

**CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

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PLACE: SC School for the Deaf and the Blind  
Swearingen Conference Center

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2003

TIME: 7:02 p.m. to 7:16 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Gary Hayes, Chair  
William Littlejohn  
W. Brownlee Lowry  
George Mullinax

**BOARD MEMBERS**

NOT PRESENT: Joseph Crissinger  
David Mullinax  
Gerard Perry  
Robert W. Powell, Jr.  
Clary Smith  
Sanford Smith  
Stonewall Stewart  
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1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Okay. We've got a quorum. We can call the meeting to order.

3 I would like to welcome everybody, and at this time I would like to turn  
4 the meeting over to Suzy.

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 Okay. Thank you, Gary.

7 This evening I would like to introduce Plylar McManus with the US Army  
8 Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville. He is the new project manager  
9 for Camp Croft.

10 Plylar, now you've been with the Corps for?

11 BY MR. MCMANUS:

12 I've been with the Corps since 1983. I worked all that time with the  
13 Huntsville Center Corps of Engineers in Huntsville, Alabama. I'm been with this  
14 program for just a few weeks now taking over for Bill Stephenson. I'm glad to  
15 be here.

16 I'm originally from Greer, South Carolina, so I'm going to go back tonight  
17 and visit a cousin of mine that still lives over there. So this is kind of like  
18 coming home, although its been many, many years since I've lived up here, but  
19 I'm glad to serve you in any way I can.

20 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

21 What I'd like to do now is to announce the new RAB members for the  
22 year 2003 through 2005.

23 As you all recall, we went through an application and selection process  
24 this past fall where we had applications available here at the meeting. We've  
25 provided them in the mail. We had them at the library.

1           We received applications and have reviewed those, and now I have the  
2 new RAB members to present.

3           We had received eight applications only, and one set, two applications  
4 were actually a husband and wife team, and then we have selected one of those  
5 two individuals.

6           So we have several folks from the current RAB and some new members;  
7 and what I would like to do is, first of all, read the letter from Lieutenant  
8 Colonel Mueller from the Charleston District.

9           "Dear Ms. McKinney: I concur with the recommendation of Mr.  
10 Ronald Nesbit, Jr., Mr. Bill Stephenson and Mr. Dan Plugge of the US  
11 Army Corps of Engineers to waive the selection panel for members of the  
12 Former Camp Croft Restoration Advisory Board due to the limited  
13 number of applications received for consideration.

14           Among the eight applications received, seven were chosen to serve  
15 on the January 2003 through January 2005 RAB. One applicant, Mr.  
16 Michael Moore, was not selected because both he and his wife, Mrs.  
17 Martha Moore, submitted applications. Two members of the same  
18 household cannot serve at the same time on the RAB. Ms. Moore was  
19 chosen because of her experience in serving on similar boards and her  
20 interest in environmental issues. Therefore, I recommend that the seven  
21 remaining applicants serve on the January 2003 through 2005 Former  
22 Camp Croft Restoration Advisory Board.

23           If you have you any questions, please contact Mr. Nesbit of my  
24 staff at 843-329-8054.

1                   Sincerely, Peter W. Mueller, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Engineer  
2                   District, District Engineer."

3                   So our new RAB members are Gary Hayes, Bubba Littlejohn, Dr. Lowry,  
4                   David Mullinax, George Mullinax, Ms. Martha Moore and Robert Wootton.

5                   What I would like to do is for the next meeting, that would be the  
6                   transition from the current RAB to the new RAB, we'll go through a training and  
7                   introduction of the process, the RAB, the by-laws on behalf of and for the  
8                   benefit of those new individuals. So we'll have a training at that point and then  
9                   also elect a new chair, because I believe your term, Gary, is about up, as well.

10                  Unfortunately, there are several individuals aren't here this evening. I  
11                  have not heard from any folks, and hopefully we'll get re - reinvigorated and  
12                  have a stronger turnout in future meetings; and at this point what I would like  
13                  to do is turn it over to Ron to recognize all of the hard work and the support  
14                  from our current RAB. Ron.

15                  BY MR. NESBIT:

16                  Yes. Thank you, Suzy.

17                  First of all, what I would like to mention is to, again, thank those  
18                  members of the board that have served in the last two years, and that thank  
19                  you is coming from Colonel Mueller, our District Engineer. He couldn't be with  
20                  us tonight, but he wanted me to be sure to make certain that people are aware  
21                  that it's a great responsibility for the community, that which you provide, and  
22                  we do not take that lightly. We really appreciate your help and assistance in  
23                  what you have done and will continue to do in the future.

24                  Unfortunately, also, Colonel Mueller is on the down side of his tour of  
25                  duty as well. This coming June timeframe he will be replaced with another

1 District Engineer for the Charleston District. I do not have the name of the  
2 new commander or will-be commander, yet. Once and probably prior to the next  
3 meeting, either he or I will have the name of that individual. I will present that  
4 to you and let you know who he will be.

5 What we have done is to have certificates made up for those people that  
6 have participated on the RAB, and there are a number of folks that aren't here  
7 tonight, but I'll pass these on to Suzy, and she'll make certain that they get to  
8 those individuals, and I'll go through those now.

9 (MR. NESBIT GIVES CERTIFICATES TO CURRENT RAB MEMBERS IN  
10 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE ON RAB)

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 One other thing I would like to go into now is the project status.

13 We have had some things happening in the past and - well, with what's  
14 coming up for the future for this year, and rather than I give it, I'm going to let  
15 Mr. McManus talk about that for a few moments just to give you an update on  
16 where we are project wise and what the plans are for the upcoming year.

17 BY MR. MCMANUS:

18 Thank you, Ron.

19 The plans for this year are preparatory for further efforts that we, I  
20 think, continue at Camp Croft. We are currently working to get in place a  
21 number of efforts, primarily work plan efforts for the planning for the next  
22 phases at Camp Croft.

23 We also plan on continuing the effort with the RAB and we are working  
24 hard to get contracts and those efforts in place where we can continue that  
25 work; and also basically the planning effort for the ongoing removal actions in

1 the various areas that we have here, and I think Ron could probably  
2 communicate some of those ---

3 BY MR. NESBIT:

4 Yes.

5 BY MR. MCMANUS:

6 --- priorities best to you, but we should have most of those activities in  
7 place within the next couple of weeks, and I'm sure Ron or Suzy could make you  
8 aware of when those specifics happen.

9 Ron, are there some additional things that you wanted us to communicate  
10 there?

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 No.

13 BY MR. MCMANUS:

14 Okay.

15 BY MR. NESBIT:

16 That works fine.

17 BY MR. MCMANUS:

18 Okay. Thank you.

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 Is that it?

21 BY MR. NESBIT:

22 Yeah.

23 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

24 Old business?

25 BY MR. NESBIT:

1 Have we got any old business?

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Okay. The old business, I think all we brought up last week, Harold  
4 Osborne was going to supply with us some paperwork on some munitions in  
5 Pacolet.

6 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

7 And that was ---

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Suzy, did you receive anything?

10 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

11 I have not received any paperwork.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Okay. And Harold is not here tonight.

14 So that's all the old business that we had from the last meeting.

15 Have you received any letters or anything about any other new business?

16 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

17 We have not received anything as far as new agenda items or topics for  
18 discussion.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Okay. So we shouldn't have any old business tonight.

21 Is there any new business that anybody wants to bring up that we would  
22 bring up at the next meeting?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 BY MR. HAYES:



1 Does anybody have any questions about how to bring up new business for  
2 the next meeting?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 What you'll need to do - I'll just go ahead and explain it briefly. You need  
6 to supply in writing to Suzy McKinney at Zapata. She'll give you an address if  
7 you need it after the meeting, and we do that to help speed the meeting up and  
8 to be prepared for the meeting. So that's one requirement that we have is just  
9 to supply whatever you want to bring up, and so I suggest that you get the  
10 address from Suzy if that's what you want to do.

11 So, Suzy said that our next RAB meeting will be in June or July, and we'll  
12 start the new board then; and I also want to thank Ron, Colonel Mueller and  
13 Elmer and Suzy and Zapata, Mr. McManus and everybody for coming tonight and  
14 all that you do.

15 Does anybody on the board have anything to add?

16 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

17 No.

18 BY DR. LOWRY:

19 No.

20 BY MR. MULLINAX:

21 No.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Okay. Ron.

24 BY MR. NESBIT:

25 I'd like to make mention of one item, one of concern.

1 I know the meeting tonight and the last meeting has been relatively short  
2 because of the amount of business that we actually have had to actually discuss,  
3 and there have been some questions or concerns in some folks' mind as to  
4 whether or not we need to continue with the RAB in itself, and the answer is  
5 yes.

6 We will continue the RAB for a number of reasons, one being it's our  
7 opportunity and your opportunity to bring forth concerns that you have, not  
8 just to us but to the board members so that they can act on your behalf to be  
9 able to have them addressed by us or others that may need to have items or  
10 concerns addressed.

11 Secondly, even though right at this point in time we are at a low in terms  
12 of funding for the Camp Croft project that will not always be the case. Funding  
13 is a big question on many of our districts' mind that have ordnance projects that  
14 they're working or planning to work, and with the limited resources that are  
15 available, of course, it's about priority as to how much money is actually  
16 appropriated for the different locations, and that's our situation here.

17 We have not been as high on the priority scale as we once were.  
18 However, there are moves and/or directions being made to, not necessarily  
19 remedy our location, but at least remedy the situation of lack in funding. We  
20 are trying to get geared up and start again so that we can continue with our  
21 work to be complete the restoration process here at Camp Croft.

22 The one area that, as soon as we get funding in, and/or we can make some  
23 actions happen, we'll be at the Wedgewood community so that we can finish up  
24 out there, as well as the golf course area. Those are our priorities. We want to  
25 finish that work as soon as we possibly can, and we're positioning ourselves, such

1 as we mentioned earlier, so that when money does become available, potentially  
2 even this year, we can take advantage of that funding and actually begin making  
3 plans to start working that area and getting things taken care of.

4 So even though you don't see us out here on a day-to-day basis, we are  
5 still working the issues that need to be worked in order to raise our priority  
6 level so that we can gain funding so that we can complete the work that we've  
7 started, and I just wanted to let you know that. Thank you.

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 And we also want to thank Mr. Renna for coming tonight. Rick, would you  
10 briefly tell us - you said you found a few live munitions. Would you briefly tell  
11 us for the record what was found and how you found it and where it was found?

12 BY MR. RENNA:

13 I was called out to an area off of Fretwell and 295 by D and R, and an 81  
14 millimeter mortar was uncovered by a gentleman who was plowing the field. The  
15 mortar was an HE version, high explosive, and detonated on site. That was on  
16 Thursday, last Thursday; and today two more 81 millimeter practice were found  
17 that he had plowed up. It was in the same area, the same general area where he  
18 found it.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 That's on the Fretwell property?

21 BY MR. RENNA:

22 So that's what was found today.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Is that on the Fretwell property?

25 BY MR. RENNA:

1           Yeah, that area that was auctioned off.

2   BY MR. HAYES:

3           Okay. That's an area - that's land where we tried to get easement before  
4 and they didn't grant it.

5   BY MR. NESBIT:

6           Yes.

7   BY MR. RENNA:

8           He - well, that gentleman, he's not interested in having anybody come on  
9 there.

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11          Okay.

12 BY MR. RENNA:

13          He uses it for hunting.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15          Yeah.

16 BY MR. RENNA:

17          Yeah.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19          Were those live rounds?

20 BY MR. RENNA:

21          The one last week was live, and these last two were practice. They were  
22 waxed filled.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24          All right.

25          Have you had anything to show up on your property, Dr. Lowry?

1 BY DR. LOWRY:

2 We've had a couple duds, yeah.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Here lately?

5 BY DR. LOWRY:

6 Yeah.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 All right. So I think that shows that its good that we do have everything  
9 still in line to proceed, and hopefully we are heading in the right direction and  
10 maybe some funds will come available.

11 Anything else we need to talk about?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Have a motion we adjourn?

15 BY DR. LOWRY:

16 So move.

17 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

18 Second.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Okay. I call this meeting to close.

21 BY MR. NESBIT:

22 Thank you everyone for coming.

23 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:16 P.M.)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG     )     CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the within meeting was taken on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003;

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Sandra Satterwhite  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
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