

CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE: Marriott Renaissance Hotel
Spartanburg, South Carolina

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 4, 2010
6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES: Glenn Jeffries, Public Affairs Officer
US Army Corps of Engineers
Charleston District

Julie Hiscox
US Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District

Spencer O'Neal
US Army Corps of Engineers
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Hayes
John Holcomb
William B. Littlejohn, Jr.
Bill Shoolbred
Emil Spieth
Jimmy Tobias

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ronald Crawley
Fred Marler
George Mullinax

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1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Okay. It looks like we have a quorum of the board. We'll call the meeting
3 to order.

4 At least we're not --- don't have a snow day today. It's pretty. I just
5 drove down from Asheville. It wasn't too bad up that way, but just glad the
6 weather is cooperating for us today.

7 I have several things on the agenda. Suzy, you asked if I had a few
8 things. Before I went to Asheville yesterday I emailed you. Did you all get a
9 chance to work on some of those things?

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 I did, and I responded with documents in an email yesterday, and I also
12 have hard copies tonight for you. I do have that information.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Okay. Is that something you can present to the group tonight?

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 And it's specific to your property, so we can talk about that after the
17 meeting, if you'd like.

18 Gary had asked for some specific coordinates for the sample in areas
19 from the EE/CA in 00U12B.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Yeah.

22 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

23 And so we provided that and some maps and coordinate points for you and
24 the location of the one item that was found during the investigation.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 It was one?

2 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

3 Only one item.

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 Okay.

6 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

7 And we have that sample grid and the coordinates for that you, as well.

8 So that was sent to you via email, and I do have a hard copy.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Okay. In the matter of the website I've had several calls and people
11 calling me, and I don't --- I don't know what's going on with the website.

12 BY MS. HISCOX:

13 I can answer that question.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Okay.

16 BY MS. HISCOX:

17 I sent you an email back on that. Part of the problem is that the --- when
18 we originally got that domain name, it was purchased through the Charleston
19 District by Ron Nesbit; and because of the way this company, the way they
20 verify the owner of the domain name, we're having some problems getting that
21 switched to my name.

22 So what we may actually do is look at just getting the same domain name
23 somewhere else and just start fresh or just start fresh with the same company
24 and repurchase the domain name, but we're having problems getting it just
25 switched over.

1 So it's not a money issue. It's a documentation issue.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Well, it just takes somebody paying the \$35, doesn't it?

4 BY MS. HISCOX:

5 No, actually not. It's not that simple. They won't let just anybody pay
6 the \$35. It has to come from the owner of the domain name, and it's not under
7 the Corps of Engineers in general. It's under Ron Nesbit, who is retired; so
8 they're being very picky about it, and I think we may just have to start fresh
9 and repurchase it.

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 Did you all try to give them a debit card number or ---

12 BY MS. HISCOX:

13 They won't take it.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 --- mail a check?

16 BY MS. HISCOX:

17 They won't take it. So, ---

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Because I --- now when I looked on the website, it was back --- back in
20 late January or something.

21 BY MS. HISCOX:

22 Yeah.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 I think I wrote down the date. Let's see, ---

25 BY MS. HISCOX:

1 They have been extraordinarily difficult. I've never seen a domain name
2 own a company ---

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Well, it expired on the 25th of January.

5 BY MS. HISCOX:

6 Yeah, I've never seen a company be this strict about how they manage
7 accepting payments for a domain name for ---

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 But when I talked to them, I said, "Well, can anybody make the
10 payment?"

11 They said, "Yeah."

12 I said, "Well, are you" --- I mean, and I --- and I said, "Well, what if I
13 called up and said I want to make the payment for somebody else?"

14 He said, "That'd be fine."

15 And then they said, "Well, I have domain names. If you want to make my
16 payments, you can make my payments." I mean the person working with
17 Network Solutions said that.

18 BY MS. HISCOX:

19 Yeah.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 So I --- you know, it's just confusing to me.

22 So the --- and when I talked to them, I was just mainly seeing what the
23 contact information was on there to be able to contact the Corps of Engineers
24 to let them know that it had expired.

25 BY MS. HISCOX:

1 Well, and that's part of the problem. It goes to Ron Nesbit, who is
2 retired. That email address is gone, so ---

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 And then --- then they said, "Well, we're turn it on for 14 days as a
5 complimentary."

6 BY MS. HISCOX:

7 Right, and they did that.

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Yeah.

10 BY MS. HISCOX:

11 And they sent us some information about transferring the name over to
12 us, and what they want is a utility bill, and we're having a problem with that,
13 because in fact the Corps does not own the building that we're in, so the utility
14 bill actually goes to GSA. So, you know, it's just ---

15 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

16 Or its ---

17 BY MS. HISCOX:

18 And we can talk about all these ---

19 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

20 Okay.

21 BY MS. HISCOX:

22 --- details after the meeting, but they're --- they're making it very
23 difficult, so we may just bypass that and start fresh, but we'll get that back up.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 Yeah.

1 Well, you know, it's just, like I said, it just seems like somebody go to the
2 800 number and say, "I want to pay this bill," and they will take the payment
3 and get the site up. I mean it's just some people calling me. They say, "Why is
4 it not up?"

5 BY MS. HISCOX:

6 Yeah.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 And then they're saying, "Well, Zapata is going on there, and they're going
9 in there and deleting things out of the Minutes and things.

10 BY MS. HISCOX:

11 No.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 And ---

14 BY MS. HISCOX:

15 No.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 I said, "Well, I don't know what anybody is doing or anything."

18 They said, "Well, why isn't it back up?"

19 I said, "Well, I don't know," and so that's the reason I'm trying to, you
20 know.

21 BY MS. HISCOX:

22 Yeah. We'll work that out.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Okay.

25 BY MS. HISCOX:

1 And I will let you know as soon as it's back up.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Okay.

4 BY MS. HISCOX:

5 Okay?

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 All right. Thank you.

8 BY MS. HISCOX:

9 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 All right. Okay. The next thing we had --- I just want everybody to
12 understand that when we have these meetings, we want to try to make sure
13 everybody is informed and everybody --- we can't have the meetings unless we
14 have a consensus of the board, so we try to get a date that's good for
15 everybody, and so it takes time to get --- to get in touch with everybody; and I
16 know Suzy contacted me sometime in January, and her email was a little
17 confusing. I've been --- I've been very busy, and it said, "What's the times
18 that's not good for you?"

19 Well, all the time wasn't good for me, so I couldn't really come up with a
20 good answer to that, and --- and, you know, the dates went from February to
21 February and March, and then from February to February and March to March.

22 So we came up with the date, February {sic} the 4th, and I got in touch
23 with the board, and --- and then the mailings were a little bit late and getting it
24 in the paper was a little bit late, so, you know, let's in the future let's try to get
25 --- you know, when we get messages to people about the meetings, let's try to

1 respond and get the messages back as quickly as possible so that we can make
2 sure everybody gets notified and we get the notice in the paper as soon as
3 possible and we can proceed with these meetings as efficient --- as efficiently
4 as we can.

5 Also on the email I sent yesterday, was --- have you all got some
6 information about the costs of the OOU3 back in 2006, the third week, the
7 payments?

8 BY MS. HISCOX:

9 You know, that actually is --- well, let me answer your question in general.
10 Most of our contracts are --- they're either computed or they're a firm
11 fixed price. There is no --- and so, when we negotiate a cost, it is a fixed cost.
12 That's independent of time that it takes the contractor to complete the work.

13 So, in regards to your question, if they happened to take a little longer to
14 do the work, that's their problem. It does not change the price that they're
15 paid, and that --- it's specifically it's the contract that Zapata works under.

16 So ---

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 That's not what was in this case. In this case ---

19 BY MS. HISCOX:

20 Well, no, that's ---

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 --- it was said that it was going to take ---

23 BY MS. HISCOX:

24 That's the case for their contract, period. Whatever --- you know, I
25 don't know what information you've been told, but there is a --- they are in a

1 firm fixed price contract. The fact that they may have taken longer does not
2 affect the price that they're paid, period.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Okay.

5 This is the way it happened.

6 BY MS. HISCOX:

7 Now ---

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 It was going to take ---

10 BY MS. HISCOX:

11 And actually ---

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Let me --- let me --- let me explain.

14 BY MS. HISCOX:

15 Well, let me say one thing, because I don't think this is an issue for this
16 board.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 It was an issue ---

19 BY MS. HISCOX:

20 And ---

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 --- brought up to me that somebody wanted an answer to.

23 BY MS. HISCOX:

24 Well, that actually is something you probably will have to make FOIA
25 request for, because that --- that really is not an issue for this board, and

1 that's information that you, if you want contract specific information, you will
2 need to request.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 This is how it happened. The work was --- and it was brought up in the
5 meeting and it was in writing the work was going to take three weeks.

6 Okay. So the next meeting they came in and said the work was supposed
7 to take two weeks but it took us three weeks, and so we needed extra money
8 for that third week.

9 Okay. Ron Nesbit said, "Okay. Well," --- and I remember I brought it up
10 in the meeting, and it should be in the Minutes.

11 I said, "Well, okay, for that two weeks they were paid a half million
12 dollars."

13 And then I said, "Well, where are they going to get another two and a ---
14 two --- a quarter of million dollars for the third week?"

15 He said, "Well, we have ways of paying for that."

16 So it was never brought up exactly how much was paid for that third
17 week.

18 BY MS. HISCOX:

19 Okay. So you're going back at least five years with this question would be
20 my guess?

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 It was work that happened in 2006.

23 BY MS. HISCOX:

24 Okay.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 In the Wedgewood area, OOU3.

2 BY MS. HISCOX:

3 Okay. That --- that is information you really will have to make a request
4 for, because I don't know the answer. I'm not sure any of us were working this
5 project at that time, and you'll have to make a FOIA request to get specifics on
6 that.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 Okay. All right.

9 So we have new business now, project update, Corps of Engineers.

10 BY MS. HISCOX:

11 Okay.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Suzy, are you going to handle that?

14 BY MS. HISCOX:

15 Actually, no.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 I mean ---

18 BY MS. HISCOX:

19 It's Julie.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Julie. Julie.

22 BY MS. HISCOX:

23 Yeah, Spencer could do that actually.

24 That would be great.

25 BY MR. O'NEAL:

1 Sure. What we've been doing as of late, we've got the new contract
2 extension for this particular meeting for the RAB. We just went ahead and
3 modified that. That's in the works. We will be good for another year.

4 In addition we --- we believe we might have come up with some money
5 from --- with some scrimping and saving to take care of one of the areas that's
6 here for the removal action. We're talking about the OOU11C that --- and this
7 work was completed back in 2007. At least we found the items, so what we're
8 going to do is go back out and reacquire those items.

9 So, I know we thought this would be good news for the board based on
10 the fact that we've been coming to you guys saying, "Hey, look, we don't have
11 any money. We're trying to get what we're trying to get." Okay. So now we're
12 going to go forward. We're going to get the permission, and, obviously, go ahead
13 and clean up one of the areas.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Okay. Can you identify the area for the public ---

16 BY MR. O'NEAL:

17 Sure.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 --- so they know what area that is?

20 BY MR. O'NEAL:

21 Area OOU11C.

22 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

23 The map is over here.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 And that's private property, right?

1 BY MR. O'NEAL:

2 Right. Correct.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 Off of --- is it West Croft Circle? Is that the road that it comes down?

5 It's hard to read on there.

6 BY MR. O'NEAL:

7 Over by ---

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Is that the property behind the ball fields and over next to the Baptist
10 church?

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 Where the geophysical investigation took place two years ago and brush
13 clearing, so the funding will be the anomalies that were identified. We'll be able
14 to go out there and reposition ourselves and get those anomalies. We didn't get
15 to that phase of work under the last cleaning effort.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Do you all know when that work will be, when the money will be in to be
18 able to take place?

19 BY MR. O'NEAL:

20 The money will be in shortly. I'm still negotiating a time schedule for us
21 to get back out there. As soon as I can get in the contract, I'll be able to get
22 that information forwarded to the group, and, hopefully, we'll have the website
23 back up so we can post it on it.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 Do you know how much money you've come in?

1 BY MR. O'NEAL:

2 Yes. Yes, it's about 200,000.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Okay. Do you know how long the work will take?

5 BY MR. O'NEAL:

6 I do not.

7 BY MR. SPIETH:

8 Do you think it will happen this year?

9 BY MR. O'NEAL:

10 Yes.

11 BY MS. HISCOX:

12 Yes.

13 BY MR. O'NEAL:

14 Yes.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 So it will be in this fiscal year?

17 BY MR. O'NEAL:

18 Yes.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 For the government ---

21 BY MR. O'NEAL:

22 For that portion.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 --- fiscal year?

25 BY MR. O'NEAL:

1 For that portion I believe it will be completed by this fiscal year.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Okay. Has the landowner been notified?

4 BY MR. O'NEAL:

5 Not yet. I'm just bringing this. This is brand new news, hot off the
6 press.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 Okay. What's his name, Jimmy?

9 BY MR. TOBIAS:

10 Jerry Campbell, and he's sick right now. He's got a brain tumor.

11 BY MR. O'NEAL:

12 Well, we'll go through the normal steps in order to try to notify the
13 landowner, and also post it on the website so everyone else will know.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Yeah.

16 BY MR. O'NEAL:

17 Normally in these situations the community is what, you know, the one
18 that who gets the word and then they pass it on to the others, so we're ---
19 we're hoping that that's going to be the case, but we will attempt to notify the
20 landowner.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Well, I know that's something he was wanting and looking forward to, and
23 maybe if I see something --- have you seen him lately? (Referring to Mr.
24 Tobias).

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 He's real sick.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Yeah, I hate that, and I know he's making --- the last time he came to the
4 meeting he said he was making payments on his property, so that's --- you know,
5 if he wanted to sell it, that would really make it tough on him to sell it, and if
6 it's under investigation for munitions.

7 So maybe that will be good news for him.

8 BY MR. O'NEAL:

9 Sure.

10 BY MR. TOBIAS:

11 I'll tell him.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Okay, and you all --- you all will notify him, too?

14 BY MR. O'NEAL:

15 We will notify him.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Okay. All right. Thank you.

18 Any other questions about this?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Okay.

22 We'll move on.

23 Lieutenant Dyas, good to see you here tonight. Do you have anything to
24 report or ---

25 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

1 We haven't got anything around the Camp Croft area. We did get some
2 military munitions up around Landrum. It's a pretty far distance, but it was
3 about 12 pounds of TNT and C4.

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 World War II stuff?

6 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

7 I wouldn't say that far back. Probably Vietnam, but it was about 12
8 pounds a guy was carrying around in the back of his truck to bring it to us.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Man.

11 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

12 We did take care of it, but that was taken care of, but as far as the
13 Camp Croft area, we haven't ---

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Nothing has been reported?

16 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

17 Nothing, not at this time.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Well, springtime is coming up. You know how the ground works in the
20 wintertime and changing season things and things are going to start popping up.
21 They'll start popping up this spring, especially when people are ploughing or
22 cutting their grass or cultivating or whatever, but --- cutting trees.

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 Gary, I've got a question for ---

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Okay.

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 --- Lieutenant Dyas.

4 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

5 Yes, sir.

6 BY MR. TOBIAS:

7 Do you have a cooperative agreement with Union County?

8 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

9 We --- we respond to them. We've actually responded out to Walmart in
10 Union to take care of a bomb problem, but, yeah, they'll call us in Union County.

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 Because I've been made aware of a situation down --- and it looks like to
13 me that maybe the boundary line, it says approximate boundary line of the camp
14 may be in error, and I've been told about a possible dump, maybe two or three
15 acre landfill where there is also military equipment at the edge of it.

16 I just wondered, but it's probably going to be in Union County.

17 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

18 Has it been seen? Has it been ---

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 Nobody has looked at it.

21 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

22 Have the owner of the property has talked to you about it? I mean --- I
23 mean if they want us to come down and take a look and see ---

24 BY MR. TOBIAS:

25 The owner hasn't contacted anyone.

1 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

2 We do that. I mean we've done that, but, no, I don't --- we go respond
3 wherever. Our guidelines are, as far as a bomb unit in this state, any bomb unit
4 in the State of South Carolina and pretty much across the country is we're
5 under the guidelines of the federal government. The federal government says
6 you have to respond wherever there is a --- wherever there is a call, no matter
7 where it's at. They fund us. They --- they give us the equipment. They train
8 us. We get all of our additional training free of costs. It don't cost. The only
9 costs to do that, we respond. So they don't have a bomb unit. We're the
10 closest one. We respond.

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 So if the landowner does call you, don't respond or ---

13 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

14 If the landowner is ---

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 The landowner is made aware of it.

17 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

18 If we're going to go onto somebody's property, that's --- that's --- no, we
19 don't do that, or they have --- they'll have to call us and ask us to come out. I
20 mean we go down to Fretwell Road a lot because a guy does a lot of plumbing or
21 ploughing down there, and he digs them up, and then we go down there and take
22 care of them right there on the site; but if they call us and ask us and say,
23 "Hey, we have a problem down here," we'll go, and we do the GPS coordinates
24 and we'll give it to the Corps to let them know that we found this right here.
25 You know, this is where it's at, and we're able to go out and do that, especially

1 on Fretwell Road. We've done that on numerous occasions where we did the
2 actual GPS coordinates, put in our coordinates before we ship it off to the
3 Corps and let them know when we do that.

4 So if he wants to call us and have us check it out, ---

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 No, I don't. I don't think he wants to call you.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 And he's at 150? Union side of 150?

9 BY MR. TOBIAS:

10 Yes.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 You just heard word of mouth?

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 Well, I've been made aware of it. I seen it. It looks like a dump.

15 Someone broke down right there at the edge of it where they had done stuff
16 and it just sunk in.

17 There's an Army truck there.

18 I was just wandered, you know. If you run across something like that ---

19 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

20 As far as going on ---

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 --- what do we do?

23 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

24 --- somebody's property like that without probable cause to search and
25 all that, no, we don't do that.

1 Now if there is an emergency where something has gone off, blown up and
2 all that, yeah, we'll go down there and make that call. We're available for that
3 now.

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 And if you find something, call 911.

6 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

7 The three Rs.

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Do you want to talk about the three Rs? State them real quick.

10 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

11 The three Rs: Recognize, Retreat and Respond.

12 I'm going to talk a little bit about community outreach.

13 You know, over the last several meetings we've talked about, I think,
14 videos and the dog costume, going to work with the paper, just doing a brochure
15 that you can hand out.

16 So you've probably had some time to think about it now, so we can do
17 what we're doing now. It's you all's decision, but if you --- if you want me to help
18 you with something, I need to know what you all want to do.

19 So if you all want to think about it and talk about it next meeting, or if
20 you want to email me or if you want to leave things as they are, that's fine, but
21 I want you all --- we want you all to make the decision.

22 We're happy to aid you in it, but it needs to be what you all want to do.

23 We've talked the gamut I think for the last few months.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 I would like to know what you all's thinking.

1 You --- you know, you brought up one time you were going to stamp
2 people's Deeds. Are you all still ---

3 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

4 Well, we just brought that up because that's something that they did in
5 Conway and Myrtle Beach and it worked for them. I don't think that's
6 something we can just initiate, but you could work with your town or your county
7 to maybe see if that's what you want to do; but, you know, that's also sort of a
8 double edge sword. Some people want to do it and some people don't; but that,
9 as a group, if you decided that was something that you thought was important
10 and a great way to let people know what they're buying and where they're living,
11 then that's something, as a community board, you'd have to work with your
12 county to see if that could happen.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Yeah.

15 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

16 The Corps just can't do that, but that was just one of the things in doing
17 this kind of work that I know that some counties do.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Well, landowners contacted me about it and said there's nobody can do it,
20 and if somebody does it, they're going to have the biggest lawsuit they've ever
21 seen on their hand.

22 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

23 See, Conway does it.

24 I mean that's all ---

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 But, you know, it's just --- and I can see their point, and a lot of them
2 said that, you know, the Deeds that were there then aren't the Deeds now, but
3 if they had stamped them when the property was sold at that time.

4 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

5 You know, I don't know how long ---

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 It would be ---

8 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

9 --- Conway has been doing it.

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 It would be different, so, you know, since then it's probably three or four
12 different Deeds that have been for the certain properties, and, you know, I
13 don't know if any, any of the properties might have the same original Deed that
14 was sold from Camp Croft or not.

15 You got any idea, Robin?

16 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

17 Not right offhand, Gary. I could do some research for it.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 It's just --- just curious on that kind of stuff.

20 So anybody want to add anything with the community outreach?

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 I thought it was a good idea, you know, the brochures she had last
23 meeting, you know, to put out in the community, maybe state parks and fire
24 departments.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 We've had brochures in the past, haven't we, or ---

2 BY MR. O'NEAL:

3 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

4 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

5 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 And they had those magnetic with the hand grenade on it to call 911 or
8 things like that. I don't know if anybody ---

9 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

10 Yes, I think there's even been coloring books, Spencer is saying, and we
11 do have the dog. There is coloring books and crayons that they pass out at
12 school, but he says those have been on camp before.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Okay. Do we have anymore discussion about the community outreach?

15 BY MR. O'NEAL:

16 So are we going --- is that something you would like us to do?

17 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

18 Do you want me to --- yeah, do we want me to do the brochure? Do you
19 want us to pursue a brochure? Do you all want to talk about it among yourselves
20 and decide maybe we want to do more than that or we don't want to do that? I
21 mean, you know, we've shown you all kind of things. It can be a large outreach.
22 It can be small or it can remain exactly as it is.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Well, I thought the brochures were already produced.

25 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

1 Well, they're ---

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 It's not just

4 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

5 They're old ones. I don't know. I don't know what the most recent date
6 is, but I can do a recent one, you know, a current one for you. I don't know how
7 long it's been since there's been one out there, but it's --- you know, I've been
8 here for two, almost two years and I haven't done one, and I don't think Zapata
9 has done one in that time.

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 Okay, and you --- you work for the Corps, right?

12 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

13 I work for the Corps. I'm ---

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 And so you'll be working ---

16 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

17 --- the public affairs officer.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 --- doing the printing on the Corps' dime?

20 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

21 Yes.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Well, let's have a little discussion with this. I don't see any harm in
24 modernizing the brochure. Do you all?

25 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

1 How are they distributed?

2 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

3 That's what you all would need to decide. Do we hand them to visitors
4 that are going through the gate? Do you place them in grocery stores? Do you
5 place them in schools? I mean that's what I need you all to tell me that you
6 want to do, and I think before they were just handed out to visitors who went
7 into the park. When they paid their admission or went through the gate, they
8 were given a brochure.

9 I mean you could put them everywhere in Spartanburg, or you could do
10 that or some mix of that. It's entirely up to you all.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Well, I think the state park is the main place where the public is going,
13 and the rest of the properties are private property and nobody has any right to
14 be on private property without consent to start with; so can we come to
15 agreement that we go ahead with the modernizing the brochure, and we'll
16 probably give copies to the park and let them distribute as they see fit?

17 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

18 Sure.

19 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

20 Yes.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 I think we show that everybody on the board agrees with that.

23 Anybody with the public?

24 Lieutenant Dyas?

25 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

1 I wanted to make a suggestion. Certainly I think the brochure is a good
2 idea. I think you ought to keep those going on, to let people know, and I --- my
3 suggestion would be to update them every so often. I don't know when the last
4 time it was, but obviously it's been awhile. Keep it updated and let people know,
5 and keep in the fire departments in the area, the Camp Croft itself down there,
6 the schools in the area. You can let us --- give us a bunch of those to give to
7 the school resource officers, and then pass them out in the schools like that, I
8 think, in that area.

9 Certainly, you know, giving that flyer to somebody else in Chesnee or
10 something like that, is that worth doing? I don't --- I don't see that as being
11 productive. I think people in the area certainly. You know, you've got the
12 School for the Deaf and Blind up here. We can get them over to them. They
13 can keep that in the school. You know, those type things we can help you with
14 that.

15 We're coming up on this time of year where the Hazardous Vice Unit gets
16 called out to just about every school in Spartanburg County. Trust me. We
17 went to 39, 39 programs last year and all of them were schools. So, you know,
18 we can help you with that, too.

19 Like I said, I think the brochure is a great idea if you keep that going,
20 and then, you know, you can always add a little bit more to that if you think, you
21 know, there's something on --- do this little program on the television or
22 something like that, but we're there to help you on that.

23 BY MR. SPIETH:

24 Put them in the libraries down in Pacolet and ---

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Well, the main thing, keep the cost down and give them to the central
2 location for distribution or something. Maybe give them to the main library to
3 distribute to the satellite libraries.

4 BY MR. SPIETH:

5 Yes.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 And maybe give them to the District 7 office and District 6 office to
8 distribute to the other schools ---

9 BY MR. SPIETH:

10 Three.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 --- as they wish.

13 BY MR. SPIETH:

14 Three.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 Or post on their bulletin boards or whatever for the children to read.

17 BY MS. WILLIAMS:

18 Excuse me.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Yes, ma'am.

21 BY MS. WILLIAMS:

22 Gloria Williams. Hi, what information are we trying to get out to the
23 public on those brochures?

24 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

25 It would be the latest project information.

1 It has the three Rs on there, about what do if you --- the main message
2 to me would be if you come in contact with something, this is what you do. You
3 don't pick it up. You retreat. You call 911.

4 BY MS. WILLIAMS:

5 Okay. My suggestion is that community, different areas need to be
6 informed all over. We have people all over Landrum, Union, wherever they have
7 children, have schools. So the thing about that you never know when anything
8 may come up.

9 So it is good that we give that information as far as we can get it. You
10 know, you never know from one day to the next. You know, you never know
11 what's going to happen, what's coming our way, what's going to happen in the
12 future.

13 So don't --- don't limit your information, because we have people from the
14 east, west side all over this area who needs that information, may need that
15 information one day. We have children everywhere. We have elderly people
16 everywhere. They don't know this. You know, they can read and get some type
17 of understanding of what's going on in their environment.

18 So I say don't limit the information. You know, everybody needs that. I
19 need it myself. You know, maybe we --- we all may need it, you know, so we know
20 exactly what to do when that time arrives. That's just my suggestion. Thank
21 you.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Well, thank you, and then maybe we'll take our mailing list and mail copies
24 of all the brochures to everybody in it, and let them know in the mailing that if
25 they need extra copies to give family or friends or have suggestions as to who

1 might need copies, they can let us know or something; but that will put a
2 brochure in their hand, and maybe a magnet to put on their refrigerator or
3 whatever like that; but just keeping thinking ideas that we can do to do
4 outreach like that, and, you know, you can bring them up at the next meeting or
5 email us or call us or whatever, and we can go from there.

6 Yes, sir.

7 BY MR. RAMANANTIN:

8 Hey, Constantine Ramantanin.

9 I --- I agree with what the lady was just saying, but perhaps that
10 information doesn't need to be site specific to Converse --- I mean to Camp
11 Croft. You know, perhaps its just information that needs to be gotten out
12 anyway, because there's a site in Union.

13 So don't keep scaring people about Camp Croft when it could be a site in
14 Union or somewhere else.

15 So, you know, there's obviously other sites and places.

16 BY AGENT RENNA:

17 Rick Renna.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Yes.

20 BY AGENT RENNA:

21 I agree with what he had to say, and I hear it all the time. People think
22 if its World War II ordnance, it's no longer dangerous. It's so old. Nothing is
23 going to happen with it, and we get calls. Like John, you know, was saying get
24 calls all the time for hand grenades and stuff that Grandpa brought back from,
25 you know, Siapan or something, and it was sitting in his garage for 50 years, and

1 they don't think it's dangerous anymore, and it's just as dangerous now as the
2 day they made it.

3 So if you're going to put out some information about World War II
4 ordnance, generalize it. You know, let's --- you can mention Camp Croft, but say
5 all ordnance from that era is just as dangerous now as it was 60 years ago,
6 because a lot of these homes in this area can have it. You know, we get calls all
7 the time for 40 millimeters and 37 millimeters, hand grenades, old artillery
8 shells. A lot of times they may be empty, but some of it is live, and just get
9 that general information out.

10 I live in Union County now, so I know they have some information in the
11 library there about the bombing range there in Union County that they
12 investigated for, too.

13 You know, so you can throw a couple of these brochures in the library out
14 there, so they can know that anything found could be associated with World
15 War II and all this stuff is dangerous.

16 BY MR. RAMANANTIN:

17 I mean a child could find something in there, you know, or someone could
18 buy a house and find something in the attic, you know. I mean it doesn't have to
19 be something that was dug. It's just general information that I think it would
20 probably be useful.

21 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

22 Yes.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Lieutenant Dyas.

25 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

1 Have they ever done a program for ETV, educational TV where they've,
2 you know, discuss the ordnance that has been recovered from Camp Croft or old
3 military ordnance or something like that? Is that something that we might be
4 able to do with a program like that, especially --- I mean I know you all take
5 pictures and all that when you're digging it up and all that, but I mean that --- a
6 lot of people watch that. That's an interesting topic. A lot of people like seeing
7 about old World War II or even World War I munitions and Vietnam and
8 everything like that, and you can just kind of incorporate all that and that would
9 be something we can do, get together on something like that where it's on ETV,
10 a little educational thing on military ordnance.

11 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

12 That's a great idea.

13 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

14 We actually go to the --- all the schools and we discuss it. We have, you
15 know, some ordnance that's inert, and we show them that these things are
16 dangerous and we discuss that with the children. Like I said, you know, we had
17 39 calls for programs last year, and every one of those we do an educational
18 program to the kids explaining what we do. We explain all our equipment and we
19 explain the munitions that's out there and taken from homes.

20 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

21 The Charleston District just did an ETV documentary with the center for
22 documentaries at the College of Charleston, so they really did it. We were just
23 a part of it and helped them do some things they couldn't do, and it aired on
24 ETV Thanksgiving night. I just don't know. I can talk to them, and they want to
25 do another documentary with us, but it was pretty specific to inner coastal

1 waterways. I mean it was the whole state, but most of it was in the low
2 country, and because the college is in Charleston, I don't know, you know, if they
3 would be interested, but I can certainly talk to them and see if that would be a
4 great way, because those students are learning and it doesn't cost a lot, and
5 they did beautiful work. I mean this is something that we were so proud to be a
6 part of.

7 So I can call my contact there, and see if they're interested. That's a
8 great idea.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Well, it could be where you could spin it off where it worked for Camp
11 Croft, Conway and Myrtle Beach, also.

12 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

13 Right, it would be for the whole state, yeah.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 And I think that the tech school down there in Charleston, I forgot the
16 name of it, but ---

17 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

18 Trident.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Which one?

21 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

22 Trident Tech.

23 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

24 Trident Tech.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 I think John Wilson works down there.

2 He went to high school with a good many of us, and they have a lot of
3 equipment that --- that they have on hand for certain things like that that ---

4 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

5 So we can call them and ---

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 You know, the state agency or something could use, instead of having to
8 rent or buy or just pay a lot of money.

9 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

10 Yeah, we could not have done that. The center for documentaries at the
11 College of Charleston, you know, came to us and said, "Hey, we want to make
12 this. We want you all to partner with us, and we know you can't put any money
13 into it," but like we can take them and do other things for them, and that's why
14 it worked out so beautifully, but I can certainly see if they're interested.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 Okay. Do we have anymore discussion?

17 You know, you all are right. It could be anywhere around. People pick
18 things up, throw things out.

19 I know that this OOU12B that we're talking about, you know, there's not
20 supposed to be any munitions in there. We've never found anything, and all
21 we've ever told, I have cousins that live down there and aunts, there used to be
22 drivers of Jeeps, and they always told us that this was just for training areas,
23 you know.

24 Foot soldiers would go through there, and, you know, and they'd camp out
25 and dig foxholes or whatever, but, you know, you never know what somebody

1 might have thrown out of a truck, because that side of the Fairforest Creek,
2 nothing, no ordnance was supposed to be exploded or projectiled or whatever,
3 whatever you want to call it.

4 Okay. That was a good discussion

5 Anything else anybody needs to add about the community outreach?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 Okay. RAB new business topics. Do we have any new business topics?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 Okay. It doesn't look like any --- does anybody have anything they need
12 to add tonight?

13 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

14 Well, excuse me, Gary.

15 Will the web be up and running and continuing now? There will be no more
16 whatever technical ---

17 BY MS. HISCOX:

18 Yeah, it's not a technical issue. It's just an ownership issue, and we'll sort
19 that out.

20 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

21 Ownership issue.

22 BY MS. HISCOX:

23 Yeah.

24 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

25 From Ron Nesbit on ownership?

1 BY MS. HISCOX:

2 Yeah, and I'll email to Gary as soon as it's up, and we can notify the rest
3 when it's up.

4 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

5 Yes, ma'am, I know it was off there for about 12 straight days.

6 BY MS. HISCOX:

7 Yeah, it has been. We had it up for that 14 day period, and I sent them
8 paperwork to get that reinstated, and they want a utility bill, and, you know.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Well, I think that's mainly just to change the ---

11 BY MS. HISCOX:

12 Yeah, I think we just change vendors, because they're making it very
13 difficult.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Well, change --- well, you know, that email they sent to me and then I
16 forwarded to you, it just it said specifically how to change, or I don't know if
17 that was any help or ---

18 BY MS. HISCOX:

19 And that's exactly what we did, but they want that utility bill, and it's ---
20 I can't.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 I mean I think I can go to the payphone out here and put my debit card in
23 there and they would take it right now tonight.

24 BY MS. HISCOX:

1 Well, we tried to follow their directions. That's not what their directions
2 said. Okay.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Okay.

5 BY MS. HISCOX:

6 So we tried to follow their directions. I can try calling them and just
7 giving them a debit card, but, you know, in lieu of doing that, it might solve the
8 problem to just start fresh and get the same domain name with another vendor.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Yeah. Go daddy needs some help on racing.

11 BY MS. HISCOX:

12 I'm sorry?

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Go daddy needs some help on racing; but Network Solutions is --- is one
15 of the first companies, and they're about the industry standard, and I don't
16 think they are in business this long and have the name they have with trying to
17 make anything difficult, but anytime you change names on anything, it might be
18 hoops to jump through or whatever, but ---

19 BY MS. HISCOX:

20 Right.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 But somebody paid it last year, so --- and Ron wasn't working last year, so
23 I don't know. I don't have any insight on who paid it last year, but ---

24 BY MR. O'NEAL:

1 While we're talking about the website, we made some --- we made some
2 maintenance updates and some upgrades on the website. Are you guys finding it
3 to be a lot more easier to navigate?

4 BY MS. HISCOX:

5 It's not up. We can't look.

6 BY MR. O'NEAL:

7 Forget it. It's coming. It's coming.

8 BY MS. HISCOX:

9 But you can answer that question when we get it back up.

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 What Spencer has indicated is that we have changed the look of the
12 website under a new web management program, not a domain system, just so
13 that is more user friendly. It's easier to find your labels to go to the
14 documents, to get the site history, get RAB information, to get transcripts.

15 All the information is still there, but it is going to be, we hope, just more
16 eye pleasing and more user friendly to get everything that's always been there,
17 plus some additional information, and that operating layout was reviewed and
18 approved by the Corps of Engineers.

19 So once the domain is resolved, that new website, that new look will be
20 what you see.

21 BY MR. O'NEAL:

22 And the reason I brought that up is because I know before you
23 mentioned that, you know, you thought something might have been taken off
24 there.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Yeah, I've been getting a few calls, and, you know, I appreciate calls, and
2 I want --- that's one reason we have the board is to --- it's an open forum to the
3 public, and we're a sounding board for the public, and we appreciate the public
4 coming out and we want to hear more. Anything that's on your mind, we want to
5 try to get everything addressed.

6 I know the last meeting I went home, Suzy had a little discussion about
7 OOU12B and said it was on the website, and I went home and I couldn't find
8 anything, and I spent three hours, probably, and I couldn't find anything.

9 Finally, I had a brain storm. I said, "Well, I'll Google OOU12B and Camp
10 Croft," and just one thing came up.

11 So if it gets a little more user friendly, it will be great. I think the more
12 people can get in there and find what they need, I mean I'm not computer
13 illiterate. I went over to China with my brother, and we helped teach Chinese in
14 '87 how to use, communicate over the internet. So we've been communicating
15 over the internet for a long time, so it will --- and the brochures, let's be sure
16 to have the website on there.

17 BY MS. JEFFRIES:

18 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 And like I've stated before, I look after a good bit of property that I
21 own and look after a good bit of property that was former Camp Croft, and I
22 get people coming off the state park all the time onto private property and off
23 the trails. "Well, I was on that trail but I got lost," and "What's the best way
24 to get back?"

25 And I say, "Well, you need to stay on the trails."

1 Well, they don't want to stay on the trails. They want --- think another
2 way is the fastest way to get back, or they want me to throw them in the back
3 of my pickup truck and take them around the road back to the entrance and
4 take them back because they're so worn out, but --- but like we said, these
5 brochures, when --- people use the state park, they have to pay a fee to use the
6 state park, a yearly fee. So when they pay their fee or if they mail in their fee,
7 it's something that the state park can send back out with them, and a lot of
8 people I find lost and they don't know about the munitions, but when I tell
9 them, I say, "You need to stay on the trail because of unexplored --- an
10 unexploded ordnance around here."

11 They say, "Well, we didn't know that."

12 You know, well, you know, it's the word. You know, these people might be
13 from Pickens or Georgia or North Carolina just coming down. The state park is
14 really getting a lot of use now.

15 So let's keep --- keep in mind how to improve things, how to get the word
16 out. If you have any concerns about anything, get in touch with us, and we'll try
17 to get everything addressed.

18 Anything else needs to be added before we adjourn or anything?

19 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

20 Gary.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Robin.

23 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

24 Yeah, that portion on Fairforest Creek you were talking about, in 1944
25 during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge, they did

1 indeed use, they did full artillery pieces and that sort of thing on that side of
2 the Fairforest Creek and firing back, because they kept that camp going 24
3 hours a day. They had the double number of men they were turning out. So for
4 about six weeks there, they did, you know, use that area of Fairforest you're
5 talking about. A lot of people don't know that, but they did do it; and, also,
6 Jimmy, in 1942 when they extended that camp, it --- if you'll look at it on a map,
7 it cuts a little just a narrow edge of the Union County, not probably, it did, so
8 Union County was encompassed in that for I don't know how many acres, but it
9 did it encompass it.

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 Well, Union County ---

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 I'm not sure that --- that line is correct.

14 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

15 No, I'm not either. I never have been for sure that line is correct over
16 there when you look.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Well, Union County and part of Highway 150 is not far from Highway 150.

19 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

20 Right.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 It's depending on what part of Union County you're talking about.

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 Couple miles.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Where you're talking about is a couple of miles on 150?

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 Well, I mean, Spartanburg County line ---

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 I was just talking about Union.

6 BY MR. TOBIAS:

7 --- runs a couple of miles below 150, believe it or not, you know. This is in
8 Union County.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Okay. All right.

11 Anybody else have anything to add before we adjourn?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Have any motions to adjourn?

15 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

16 So move.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Second?

19 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

20 Second.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Okay. We call this meeting adjourned.

23 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:15 P.M.)



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**Restoration Advisory Board
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6:30 PM**

**Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park
Spartanburg, South Carolina**

Meeting Agenda

Welcome Gary Hayes, Community Co-Chair

New Business

Project UpdateUS Army Corps of Engineers
Sheriff's Department Munitions ResponsesLt. Dyas

Old Business

Community Outreach.....US Army Corps of Engineers

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Adjourn

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

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