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01 CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
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02 PLACE: SC School for the Deaf and the Blind
03 Swearingen Conference Center
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04 DATE: Tuesday, February 8, 2000
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05 TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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06 PRESENTATION
06 GIVEN BY: Ronald Nesbit
07 Project Manager
07 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
08 Charleston District
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09 BOARD MEMBERS
09 PRESENT:
10 Clary H. Smith, Chair
10 Gary Hayes
11 William B. Littlejohn, Jr.
11 W. Brownlee Lowry
12 David Mullinax
12 George D. Mullinax
13 Robert W. Powell, Jr.
13 Stonewall J. Stewart, Jr.
14 Sherry Wheeler
14 Darwin J. Wilson
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15 BOARD MEMBERS
16 NOT PRESENT:
16 Joseph L. Crissinger
17 Conley McIntyre, Sr.
17 Gerard Perry
18 Sanford N. Smith
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19 ALSO PRESENT:
19 Suzy McKinney
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01 BY MR. SMITH:
02 We'll come to order -- come to order now. Our
03 regular meeting of the RAB will confer now, and we
04 will -- well, I would just like to welcome you all
05 here today. All of you guests, we just appreciate --
06 the Board members we just appreciate you all, and we

07 still have some that are not -- haven't gotten here
08 yet, but we just appreciate you all coming and hope
09 the input you give us will be good, and now we'll just
10 turn it over to Suzy.

11 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

12 Again, welcome this evening. First item on the
13 agenda is the new RAB for the upcoming year. As you
14 all are aware, the RAB is intended to reflect diverse
15 community interests.

16 As our Bylaws are written, we have a RAB that
17 has a term of two years and members can serve two
18 terms, and we're now at the end of the second year of
19 this most current term.

20 And extensive efforts were made this past fall
21 to make everyone aware of the opportunity to be
22 considered to serve on the RAB. We had announcements
23 in the local newspapers, and the meetings this past
24 summer and fall we announced that opportunity and made
25 available community interest forms, and we also placed

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01 those forms in the library.

02 As of the deadline for submittal, which was the
03 end of October, the only forms that we received were
04 those from the current RAB members. We received no
05 new interest forms this year.

06 Two individuals on our RAB did not choose to
07 resubmit. So at this point in time, what I would like
08 to do, is open it up for any questions from the Board
09 whether there should be -- say this again -- any
10 questions on accepting the Board as is from those
11 forms that were submitted.

12 We did have discussions with the Corps of
13 Engineers and several RAB members whether or not to
14 disband the Board because of the lack of additional
15 interest, and these individuals had indicated, based
16 upon their time and energies to date, that they did
17 not want to see that happen.

18 So from our current RAB, are there any questions
19 about accepting the RAB minus Mr. Jim Thompson, who
20 did not choose to resubmit, and Ed Hall for the Board
21 for the year 2000?

22 Would one of you ---

23 BY MR. SMITH:

24 Do you want a motion?

25 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

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01 Yes.

02 BY MR. SMITH:

03 We have a motion to accept the RAB Board as
04 presented?

05 BY MR. LOWRY:

06 So moved.

07 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

08 Second.

09 BY DR. POWELL:

10 Second.

11 BY MR. SMITH:

12 Any discussion? Anyone have any?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 BY MR. SMITH:

15 Those in favor say aye.

16 (ALL RESPOND)

17 BY MR. SMITH:

18 Any oppose?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

21 Thank you. So the RAB for the year 2000 for the
22 next two year term will consist of -- and I don't have
23 -- I don't want to name everybody. We've got the
24 individuals up here. Sanford Smith will also be on
25 the Board. Jim Thompson and Ed Hall will not serve

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01 for the upcoming year.

02 With that, the next topic at hand would be the
03 Chair. The Chair for this RAB serves a one year term,
04 and Jim Thompson has selected, again, not to serve for
05 the next term. And I would like to see from the Board
06 if there are any nominations for a Chair for the
07 upcoming year?

08 BY DR. POWELL:

09 Clary Smith. Good man.

10 BY MR. LOWRY:

11 We have a motion. Second.

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 Do you -- do you accept the nomination?

14 BY MR. SMITH:

15 I'll -- I'll try. I'll do my best.

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 Okay. All right. Clary Smith will be the Chair
18 for the upcoming year.

19 And that's all I have as far as the RAB. So
20 we're off for another two years. And with that, I'll
21 turn it over to -- Ron, are you up?

22 BY MR. NESBIT:

23 Yes.

24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

25 For the status of the removal at Dr. Lowry's

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01 property 00U6.

02 BY MR. NESBIT:

03 Good evening, everyone. For those of you that
04 don't don't know who I am, my name is Ron Nesbit, and
05 I'm project manager from the Charleston District,
06 Corps of Engineers.

07 Hopefully, everything else will go as easy as
08 the election went, especially some other items that we
09 have to discuss a little later.

10 In reference to the 00U6 area, which is the
11 property of Dr. Lowry, as far as the clearing
12 concerned, that work began late January in terms of
13 clearing and has been moving rather slowly, as we
14 expected because of the type of terrain involved, as
15 well as, of course, with the snow and everything else
16 that's been going on. So that's in progress and will
17 continue to be worked until it's completed. Okay.

18 Activities planned for the Wedgewood
19 subdivision, I'll just give you a brief scenario as to
20 where we are and what's happening and what's the next
21 step.

22 Currently, the Corps is in the process of
23 preparing for the next step, which is the intrusive
24 investigation process for the subdivision, which, of
25 course, some of the individuals that are in that

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01 subdivision have been notified both by Zapata, they've
02 been talked to by our folks from Savannah District
03 from real estate and other people involved with the
04 Corps in terms of making this happen.

05 One of the things that's involved is an actual
06 relocation of individuals in that subdivision for a

07 short period of time during the actual work taking
08 place.

09 That's scheduled to begin, hopefully, between
10 late February to as early as early March. Once that
11 begins, we will continue with that process until we
12 have completed the entire subdivision area.

13 At this point in time, we suspect that it should
14 not take no more than one to two days, thereby, per
15 property in terms of when an individual or groups of
16 individuals may have to be out of their home during
17 the process of the actual intrusion removal or
18 investigation. So keep in mind we're not looking at
19 everyone being moved out of the subdivision at the
20 same time.

21 Based upon the way the work plan is set up,
22 there will be groups of people, based upon the safety
23 factors involved, that will take groups and actually
24 relocate them during the time of the actual work
25 taking place. It does not mean 24 hours or all day

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01 and all night that you will be out of your home.
02 Essentially, what we're looking at all the work taking
03 place during the daylight hours. Okay.

04 That's what's planned and where we are as far as
05 Wedgewood is concerned.

06 I would like to address one other issue before I
07 sit, and that is, we've had some concerns, some
08 questions about some concerns of some past questions
09 that have been brought to the RAB in terms of
10 questions of ammunition, bunkers, tanks, and so on.

11 Yes, sir.

12 BY MR. HOLT:

13 Yeah, I'm Ed Holt. I'm a resident of Wedgewood.
14 Before we go too far, ---

15 BY MR. NESBIT:

16 Yes.

17 BY MR. HOLT:

18 --- are you saying the people that you're going
19 to have to do an intrusion on their property have
20 already been notified?

21 BY MR. NESBIT:

22 No.

23 BY MR. HOLT:

24 Or are we still waiting?

25 BY MR. NESBIT:

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01 They have been notified that it's going to
02 happen. The actual date and time frame when it will
03 happen, they have not been given that information,
04 yet, but they will be given that information in enough
05 time so that they can make arrangements.

06 BY MR. HOLT:

07 Okay.

08 BY MR. NESBIT:

09 As I was saying, there have been questions about
10 some earlier items brought forward for action to be
11 taken by the Corps in terms of ammunition, bunkers,
12 tanks, rifles and so on, and at date felt that no
13 action actually had been taken.

14 The position has been in the past and still is
15 that we cannot respond to questions of this type
16 without having the question brought forward officially
17 in a formal process in terms of in writing with some
18 factual information documenting, such as name of
19 people, persons involved, telephone numbers, so that

20 we can, in fact, do an investigation, if necessary,
21 and compare it to what we may have already done to
22 determine whether or not we may have already taken
23 care of the situation previously or in the process of
24 doing so at that time.

25 So, there have been a number of items brought

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01 forward earlier on, and repeatedly it's been asked
02 that if you've got these questions, got these
03 situations that you know about, bring them forward and
04 we'll look at them and make a determination of what
05 needs to be done or how it can be done.

06 Nothing has been ruled out, but that's the
07 process that we're forced to function under, and
08 that's the function -- I mean, that's the process that
09 we have to go by.

10 Two things important to keep in mind: It's a
11 risk to public property and individuals that we're
12 concerned about. That's what this whole process of
13 clearing property is involved in, eliminating as much
14 risk to the public as possible. When you look at
15 bunkers, bunkers, typically, is not a risk to the
16 public. Rifles is not a risk to the public.

17 So I just want to make certain that everyone
18 understand the rules that we're governed by and what
19 we have to follow in terms of our investigation and
20 how and what we must have in hand before we can, in
21 fact, establish or begin an investigation.

22 So, unless someone has got something beyond what
23 we've had before ready to submit that will provide
24 names, maps, places, a location that we can identify,
25 and so on, we would like from this point and on --

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01 from this point on, if you have a question about the
02 previous, about something right now or something going
03 on further, we'll have to have that before we even
04 discuss it. Okay.

05 Yes, sir.

06 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

07 Ron, also, would you please make sure that your
08 card or Zapata's is available so that this information
09 can be transmitted at other times beside when we're
10 having a RAB meeting. It could be basically
11 transferred, transmitted or sent to you at anytime
12 during a normal business week.

13 BY MR. NESBIT:

14 Sure can.

15 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

16 It doesn't have to be held until we have one of
17 these meetings.

18 BY MR. NESBIT:

19 Agreed.

20 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

21 Okay.

22 BY MR. NESBIT:

23 Any other questions?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 BY MR. NESBIT:

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01 Thank you.

02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

03 Clary, before we go on to new business, I just
04 want to make a comment, again, to follow up with Mr.
05 Holt. As far as the Wedgewood residents in
06 preparation for the activities that are scheduled to

07 commence the end of February, early March, we will be
08 in contact with each of the property owners with
09 adequate time either as a separate meeting or one on
10 one to make you aware of the schedule, the
11 accommodations and the logistics that will be in place
12 for you during that period of time.

13 So it's not going to be two days before someone
14 is going to be in your yard that you're going to be
15 told what the situation is. So we'll make sure
16 everyone is up to date on that.

17 And as far as just general availability of
18 information, everyone who is on our mailing list has
19 received a flyer for these meetings. In the event
20 that you're new to the meetings or not yet on our
21 mailing list, there is an 800 number that you can
22 contact Zapata Engineering anytime you have questions
23 or want to find out the status of a meeting or an
24 activity, and that number, toll free, is 888-242-8862.
25 Again, 888-242-8862.

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01 And we also have a web site. There's a web site
02 available through the Corps of Engineers. It was
03 brought to our attention it hasn't been as current as
04 it probably needs to be, but the Zapata Engineering
05 web site has a link to a Camp Croft web site where we
06 keep the schedule posted, and you can access that
07 [www.zap -- z-a-p-e-n-g.com](http://www.zap-z-a-p-e-n-g.com). Right? Zapeng.com. And,
08 I think if you put a back slash Camp underscore Croft,
09 it will get you to our specific site on Croft. If
10 not, I think within the Zapata Engineering site, if
11 you link on environmental projects, you can get to the
12 Croft page that way.

13 So we're trying to make as available as possible
14 information to be apprised of the current and future
15 projects; and, again, don't hesitate to call the 800
16 number. And if I don't know an answer, I'll do my
17 best to get that answer for you.

18 And, Clary, if you want, I'll just open it up to
19 any ---

20 BY MR. SMITH:

21 Okay.

22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

23 --- new business from the RAB.

24 BY MR. SMITH:

25 Do we have any new business from any of our RAB

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01 members?

02 Gary.

03 BY MR. HAYES:

04 I was just wanting to ask is there going to be
05 100 percent participation in Wedgewood as far as
06 clearance?

07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

08 I believe, Karl, do you want to address that?

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 Yes. At this time, we've got three properties
11 in Wedgewood that we don't have rights of entries for.
12 So, without those, we can't do anything on those three
13 individual properties.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Will you be able to do any work on the ---

16 BY INDIVIDUAL IN AUDIENCE:

17 Is that why you haven't ---

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 --- properties next to theirs because ---

20 BY INDIVIDUAL IN AUDIENCE:

21 Is that why you haven't gone on them?

22 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

23 Yes, sir. That's why we haven't gone in and
24 mapped them, Wedgewood.

25 BY INDIVIDUAL IN AUDIENCE:

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01 I'll give you mine.

02 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

03 Oh, okay. All right. Good. So now we have two
04 individual properties that we don't have rights of
05 entries.

06 BY MR. HAYES:

07 Are they next to properties that need to be ---

08 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

09 Yes, sir, they're essentially central to the
10 subdivision.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 So if these people don't want their -- I mean,
13 if the people next to them want their property
14 cleared, these people next to them would have to move
15 out during the daytime, right?

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 We -- we'll be asking them to, yes.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Okay.

20 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

21 If we can't them to, there may be portions of
22 the property that we do have rights of entry for that
23 we can't clear because of the safety requirements.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 Yeah. Is that ---

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01 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

02 That will delineate further ---

03 BY MR. HAYES:

04 Is that a problem you all have solutions for
05 or ---

06 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

07 No. No. If someone won't let us -- if they
08 don't want to sign a right of entry, you can't make
09 them as far as -- John, help me -- help me if I'm
10 wrong.

11 BY MR. HINELY:

12 Right now there's only one so far that has not
13 signed anything. The mail out that Zapata did
14 requesting the number of individuals in a home,
15 everybody mailed those in -- well, not everybody.
16 There's four that haven't mailed those in, but of
17 those four, only one of those is a person who has not
18 signed a right of entry.

19 So the other ones who haven't signed a right of
20 entries also, they did do the questionnaire that went
21 out asking how many people are in their home, any
22 animals, special needs. So they appear to be willing
23 to leave their home. They just didn't want to sign
24 the right of entry.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

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01 Okay. Well, that's one thing I wanted to
02 address is whether it would hinder somebody from
03 getting their land clear whether they would not move
04 out in the daytime.

05 BY MR. HINELY:

06 So far.

07 BY MR. HAYES:

08 But they have agreed to move out.

09 BY MR. HINELY:

10 Yeah. Everybody -- there has been one -- one
11 address in there who has not responded to either
12 request, right of entry or the mail out for the number
13 of individuals in the home.

14 BY MR. NESBIT:

15 One thing I might mention, John and those will
16 be making additional visits to visit those two
17 families again to try to still get their approval by
18 means of a right of entry; but if any member of the
19 Board might be willing to talk to them about the
20 rational of what we're doing and why, that will be --
21 that will be appreciated as well.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Or you can just work around their schedule. If
24 they wanted to work during the week, they can work
25 around their schedule.

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01 BY MR. NESBIT:

02 The only one -- let me be clear about one
03 important factor there. Rights of entry gives us the
04 authority to actually go on one's property to actually
05 do what we need to do, in other words, dig, whatever.
06 If they refuse to give us that authority or sign the
07 document giving us that authority, then we can't go on
08 their property.

09 BY MR. HAYES:

10 Yeah.

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 And that's where Karl was relating to, if we're
13 involved with a safety factor, then we're going to
14 have to look at some type of special situation to try
15 to get as much accomplished within those criteria we
16 can on the property adjacent to it.

17 Okay. And that might not be as easy as it
18 sounds.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Yeah.

21 BY MR. NESBIT:

22 I just want everyone to be aware of that up
23 front, because, depending upon where it's located,
24 what the safety zones are, and if they're still -- and
25 if they'll be cooperative by leaving their homes,

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01 that's fine; but if they don't be cooperative and do
02 so, then that could cause some delay and some other
03 problems associated.

04 BY MR. HAYES:

05 Monetary, too.

06 BY MR. NESBIT:

07 Yes.

08 BY MR. SMITH:

09 Suzy, let me ask a question. What's the status
10 of that property that you all cleared right below the
11 First Baptist ball field in that area. Right at
12 Carolina Country Club and West Croft or Croft Circle.
13 No. Across it -- no, excuse me. That would be Cedar
14 Springs Road. Cedar Springs. Excuse me.

15 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

16 It was 11 -- it was 11 each. Hang on just a
17 second.

18 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

19 That we -- we cleared the brush off of it and

20 mapped it.
21 BY MR. SMITH:
22 Yeah. Yeah.
23 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:
24 But we won't -- we'll start intrusive work on it
25 after we finish Wedgewood.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:
02 Oh, okay.
03 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:
04 But it is under contract to be cleared.
05 BY MR. SMITH:
06 Any others?
07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
08 Mr. Stewart.
09 BY MR. STEWART:
10 Yes. I was wondering if certain information
11 cannot be passed on to the Board members previous --
12 previous before the meeting. I think in order for the
13 Board to be more effective, we need on some occasions
14 to have a briefing with each other. Some of us hardly
15 know each other and some just aren't speaking. I'm
16 being very fair. I've been with you for two years.
17 But we can't have too much of a good
18 relationship unless we talk and dialogue over some
19 things, and I think most of the time that I know of,
20 because I've been here two years, and we only have an
21 input -- only hear about this at the meetings, so we
22 don't have a chance to sort of, in the way of
23 speaking, to kick those issues around and to get a
24 feeling of each other.
25 So if we're going to be effective as Board

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01 members, I think we should get to know each other a
02 little better and dialogue with each other, and this
03 is my personal feeling. Now I want to be effective,
04 and I want to be of some help, but it's pretty hard
05 when, you know, everybody is doing their individual
06 thing.
07 So I was just wondering if some information
08 could be passed from time to time and feel that's very
09 important to the Board members, and we can make
10 arrangements to meet before the meetings and have a
11 dialogue on some of these issues.
12 BY MR. SMITH:
13 Any other Board members have any feeling on
14 that?
15 BY MS. WHEELER:
16 I think it would be a good idea if it can be
17 worked out.
18 BY DR. POWELL:
19 I'd like to have a list of the Board members.
20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
21 It should be in your notebook.
22 BY DR. POWELL:
23 Okay. The new one?
24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
25 You should have it under -- yes, this past

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01 Board, everyone is in there.
02 BY DR. POWELL:
03 Okay.
04 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
05 With addresses and phone numbers. What I can do
06 to help effect that is send an agenda between three

07 and four weeks -- maybe three weeks ahead of the next
08 meeting.

09 BY MR. WILSON:

10 Or a couple of weeks.

11 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

12 And that way -- yeah, a couple of weeks, and
13 that way you all will have an agenda, and if you need
14 my assistance to put a pre-meeting together -- what we
15 don't want to have, I don't think, is a separate RAB
16 meeting before our actual RAB meeting. If you all
17 take the liberty on your own to make phone calls and
18 discuss as you need ---

19 BY MR. SMITH:

20 That will probably help us some.

21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

22 So I'll make sure to get an agenda to you two to
23 three weeks prior.

24 BY MR. STEWART:

25 Thank you.

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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

02 And then that way you'll have a list of the
03 topics to be discussed.

04 BY MR. WILSON:

05 These people that are wanting everybody to sign
06 their right of entry, now, you know, if any of us know
07 them, if you have their names or whatever, it might --
08 possibly let one of us go and talk to them or anybody
09 together, just let us know when you're going or if you
10 want anyone to go with you.

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 We can make that information available to you.
13 In fact, John and those will be here tomorrow, and
14 before you leave tonight, we can let you know who the
15 individuals are, and you might know the individuals.
16 I don't know.

17 BY MR. WILSON:

18 Also, if you've got a piece of property that you
19 have a right of entry on and you determine there is a
20 danger there and cannot do anything with it because
21 the neighbor that wouldn't let you enter on it, there
22 must be some way that some type of action can be
23 taken.

24 BY MR. NESBIT:

25 That's a difficult question you just asked.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:

02 That's legal.

03 BY MR. NESBIT:

04 We are, in fact, looking at different ways of
05 dealing with those situations. In fact, we've
06 actually talked to our legal folks; and at this point
07 in time we haven't gotten any defined answer. The
08 answer, in general, has been that we can't force
09 anyone to give us right to their property. Okay. But
10 we will look into that a little further.

11 BY MR. SMITH:

12 Wedgewood, has it been gridded and already
13 surveyed -- surveyed, and now you've just got to go in
14 and pick up what's -- what you found?

15 BY MR. NESBIT:

16 Yes.

17 Yes.

18 BY MR. STRANGE:

19 Ronnie Strange. I live in Wedgewood.

20 BY MR. NESBIT:

21 Yes.

22 BY MR. STRANGE:

23 I'm just -- that really amazes me. Like in a
24 case if there was a hazardous waste situation on
25 private property, ---

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01 BY MR. NESBIT:

02 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

03 BY MR. STRANGE:

04 --- in that case they could be forced to allow
05 someone entry to clean up the property; is that
06 correct?

07 BY MR. NESBIT:

08 I'm not certain. You might could, but I don't
09 know.

10 BY DR. LOWRY:

11 You may have -- you may have hit on it, because
12 DHEC is in charge of ---

13 BY MR. NESBIT:

14 Hazardous waste.

15 BY DR. LOWRY:

16 --- human health.

17 BY MR. STRANGE:

18 Right.

19 BY DR. LOWRY:

20 Whereas the Corps may not be able to do it, if
21 you all complain to DHEC that the Corps has identified
22 something that could be dangerous to your health
23 living right next door, ---

24 BY MR. STRANGE:

25 Right.

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01 BY DR. LOWRY:

02 --- then DHEC -- I'm just guessing, DHEC
03 probably could do something about that, and I think it
04 would be ---

05 BY MR. STRANGE:

06 OSHA -- would OSHA have anything to do with
07 that?

08 BY DR. LOWRY:

09 I don't think so. I think DHEC would. I think
10 it would be kind of selfish of a person not to leave
11 their home for four hours while your property is being
12 cleared of one item that might be too close to their
13 house or to safely go in. We could shame them into
14 it, if necessary, but I don't think that's the answer.

15 BY MR. STRANGE:

16 It just really amazes me. I mean, we've got
17 children in the neighborhood, and what's to keep them
18 from wandering, you know, just off the property and
19 into a potential hazardous situation?

20 BY DR. LOWRY:

21 Well, I have the -- I'll give you my number.
22 I've got the general counsel of DHEC's number in my
23 office. My son used to be on it. You can ask them
24 about it.

25 BY MR. STRANGE:

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01 Okay.

02 BY MR. HAYES:

03 Is all the -- with the warm weather coming up,
04 is all the public access areas of Camp Croft, the
05 State Park, are all those cleared now? Is all that
06 ready for the camp to open now or is there not -- or

07 is there some areas that have not been completely
08 cleared?

09 BY MR. NESBIT:

10 Correct me if I'm not wrong -- if I'm wrong, but
11 areas that we've identified based upon risk factors
12 involved and working with the park service and what
13 not, that which could be opened based upon what we
14 have done and based on the recommendations we have
15 given them, I believe they will have open.

16 Now, to tell you that all areas of the park is
17 available for use, no.

18 To tell you that all of the trails are
19 necessarily available for opening, I can't tell you
20 that.

21 The areas that we have actually done
22 investigation and so on are the only areas that we can
23 really speak of and the park service are in control of
24 that.

25 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

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01 And to help a little bit, that's the areas that
02 the park identified to us as the public use areas. We
03 cleared all those. There are some areas in the
04 outside of those areas off in the woods, but there are
05 no trails or anything to them. We still have work to
06 do.

07 BY MR. NESBIT:

08 Right.

09 BY MR. HAYES:

10 But they're blocked off?

11 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

12 Excuse me?

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Or signs up?

15 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

16 There are supposed to be signs. I know they put
17 up quite a few signs. I'm not sure exactly how many
18 they put up, but most of the areas that we know of, we
19 have to go back to the variances.

20 BY DR. LOWRY:

21 Do we not have an agreement in this room that no
22 one is to bring in ammunition into this room?

23 BY MR. MULLINAX:

24 I thought so.

25 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

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01 Oh, we did. I wasn't aware of that.

02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

03 Well, there's a sign and we made ---

04 BY MR. LOWRY:

05 It was an agreement, and I appreciate you
06 getting it out of here.

07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

08 May we ask you to please take that back to
09 where ---

10 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

11 Yeah. Well, it's not live. It's just ---

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 That doesn't make any difference.

14 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

15 Okay. Well, it is live.

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 We're in a public facility with public involved.

18 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

19 I understand that. This was found four weeks

20 ago right beside Edmund Holt's house. It was right
21 after Zapata ---
22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
23 I've asked you to please take that out, Mr.
24 Zimmerman.
25 BY MR. SMITH:

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01 Take it.
02 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
03 And it's .30 caliber, hundreds, thousands of
04 them buried on that land.
05 BY INDIVIDUAL IN AUDIENCE:
06 (Inaudible).
07 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
08 Yeah, there is, too.
09 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
10 As a matter of fact, why don't we go ahead
11 notify the Sheriff's Department that we've got live
12 ammunition here.
13 BY DR. LOWRY:
14 Well, it's just ---
15 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
16 Well, they know about it. I showed it to them.
17 BY MR. LOWRY:
18 But, I mean, we've got an agreement that nobody
19 would bring ---
20 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
21 I didn't know. I wasn't aware of that.
22 BY DR. LOWRY:
23 That's why I didn't bring any mortars or no
24 105s.
25 (MR. ZIMMERMAN EXITS BUILDING)

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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
02 Yes, ma'am.
03 BY MS. STEWART:
04 I have a question I'd like to address.
05 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
06 May we have your name for the record, please?
07 BY MS. STEWART:
08 I'm Ms. Stewart. Ms. Stewart.
09 As far as this is the age of information right
10 now. Most of us do not have computers in our homes.
11 I'm sure some of us do not. Those of us that have a
12 computer or have access to a computer, can we go in,
13 according to what you have stated, www.zap and so
14 forth, ---
15 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
16 Yes, ma'am.
17 BY MS. STEWART:
18 --- and -- or have you sent all residents a
19 letter saying that we should still not go into Croft
20 State Park? I have never been to any area of Croft
21 State Park, so I don't know anything about it, but
22 have you sent out letters or some type of form of
23 information that you're still working in the area;
24 because, since this is the year 2000 right now we're
25 into, what took place last year was last year.

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01 What -- or are you planning to do that so that
02 residents and people coming in to visit will know that
03 it's still dangerous? Or is there somebody there at
04 all times to direct them not to come in?
05 (MR. ZIMMERMAN RETURNS)
06 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

07 Go ahead, Dr. Lowry.

08 BY DR. LOWRY:

09 I don't mean to keep the floor here, but I'm
10 getting hungry.

11 We as a RAB Board recommended to the people in
12 the state that all areas that were not safe be posted,
13 that signage be placed. And so on the horse trails,
14 15 feet off of the horse trails, there are supposed to
15 be signage. Any area that you're not supposed to go
16 into is supposed to have signage. There's a no dig
17 policy that is supposed to be printed on their flyers
18 and on the sign as you go in.

19 And you basically, if they followed our
20 recommendations, shouldn't have any trouble finding
21 those signs. There are places in the park that have
22 been cleared that are safe. There are places that
23 have not been investigated, and, basically, we've
24 recommended that all those be off limits until they
25 were and signage should be posted. That's for anybody

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01 coming in out of state or anything else.

02 BY MS. PORTER:

03 My name is Louvenia Porter. Okay. Last year
04 you were in and out of Wedgewood all year, in and out
05 of the State Park all during the year. Why you don't
06 clean up one area before you jump to another area?
07 You're not concentrating on cleaning up this side
08 before you jump on this side. Finish up one thing
09 before you start another.

10 You've got a little bit of whatever all over the
11 place and haven't really got nothing done. You're
12 right back in the same spot you was in from last year.
13 The same spots. You're starting out with the same
14 spots you finished up with last year.

15 Camp Croft consists of more than three areas.
16 Camp Croft is a big place. So now if you stay in
17 these three areas for the year 2000, you never will
18 get the job done because you're staying in the same
19 spots all the time. Finish up one, then go to another
20 one.

21 BY MR. NESBIT:

22 Let me address that in two ways. One is we may
23 start in an area and go somewhere else and start in
24 another area and then come back to an area. That's
25 because you're dealing in terms of phases. We've got

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01 different things that happen at different times at
02 different locations based upon the risk factor
03 involved. Okay.

04 We did an earlier on investigation in the area
05 where we're about to go at now. They had to analyze
06 the information that was gathered from the information
07 that they got from the equipment that they actually
08 took over the property. Once the analysis had been
09 determined what potentially is there, then you
10 schedule to go back for intrusion if, in fact, it's
11 felt that that's necessary.

12 BY MS. PORTER:

13 But ---

14 BY MR. NESBIT:

15 So you've got phases, plus it's associated with
16 the dollar amount of money that you have available, as
17 well.

18 BY MS. PORTER:

19 But, just like he just did, they're finding

20 stuff over the areas you've been over. You know, if
21 you -- if you can go back and find something and all
22 this money and all this time and effort been spent in
23 this particular yard, and this man can go out there
24 and pick up something and find hundreds of these
25 things still buried ever how deep, that means somebody

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01 is not doing their job. I mean, all this is wasted
02 for nothing.

03 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

04 Are you -- you're talking about Wedgewood,
05 aren't you?

06 BY MS. PORTER:

07 I'm talking about any of the project.

08 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

09 But I think the ammunition that was just brought
10 in here was from Wedgewood.

11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

12 Wedgewood Drive.

13 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

14 And you -- you haven't -- right.

15 BY MR. SMITH:

16 They haven't done ---

17 (SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS COMMENT SAME)

18 BY MR. NESBIT:

19 Not Wedgewood.

20 BY MR. SMITH:

21 They just mapped it. Just gridded it. That's
22 all that's been done in Wedgewood.

23 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

24 All they've done is map where they think things
25 may be. They've not gone back and dug it and searched

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01 it.

02 BY MR. NESBIT:

03 The actual process of a removal hasn't taken
04 place in that area, yet. That's what scheduled to
05 take place in the latter part of this month or early
06 next month.

07 BY MS. PORTER:

08 And then the next three months when we come back
09 to the meeting it will be the same thing. Note it.
10 Put it in your book, and I'll bet you see the same
11 thing.

12 BY MR. SMITH:

13 Hope not.

14 BY MR. NESBIT:

15 I hope not in that area.

16 BY MS. PORTER:

17 I hope not either, but that's the way it's been
18 for the last five years, and I've been coming to all
19 the meetings.

20 BY MR. FULLER:

21 I'm Jim Fuller. I have a question. When they
22 mapped my area, they did not follow the lot boundary.
23 They were their own lines, so I've got a section that
24 has not been mapped. Will they map that by hand or
25 something or what will they do for that?

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01 BY MR. NESBIT:

02 Hold on one second.

03 (OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSION AMONG INDIVIDUALS IN THE
04 AUDIENCE)

05 BY MR. FULLER:

06 Well, that's not my question, though. My

07 question is will you get that or are you going to just
08 skip it?

09 BY MR. HINELY:

10 We have mapped all of your area of all your
11 property.

12 BY MR. FULLER:

13 All that's in the boundary?

14 BY MR. HINELY:

15 Yes, sir.

16 BY MR. FULLER:

17 Of my property. Okay.

18 BY MR. HINELY:

19 If I had a right of entry for your property, we
20 have mapped all that area.

21 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

22 And to answer it a little better, I hope, we'll
23 clear everything, no matter where their lines went or
24 what they mapped so far with certain pages.

25 Basically, we clear everything, so ---

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01 BY MR. FULLER:

02 By hand.

03 BY MR. HINELY:

04 By hand.

05 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

06 Yes. Yes, sir.

07 BY MR. FULLER:

08 Okay. That was the answer I was looking for.

09 BY MR. SMITH:

10 Anyone else have any questions?

11 Yes, ma'am.

12 BY MS. MOLNAR:

13 I'm Abbie Molnar. I might be mistaken, but I
14 didn't catch the ad in the paper that there was a
15 meeting tonight. I did get my flyer in the mail.

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 Okay.

18 BY MS. MOLNAR:

19 Because I've been here before, but is that the
20 Corps of Engineers or the Corps supposed to make sure
21 that is advertised through the paper?

22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

23 I send a press release to the paper. I do not
24 issue a paid advertisement for each meeting. If those
25 press releases are not being announced -- I get the

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01 paper about a week after I have requested it to be run
02 -- I can go ahead and start having a paid
03 advertisement so that it will show up and it's
04 guaranteed. If ---

05 BY MS. MOLNAR:

06 Like I said, I was just curious for people don't
07 know about it and are one of the ones that do have an
08 interest, they don't have any idea.

09 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 I think the papers tend to pick up when they
11 want to those press releases. What I can do for the
12 next several meetings is issue actually a paid
13 advertisement to make sure those individuals are
14 aware. Thank you.

15 BY MS. MOLNAR:

16 I do have one other thing.

17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

18 Yes, ma'am.

19 BY MS. MOLNAR:

20 Just one. There was a question brought up in
21 the meetings, and I ---
22 BY THE COURT REPORTER:
23 Excuse me. I'm sorry. Everybody, I cannot hear
24 her. I'm sorry.
25 BY MS. SMITH:

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01 Speak a little louder. Stand up.
02 BY MS. MOLNAR:
03 There was a question in one of the other
04 meetings, and I know some of this stuff gets kind of
05 wild, but one of the questions was about the water and
06 the lakes out in Croft; and I wondered if any Board
07 members had any idea whether it had been checked, had
08 it been tested, was it safe? That was brought up to
09 the Board, and we never heard any replies on it.
10 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
11 Are you referring to the E-Coli incident?
12 BY MS. MOLNAR:
13 No, it was just one of the members of the public
14 in the last meeting asked about the lake water.
15 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
16 Well, I think there were some wells in question
17 off of Henningston, and it seems like at the same time
18 there was some issues over there off Glendale and
19 White Stone Road, also, and I believe DHEC checked --
20 checked those wells. They was a question of some
21 chemicals or whatever that night. It seems like DHEC
22 may have been involved in that.
23 BY MR. SMITH:
24 That would be up to the State Park to test that.
25 BY MS. MOLNAR:

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01 Is that not a concern of the Board? Is that not
02 something that ---
03 BY MR. SMITH:
04 We cannot force them. No, ma'am. We have ---
05 BY MS. MOLNAR:
06 No, I don't mean to force them, but, I mean, has
07 anybody looked into it?
08 BY MR. SMITH:
09 Yes.
10 BY MS. MOLNAR:
11 Has anybody checked and found out anything?
12 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
13 I talked to DHEC, a DHEC man about it, and he's
14 tested wells; and he said the only way he can go in
15 there is get a request that there is something there,
16 and he will -- he will definitely check because I
17 talked to him after the last meeting.
18 BY MS. MOLNAR:
19 So does that have to be the state ask that since
20 the lakes are on state property?
21 BY DR. LOWRY:
22 I think the Department of Fish and Wildlife has
23 investigated it.
24 BY MR. MULLINAX:
25 Yes, and DHEC has -- has checked some wells.

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01 They said they checked some that they had complaints.
02 BY MS. MOLNAR:
03 Well, ---
04 BY MR. MULLINAX:
05 They didn't find anything.
06 BY MS. MOLNAR:

07 --- this was in the actual two lakes that were
08 on the Croft property?

09 BY MR. MULLINAX:

10 Yes. Right.

11 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

12 And as a reminder, again, the RAB and the
13 process that we're involved with is ordnance and
14 explosives and unexploded ordnance.

15 So if those issues are more of a hazardous waste
16 type of nature, it might be beyond this forum. If
17 Fish and Wildlife Service has followed up and DHEC has
18 followed up, then that's in that agency's purview.
19 And what I can do for the next RAB meeting is make
20 some phone calls and see if I can't bring some of that
21 to closure as far as who would be responsible and if
22 it is within the realm of this group or a separate
23 entity, and I will follow up on that

24 BY DR. LOWRY:

25 Could you also ask them what they have done to

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01 date, if anything?

02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

03 Okay. Okay. I will also ask. Okay.

04 BY MR. SMITH:

05 Any other questions? Any ---

06 BY MS. SPARKS:

07 I have a question. My name is Mary Sparks, and
08 it refers to what you said about the Board giving
09 advice about these notices being put up. Is there any
10 part of this Board or any entity that goes back to see
11 if that's been done? And if not, is there any
12 recourse to ensure that that's done, because that
13 seems like a very important public safety issue to me?

14 BY DR. LOWRY:

15 One of the people that used to be on this Board
16 is Gerard Perry, who is the chief park ranger.

17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

18 He is still on the Board.

19 BY DR. LOWRY:

20 He still is.

21 BY MR. MULLINAX:

22 He's still on it.

23 BY DR. LOWRY:

24 He informed us that these signs have been put
25 up. I have not personally been out there.

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01 BY MR. MULLINAX:

02 Well, they fenced in an area, too, Dr. Lowry.

03 BY DR. LOWRY:

04 And they fenced in that 40 acres in that ---

05 BY MR. MULLINAX:

06 Right.

07 BY DR. LOWRY:

08 --- first area. I don't think we have any legal
09 authority to require them to do that. I think they
10 would be ill advised not to take the advice as such
11 has been published in the paper and so forth.

12 BY MR. NESBIT:

13 And from the Corps during some of our site
14 visits and what not, we have encountered the signs
15 being posted, the fence, in particular, since it's
16 been put up and so on, so they are or have been
17 putting signs up.

18 BY MR. SMITH:

19 If I'm not mistaken, he -- Gary brought them.

20 BY DR. LOWRY:
21 He brought us a sample of a sign.
22 BY MR. SMITH:
23 Right. Right.
24 BY DR. LOWRY:
25 But I don't know whether they were posted.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:
02 Yeah, I'm not sure where he put them. I knew he
03 brought a sample of what they were supposed to post.
04 BY DR. LOWRY:
05 We made a specific recommendation as to what
06 they would post.
07 BY MR. SMITH:
08 Right.
09 Any other questions or comments?
10 BY MS. PORTER:
11 Well, this is -- this is -- this is Louvenia
12 Porter, again. This is something pertaining to what I
13 just asked.
14 I know you all don't want to hear it but you
15 need to hear it, but right here it's saying, Mr. Bogan
16 said the activities scheduled for Area Three cleanup
17 would not occur in this Wedgewood area until February.
18 All the work in this area was scheduled to begin in
19 August, and then would be sent to the landowners
20 clarifying the schedule. The following report should
21 be completed by next May, and this was in '96, and
22 this is 2000.
23 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
24 I'll interject briefly. Wedgewood was
25 investigated specifically for some hand grenade

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01 incidents. A supplemental archive search and
02 additional review was conducted that indicated that
03 there was still a risk in the area, and that is what
04 has rerouted funding and activities now back to
05 further investigate the residences and -- which will
06 be to the intrusive investigation as a populated area.
07 There is no -- if there's additional information that
08 comes forth to indicate there's still a risk, then
09 that is what has driven the process to be back in
10 Wedgewood.
11 So it was investigated. You are correct, and
12 additional information subsequent to that became
13 available that there was still a risk.
14 BY MS. PORTER:
15 But from '96 to 2000?
16 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
17 I -- I was about to ask, four years it's been
18 going on?
19 BY MS. PORTER:
20 Yeah. Yeah.
21 (SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS SAY, "NO.")
22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
23 We have also cleaned up OOU7. We have also
24 cleaned up ---
25 BY MS. PORTER:

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01 But this has been on here again? This
02 situation, right?
03 BY DR. LOWRY:
04 No. No.
05 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
06 It has not been continual.

07 BY MS. PORTER:

08 Well, what I'm saying is you all have tiptoed
09 around this area from '96 until now.

10 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

11 Well, let me refer to Karl.

12 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

13 Can I help a little bit?

14 BY MS. PORTER:

15 Somebody needs to.

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 Five years we've been in here working. We've
18 cleared hundreds of acres. We finished them. We're
19 done. We've cleared several areas in Wedgewood.
20 We're finished with those. They're clear, but after
21 we cleared them, we determined there were other areas,
22 not only in Wedgewood, but in the park and outside the
23 park that needed to be cleared as well. But we've
24 been making very good progress on clearing the areas
25 that need to be cleared for the last five years.

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01 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

02 Well, what are you clearing, and when did you do
03 all of it?

04 BY MS. PORTER:

05 Right here on your ---

06 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

07 You've got them.

08 BY MS. PORTER:

09 Right here.

10 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

11 They're on all the maps.

12 BY MS. PORTER:

13 Right here.

14 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

15 I've got copies of the maps.

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 And if you'll please go look in your records in
18 the library, there's a removal report that tells
19 everything that's been cleared.

20 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

21 I read that thing.

22 BY MS. PORTER:

23 Yeah. Right here.

24 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

25 Well, it's in there and in the public records.

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01 BY MS. PORTER:

02 Oh, he confiscated that he personally had picked
03 up a case of 81 millimeters mortar on Wedgewood Drive.
04 Mr. Bogan said he would follow up with this individual
05 and again emphasized that if anyone had any questions
06 to come forward. Now ---

07 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

08 Suzy, if I remember correctly, there's also been
09 some financial restraints during the year during the
10 budgeting process that has restricted some of these
11 activities as far as follow up and things like that,
12 also?

13 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

14 And we've gone through this on several different
15 occasions, including this evening, that there's
16 budgets that drive how much you can do in a given year
17 and there are phases and steps to these processes from
18 initial site investigation to records review to
19 geophysical mapping, collecting the data, to

20 evaluating the data to making the determination on the
21 associated risks, and then we go in and do removal
22 actions.

23 And sometimes it's two years from the time of a
24 site investigation until the time that you can dig
25 because of all of the processes that have to take

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01 place and the budgets that might drive what happens.

02 We have had Time Critical Removal Actions that
03 have occurred on private property and on park property
04 that have reduced and minimized the immediate threat.
05 Those occurred in '95, '94 and '95 time frame.

06 We have had two engineering evaluations be
07 conducted out here that included Wedgewood and areas
08 of the park and other private property that included
09 these records reviews and the data collection.

10 And from there you've got, again, to look at the
11 risks, where the public has access, where there is no
12 risk. Even if there is a munition out there, if no
13 one can get to it, that risk is lower so that you can
14 spend your money where you're going to be most
15 effective, and all of that is a lot of juggling and a
16 lot of time.

17 And as Karl has said, I believe there's been
18 over 600 acres that have been cleared that are deemed
19 safe. You also have to remember that you can't clear
20 100 percent. No matter what the Corps of Engineers
21 does and their contractors do, you will never be able
22 to clean up the 19,000-plus acres that once comprised
23 Croft to 100 percent.

24 So you have to clean it the best that you can in
25 the areas that the public is going to be exposed, and

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01 that's the process that has been taken.

02 As far as .30 caliber or .50 caliber, those are
03 small arms. Those are not considered munitions or UXO
04 or OE under this program. As much as that is laying
05 around, it's not going to explode when you pick it up
06 as far as this program is concerned.

07 For the risks, the items that pose the most
08 threat to the public are what the objective of the
09 project is throughout the cleanup, and it's tedious
10 and it's time consuming and there's a lot of land out
11 there to look at.

12 BY MS. PORTER:

13 I know. I was raised up around here.

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 Yeah.

16 BY MS. PORTER:

17 I know.

18 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

19 And that -- I think if you look and sit back and
20 look at the steps that have been taken, it looks like
21 there's been some sits and starts, and I think with
22 any project like this there may have been some sits
23 and starts. We're back on track and we're trying to
24 make everyone out here as safe as possible.

25 BY MS. STEWART:

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01 I like your information. Ms. Stewart, again.

02 I think it's something -- I'm sitting here
03 listening to what you just said. You just gave some
04 valuable information which I did not know, and I have
05 come to several meetings with my husband.

06 I think you on the Board need to think about

07 maybe every six months do a newsletter. I mean,
08 inform people. This is the age of information.
09 People need to know what's going on.
10 I've heard more from you tonight than I've heard
11 since I've been attending the meetings. That's
12 valuable information, and I think something that the
13 Board members, again, need to think about, get
14 together. Have a report among all of you sitting here
15 facing me maybe once every three months or something,
16 whatever you come up with, and get this information
17 out to the residents because all of us pay taxes.

18 We need -- we each need to know what's going on.
19 Something could come up later, and we wouldn't know
20 about it. Some people may like to come to the
21 meetings and haven't been able to. They're unable to
22 get here.

23 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

24 That's very good as far as input. We will look
25 into a newsletter. We will also look into possibly

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01 just a public relations piece in the newspaper to ---

02 BY MS. STEWART:

03 Yes.

04 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

05 To bring folks up to date. Mr. Gary Henderson
06 with the newspaper used to attend most of these
07 meetings, and he was -- he kept up with a lot of the
08 status of the projects, and, unfortunately, he's not
09 been to the last several. So we'll try to get that
10 back in motion.

11 BY MR. SMITH:

12 Any other?

13 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

14 You're saying all those dozens and dozens and
15 dozens and scores and scores and scores of boxes of
16 .30 and .50 caliber ammunition that are all over that
17 golf course right behind these people on Wedgewood's
18 houses, as the years go by and these things chemically
19 defabricate, going in the water supply, that's nothing
20 to worry about, right? I mean, that's nothing?

21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

22 As far as an immediate threat from an unexploded
23 ordnance perspective, no. I mean, that's not to say
24 it's not an environmental hazard. But as far as the
25 funding under this program, ---

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01 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

02 Which is for explosives.

03 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

04 --- we're not picking up .30 caliber and .50
05 caliber pieces of ammunition.

06 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

07 But you will be picking up 37 millimeter
08 antitank shells and 60 millimeter mortars and 2.75
09 millimeter rockets -- I mean, 2.75 inch rockets and 57
10 millimeter, big ones?

11 Karl, when you all get out there and you start,
12 you're going to see a lot of that stuff is buried.
13 Now I can't believe that they go out there and do that
14 and they take these advanced scientific detectors and
15 come back and say it's not there.

16 I can go out there with something that a
17 six-year-old can do and find it. Now, come on and
18 tell me what's going on here?

19 BY MS. PORTER:

20 Amen.
21 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
22 Excuse me for getting upset.
23 BY MS. PORTER:
24 Amen.
25 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

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01 I mean, people have listened to this bull shhh
02 -- whatever -- for how many years now? And Jimmy
03 Lancaster and myself can go out there any day and find
04 50 or 60 live hand grenades, mortars, 81 millimeter
05 mortars, 60 millimeter mortars, 4.2 inch mortars and
06 75 millimeter packed howitzer shells not -- so close
07 to where these people live it's not even funny, and we
08 get told, "The Board is doing something about it. The
09 Corps doesn't have enough money. Senator Strom
10 Thurmond is in the hospital" or whatever. Now give us
11 an answer and do it tonight. Is that too much to ask,
12 gentlemen?
13 BY MR. SMITH:
14 What -- what answer do you want?
15 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
16 Clary, let me address this question.
17 BY MR. SMITH:
18 I'm just want to find out what answer he wanted
19 us to give him.
20 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
21 Well, that's fine.
22 BY MR. SMITH:
23 Which answer he wants. You blurted off a bunch
24 of stuff.
25 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

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01 Yeah, I sure did, and I ---
02 BY MR. SMITH:
03 And what I want to know what answer are you
04 wanting?
05 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
06 Well, they keep going out there and they keep
07 doing this, Mr. Smith. They'll come in there with
08 this little grid. They've been very cooperative about
09 giving me a map when I've just asked. Such and such
10 area, hundred yards by 200 yards, 90 yards by 30 yards
11 been gridded. "We've done our magnetometers. We've
12 taken our six foot deep. We don't find anything."
13 I go out there with a little garden shovel that
14 I bought at Lowe's or something like that, plow around
15 and I come across an 81 or 60 millimeter mortar. I
16 get Officer Renna of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's
17 Department. Some of that stuff I know right now is so
18 close to where these people live it's not even funny.
19 See, it's on the ball field up here the First
20 Baptist Church is using right down right below that
21 where I know UXB has gridded. If I can't go in there
22 tomorrow and find you 20 or 30 60 millimeter mortar
23 shells, I won't come back twice.
24 Now, I don't understand Croft's ---
25 BY MR. SMITH:

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01 They have not said that. I haven't heard them
02 say they have not found anything there. In fact, they
03 haven't even ---
04 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:
05 We haven't even looked, yet.
06 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

07 All right. You haven't looked?
08 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:
09 We haven't been able to finish our work, yet, in
10 those areas.
11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
12 Rifle ridge, some of these Laotian children come
13 down the street with them carrying them in broad
14 daylight.
15 BY DR. LOWRY:
16 Would you please ask Mr. Rick Renna to give us
17 an official count what account of ammunition has been
18 turned over to him for disposal?
19 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
20 I'll report that at the next meeting.
21 BY DR. LOWRY:
22 And report that to us, please.
23 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
24 Yes.
25 BY DR. LOWRY:

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01 I think I've got most of it.
02 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
03 Well, where you live, where your place is is
04 where 105 millimeter impact range was.
05 BY DR. LOWRY:
06 Well, the reason that my property was searched
07 and the property around the ranger's cabin, the
08 children's playground, and in that particular area
09 Camp Croft was searched is because those areas were
10 impact areas, and anything basically that was in that
11 area had been fired or was fused.
12 An unfused mortar or unfused 105 is not nearly
13 as dangerous as one that has been fused and fired, and
14 so there was a reason to go after those first,
15 especially when you've got hundreds and thousands of
16 people coming through an area that you find a hundred
17 81 millimeter -- I'm sorry -- 60 millimeter mortars
18 that have been fired or that are fused. There's an
19 awful lot out there that they're going to find, but I
20 think this is a very slow and tedious process.
21 They've cleared 493 105s and close to 200 mortars off
22 of my property. I appreciate it greatly.
23 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:
24 I understand, Dr. Lowry.
25 BY DR. LOWRY:

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01 Pardon?
02 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
03 You had 105.
04 BY DR. LOWRY:
05 I had one 105 with a phosphorus center. A lot
06 of these 81 millimeter mortars on my property had a
07 phosphorus center in them, and they have to be right
08 careful with them.
09 They're down to the last five acres, after
10 they've cleared about a 100 to 150, and I appreciate
11 all they've done and I do think they've been making
12 progress. But I think the reason these two areas got
13 cleaned first was that this ammunition was fused.
14 My area didn't get cleaned first because they
15 wanted to buy it. As you know, Congress turned that
16 down. It would have been much cheaper and much
17 better, in my opinion, just to buy it and put signs
18 up, "Don't go on it," and turn it to green space, but
19 Congress didn't see it the way that the local Corps of

20 Engineers people preferred it.
 21 Then they had to go back in and do more studies,
 22 and so it's taken me five years to get a very
 23 dangerous area where a lot of intrusive work is done
 24 cleared, and they're down to the last three or four --
 25 I don't know -- five acres. It's a very small piece

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01 of land, but something has been done.
 02 There are 500 105s that are gone and there were
 03 almost 200 mortars. There will be some left that they
 04 probably won't find, but I think we're making
 05 progress. And as long as we do it in an orderly
 06 fashion and finish those areas, I think we're going to
 07 be all right.

08 And Wedgewood is a populated area. It certainly
 09 needs the attention of everyone, and it needs it
 10 because of the danger to the children, but there's
 11 also a property value issue. And so the sooner that
 12 this can be done, the sooner your property values are
 13 going to be safe and the sooner your children are
 14 safe.

15 But I don't think that this stuff is that easy
 16 to find. Robin, you may prove me incorrect, but if it
 17 is, then you need to map this area and take somebody
 18 to it.

19 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

20 We have and I have.

21 BY DR. LOWRY:

22 And you need to take this man and that man. If
 23 they're that available, then certainly they need to
 24 pay attention to it.

25 BY MR. SMITH:

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01 Anything else?

02 (NO RESPONSE)

03 BY DR. LOWRY:

04 I move to adjourn.

05 BY MR. MULLINAX:

06 Second.

07 BY MR. SMITH:

08 Meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming.

09 Appreciate it.

10 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:00 P.M.)

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