.

25 Anything you want to bring up for business for next meeting?

1 BY MR. LANE:

2 I have a question before we go for -- I guess for you, Gary.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Okay.

5 BY MR. LANE:

6 This member here, I think we just - we stepped away from the diversity
7 issue of no diverse members on this Board. I guess my question is, if this
8 member who was a diverse candidate steps away or doesn't show up for the next
9 meeting, will she be replaced and could we recommend somebody who would take
10 that person's place?

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Well, the way - I think the way the By-laws reads, that person can
13 recommend somebody to take her place.

14 BY MR. LANE:

15 But we haven't been able to contact her. Is that right, Suzy?

16 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

17 Right, I have tried on the email that was on her application, multiple
18 phone numbers and internet searches and have not been able to contact her.

19 BY MR. LANE:

20 Okay.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 So ---

23 BY MR. LANE:

24 So as I read the By-laws, it states that replacing members would be
25 sought from those individuals who were first notified at non-selection.

1 So we have to go back through the applications.

2 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

3 Everyone who applied was selected, so we do not have any non-selected
4 individuals.

5 BY MR. LANE:

6 So I guess my question for the Board is then do we go out and do public
7 interest as to replace this person?

8 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

9 I think we can encourage people to apply. Is that right?

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 We can do that.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 That's something we don't have in our By-laws.

14 BY MR. GIBSON:

15 Until she's officially not on the Board, we don't have anything to do.

16 BY MR. LANE:

17 So when ---

18 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

19 And ---

20 BY MR. LANE:

21 When is that?

22 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

23 And ---

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 Well, it's in the By-laws, too, I think.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 --- as to unexcused absences, I believe is - I think it is actually three.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 And we have to mail her a letter or something?

5 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

6 Three being ---

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 Non-approved ---

9 BY MR. LANE:

10 And it also says that RAB member may be removed from the Board by a
11 majority vote. Could we vote tonight, if we can't contact this person, to be
12 replaced?

13 I'm just asking. I'm - I'm the young guy here.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 I think it states in there.

16 BY MR. LANE:

17 I'm in human resources, so when I look at an organization, I think
18 diversity does speak.

19 BY MR. SPIETH:

20 Notwithstanding all of the formalities, if anybody in this group in the
21 audience today is interested, and if this person for some reason or another
22 doesn't show up, can they just tell you that, "Hey, I'd be interested if a vacancy
23 occurs"?

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 And I would give them an application.

1 That application does go to the Corps of Engineers, so ---

2 BY MR. SPIETH:

3 And they could do that tonight?

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 Yes, they can.

6 BY MR. SPIETH:

7 They could say, "I, Joe Blow, would be interested in," ---

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 And I ---

10 BY MR. SPIETH:

11 --- "being on this Board," and come and see you or Gary or somebody and
12 take their name, rank and serial number, and take an application.

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14 They'd have to complete an application just so we have that document,
15 and the applications ---

16 BY MR. SPIETH:

17 Okay.

18 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

19 --- on the website. Actually there are some in the library.

20 BY MR. SPIETH:

21 But they could do it tonight. They don't have to go to the website.

22 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

23 I don't - I don't have a hard copy of the application.

24 BY MR. SPIETH:

25 They could tell - give their name and address.

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 And I could get them an application.

3 BY MR. SPIETH:

4 Right.

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 An application to fill out.

7 BY MR. SPIETH:

8 So I say anybody in the audience who is interested in being on this

9 Board, ---

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 If the Board would like to replace her.

12 BY MR. SPIETH:

13 --- come over to you and give their name, rank and serial number.

14 BY MR. COLE:

15 I've got the name.

16 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

17 So does the ---

18 BY MR. SPIETH:

19 Ahead of the game.

20 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

21 Does the Board agree to ---

22 BY MR. LANE:

23 Yes, semi-circle.

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 --- back fill that position?

1 BY MR. LANE:

2 Do - do I need to propose a motion?

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 Yes, sir.

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 Well, we need to see what the By-laws says about ---

7 BY MR. GIBSON:

8 It says three meetings I think is what it says.

9 BY MR. LANE:

10 But it also says the member may be removed by a majority vote from the
11 RAB.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 But that's somebody who has not - has done something that's not
14 beneficial to the Board or ---

15 BY MR. LANE:

16 But missing two meetings.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 In all these months, I mean I will be honest, in all these months this
19 individual has not contacted us after she submitted her application. I've got,
20 you know, the mailings aren't getting through to her, phone number is
21 disconnected. The internet is kicking back on her email addresses.

22 If she was sincerely interested, we have enough information out there to
23 contact us that I would think perhaps that she would have let us know. So ---

24 BY MR. LANE:

25 So does that ---

1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 --- the Board needs to decide whether we ---

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Do we want to make a motion or ---

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 --- wait another meeting or ---

7 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

8 Is there room to add one more person without ---

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 We've got up to 20.

11 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

12 We've got up to 20, so just go ahead and take an application and add one
13 more, and then we can make the decision at the next meeting.

14 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

15 If the Board would like to add one more for diversity, then you would
16 need to vote on that.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Well, I don't think we have to just say for diversity ---

19 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

20 For diversity we want to add one more person.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 --- if one more wants to ---

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 No, you are adding it for a reason, Gary, because the Board is set. The
25 Board has been selected by the Corps of Engineers.

1 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

2 Okay.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 Otherwise this wouldn't have been brought up.

5 BY MR. GIBSON:

6 I think it would be simpler just to follow the By-laws we adopted earlier
7 and go from there. Send a letter to her. When you get it back, ---

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 I can send a certified letter.

10 BY MR. GIBSON:

11 Send a certified letter, and then we go from there.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 And if she doesn't show up to the next meeting, we'll write a letter?

14 BY MR. GIBSON:

15 No, the letter goes out now. After two meetings.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 After two meetings. Okay.

18 BY MR. GIBSON:

19 The letter goes out, and at the next meeting we will act on it.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Okay. Is there any more discussion on that?

22 Does everybody agree on that?

23 Okay. All right. I believe that's got it. We've had a good meeting. I
24 entertain a motion to adjourn.

25 BY MR. MULLINAX:

1 Make a motion we adjourn.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Second?

4 BY MR. GIBSON:

5 Second.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 Okay. Second. All right. You all have a good night. Be safe. Thank you
8 for coming.

9 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 p.m.)



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Meeting Agenda

Welcome	US Army Corps of Engineers
Elect RAB Chair.....	ZAPATAENGINEERING
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Old Business	US Army Corps of Engineers ZAPATAENGINEERING
Adjourn	

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

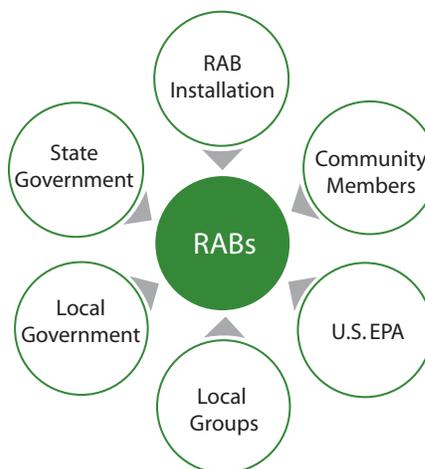
The Restoration Advisory Board Rule – Fact Sheet



What is a RAB?

The Department of Defense (DoD) recently published a regulation addressing Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs), 71 Federal Register 27610 (May 12, 2006) with technical corrections at 71 Federal Register 30719 (May 30, 2006) and 71 Federal Register 42756 (July 28, 2006). In accordance with statutory requirements (10 U.S.C. 2705(d)(2)(A)), the RAB Rule addresses the establishment, characteristics, composition, and funding of RABs.

A RAB is a forum to discuss and exchange information about DoD's environmental restoration program, identify issues of concern, and establish a direct line of communication between DoD, communities, and regulators.



What is the significance of the Rule?

The RAB Rule provides communities or individuals affected by an installation's environmental restoration activities with a framework for participating in the environmental restoration process. The RAB Rule discusses:

- Activities that can be performed by a RAB,
- Establishing a RAB,
- RAB operating procedures,
- Responsibilities of RAB members,
- Steps to adjourn a RAB,
- Steps to dissolve a RAB.

Who should read the Rule?

The RAB Rule is written for anyone who is currently, or may be affected by environmental restoration activities at an installation:

- o Installation Commanders
- o Co-Chairs
- o Community members
- o Family members of military and civilian personnel
- o Local and state governments
- o Tribes and indigenous people
- o Current landowners
- o Environmental Protection Agency

Where is the Rule available?

The RAB Rule is available on the Defense Environmental Network and Information eXchange (DENIX) at: <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/News/OSD/RAB/rabrul.html>.

What guidance will be available to RABs?

DoD is currently developing guidance to assist Components to implement the rule. Following this publication the Components will release guidance to help RAB communities and installations interpret the rule.