

CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE: Marriott Renaissance Hotel
Spartanburg, South Carolina

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 30, 2011
6:30 p.m. to 7:23 p.m.

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1 BY MR. MOON:

2 We like to welcome everybody to the Restoration Advisory Board meeting
3 here at 6:30. One of the things I wanted to do before we start in the new
4 business was to make a clarification for the record to clarify a comment made
5 in accordance to the June 9th, 2011, meeting over the past 16 years there have
6 been 50 meetings, and including the June Advisory Board meeting we just had.
7 I just wanted to clarify that in a statement that was made in the last June
8 meeting and it was brought to my attention.

9 Now we'll go into new business. First thing on the agenda here is the
10 discussion of bylaws.

11 Everybody's got, it looks like, it looks like this with some corrections.
12 There are some things that have been put on here for you to look at.
13 Everybody's got one. This is basically for us to discuss as far as the members
14 of the Advisory or Restoration Advisory Board, so.

15 BY MR. BOONE:

16 So at the last meeting we all discussed potential changes to the bylaws,
17 and it was agreed that Paul would make recommendations --- Mr. Savko would
18 make recommendations about changes, and we would have a subcommittee agree
19 on what we present to the board for your approval or disapproval, as the case
20 may be.

21 So what we have in front of you is those recommended changes, and we're
22 kind of open to suggestions about how we can go through them and agree or
23 disagree.

24 BY MR. HERZOG:

25 I have a question.

1 BY MR. BOONE:

2 Yes.

3 BY MR. HERZOG:

4 Does the board or the Corps approve any changes to the bylaws?

5 BY MR. BOONE:

6 Well, actually the board does.

7 BY MR. HERZOG:

8 Trying to make it A or B. Actually, I read them, and I don't have any
9 problem with any of that stuff.

10 BY MR. BOONE:

11 On the last page ---

12 BY MR. HERZOG:

13 I don't have any problem with it.

14 BY MR. BOONE:

15 On the last page of the bylaws in your package, Section VII there is a
16 paragraph about changes and how they're made, and in true bureaucratic
17 fashion we suggested changes for that, as well, as to how we're actually doing
18 this.

19 So, you know, I've said, I've made this statement before, but this is really
20 your board and how you guys run it. We're here to facilitate. We're here to
21 help you be part of the community and educate you about our project here, and
22 so this is your document, and the Corps doesn't want to be dictating any, any
23 changes or procedures to you. I kind of encourage you to decide amongst
24 yourselves how you want to do this and what format it takes.

25 BY MR. GIBSON:

1 Looking at that paragraph, if that's says it on the back, and I'll try to
2 read it in part as to correctness, it says we need to review this and have it in
3 our hands 20 days prior to the meeting to be able to do anything with it.

4 So with that, we can take it with us and plan to discuss it at the next
5 meeting, since we really can't do anything based on that right there.

6 BY MR. SAVKO:

7 Paul Savko. In the last board, a motion made by me was that we would
8 redo the bylaws, that we would submit a draft copy to the board and give them
9 time to review it, take it home with you, bring it back the next meeting, and
10 anything that you would like to change, that would be your opportunity.

11 BY MR. GIBSON:

12 Okay. So ---

13 BY MR. SAVKO:

14 And if it takes a second rewrite, then we'll do that.

15 BY MR. GIBSON:

16 Well, I guess my point is what do you expect us to do right here with it
17 now?

18 BY MR. SAVKO:

19 Not a thing.

20 BY MR. GIBSON:

21 Okay. All right. So it's ---

22 BY MR. SAVKO:

23 So ---

24 BY MR. GIBSON:

25 --- presented as information for us to consider.

1 BY MR. SAVKO:

2 That is correct.

3 BY MR. GIBSON:

4 And to discuss after it, actually discuss it at the next meeting.

5 BY MR. SAVKO:

6 The original objective was that there were three bylaws and the three
7 bylaws did not necessarily agree. There were conflicts between the three of
8 them, so we tried to straighten that out. The committee was ---

9 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 Suzy. Suzy McKinney.

11 BY MR. SAVKO:

12 And Shawn, so we kind of gotten together, and hopefully we can iron out
13 some of the things, but do take them home. Take a look at them, read through
14 it, and be prepared the next board meeting to either accept or reject what's
15 there, and, again, if it takes a rewrite, we'll need to do that.

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 And for clarification what you do have in front of you are the original
18 bylaws, the introduction to bylaws and the roles and responsibilities of the RAB,
19 and either in red or blue text, however it printed out, are the recommended
20 changes Mr. Savko presented based upon his reviews. As he indicated at the
21 last meeting, he would take lead on looking at the bylaws and recommending
22 improvements. So those are the recommendations. You can see where they are
23 within context, and, of course, you've got the originals in your notebooks, as
24 well.

25 BY MR. GIBSON:

1 Does this go back to the earlier one, because we --- it was changed some.

2 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

3 This is based on the most current bylaws ---

4 BY MR. SAVKO:

5 Since the latest revision.

6 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

7 --- from 2010.

8 BY MR. GIBSON:

9 It was changed like six or eight years ago when I was on the board.

10 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

11 Let's see, 2009, I believe. So these are the --- they're based on the
12 most current operating bylaws.

13 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

14 I have one comment. Hugh McMillan.

15 Based on the frequency of our meetings, if we stick to this 20-day deal,
16 which I think we have to, but if we wait until the next meeting to propose any
17 differences, we'll have a new board sitting here by the time we get around to
18 improving them.

19 I would suggest that we, the board have an interim meeting to discuss
20 this, so we can vote on a final approval by our next meeting with the Corps of
21 Engineers. If we're going to have to drag them up here again for that, I don't
22 think it would be necessary, but I just --- you know, if we'll wait until next time
23 to discuss any changes, and then, "Okay," we pencil in that, and then we're going
24 to review that again the next time, well, that puts us right about the time that
25 members of the board get turned over again, doesn't it?

1 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

2 The board serves a two-year term.

3 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

4 But aren't they staggered?

5 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

6 No.

7 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

8 The memberships?

9 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 No, the co-chair is one year, and the board is two years.

11 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

12 Oh, okay. I thought some of us ---

13 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

14 And I think we have another ---

15 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

16 I thought some of us dropped off ---

17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

18 --- almost full ---

19 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

20 --- in January. That's we're all one. Okay. We'll then, it doesn't matter.

21 I'm sorry. Just erase all that.

22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

23 I was going to go check my notes. I believe we've got at least another

24 full year of this board.

25 BY MR. MOON:

1 Twenty-two months, at least.

2 On the agenda is the remedial investigation feasibility study update, and
3 that's by the Corps of Engineers.

4 BY MR. BOONE:

5 We have a draft final version of the work plan for the remedial
6 investigation, and just for everyone's reminder it goes draft version, draft
7 final, and then final.

8 Typically the draft version is an internal document of the Corps of
9 Engineers, and the draft final is distributed to a limited number of
10 stakeholders for their comment and to include DHEC, and we posted it on the
11 website for you all to view in the interim.

12 So we posted it there so that you would be aware of it for one thing, and,
13 two, to have the opportunity to maybe comment on it or make suggestions about
14 changes, that sort of thing that we can take under advisement.

15 So if you had an opportunity to look at it, then we'll be willing to listen
16 here or at any time in the near future, if anybody has anything.

17 So, remind me, Spencer, what the schedule is for the final.

18 BY MR. O'NEAL:

19 We hope to have it finalized within the next few weeks, and we'll get that
20 out to everyone.

21 I want to take a moment to introduce you to the technical manager of the
22 project, Ms. Teresa Carpenter. She is the one that understands all that mumbo
23 jumbo stuff.

24 So this is Teresa. She's been on the project now two ---

25 BY MS. CARPENTER:

1 (Inaudible.)

2 BY MR. O'NEAL:

3 --- or three years, and I wanted to, just in case there were any technical
4 discussions, I had to bring her, but, you know, we I just wanted to make sure
5 she was introduced to you.

6 We're looking at the next few weeks trying to get it finalized in order to
7 make that. Okay.

8 Then we move on from there and we're taking a look at trying to get
9 rights of entries, which the board, the board can help us with those rights of
10 entries, and we will be most thankful, because we need to get rights of entries
11 in order to get on the property in order to do the investigational studies.

12 BY MR. GIBSON:

13 Do you put out a list of places you need to go that we may need to help
14 you with?

15 BY MR. O'NEAL:

16 No.

17 BY MR. GIBSON:

18 Well, then how we will know what we may able to do there?

19 BY MR. O'NEAL:

20 I'm looking at Shawn.

21 BY MR. BOONE:

22 The typical process is that we get a list of properties right off of the
23 county records, the land ownership records. Then we do a mass mailing to
24 everybody with a cover letter explaining that we need this legal document
25 signed by them in order to come on their property and sample or a survey.

1 Where we run into trouble is often people disregard the notice, or they
2 just don't want us on their property. So there may be a time where we need
3 some local people who can talk to them and convince them, you know, this isn't
4 the government coming and being obtrusive or intrusive. It's just us, you know,
5 wanting to make sure that everyone is safe and that we have the best
6 information that we can gather.

7 So, we may be coming up down the road in a couple of months that we
8 need you to do some public education sort of thing.

9 BY MR. HERZOG:

10 Is that just for a preliminary look at some of this property? Don't you
11 have a right of entry in the name of public safety?

12 BY MR. BOONE:

13 The Corps the Engineers does not. DHEC does.

14 BY MR. HERZOG:

15 I'd just say where I work.

16 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

17 Lieutenant Dyas with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

18 When you do your mass mailing, then we'll get a list of everybody who has
19 given permission, then you'll have another list of people that have not given
20 permission. Will that list go out to RAB members here so that they might know
21 these people so they can go to their house and say, "Hey, did you get this
22 letter? This is what this is about and this is how they plan on doing that"?

23 BY MR. BOONE:

24 Usually we make a visit before we try to get public support, but it
25 depends. That is a viable option, yes.

1 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

2 Well, if you give to the board and community that list and all, there's
3 some people that live in this area that haven't responded back, not necessarily
4 that they're saying they don't want you to come on the property, but they just
5 haven't responded back to you and is there a reason they haven't, have they
6 moved out of town or whatever.

7 BY MR. BOONE:

8 Right.

9 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

10 That we can maybe stop by and say, "This is what, you know, this is what
11 we're trying to do," a little bit education just trying to get cooperation for the
12 government to go in there and maybe that kind of speed up the process a little
13 bit and get you in there in a timely manner.

14 BY MR. BOONE:

15 Definitely. It could definitely work that way, but it's hard to speculate
16 exactly how that list is going to look after the first round. Some places all of
17 them come back or nearly all of them. A little phone call from one of us gets
18 them to go ahead and sign and send in the letter. Other places we get nearly
19 none and end up walking door to door literally. So we'll have to wait and see
20 what the best approach is, and then it may be a whole team of us that we would
21 go out and knock on doors.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Shawn, will there only be one mailing or will there be a second mailing
24 after the first mailing to who doesn't respond?

25 BY MR. BOONE:

1 There will be an initial mailing, and then, based on the level of response,
2 there may be a second, but it's very time consuming to go door to door and
3 speak to everyone, and so if nobody responds and we have 2,000 places we need
4 signatures, then there will definitely be a second mailing.

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 Well, what kind of information will be included in the mailing?

7 BY MR. BOONE:

8 It comes with a cover letter explaining why we want it, what we're doing,
9 and that sort of thing; and then with the document, the actual right of entry,
10 which has some legal mumbo jumbo on it and describes, you know, the
11 government is allowed to come on your property for this type of action.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 For a number of one year, two years or would there be a time limit?

14 BY MR. BOONE:

15 Yes, there's a time limit. It's one. Depending on the type of surveying
16 we're doing, it's either one or two years.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Well, on the certain pieces of property, you know, some of the surveys
19 will be so much width and others are going to be wider, will it say the extent of
20 the surveying on the property for the landowner?

21 BY MR. BOONE:

22 No, but you need a right of entry for the entire parcel regardless, even if
23 we just cross a corner of it.

24 BY MS. CARPENTER:

25 This is Teresa Carpenter.

1 One of the reasons that we have to do the rights of entry in a specific
2 way is because when we get to the end, if people refused to let us go onto their
3 property, we can still move forward without their permission. We can't go on
4 their property, but we can close that property out.

5 So the District has to follow specific procedures, though there will be
6 another mailing in the event that we don't get enough for the remedial, but we
7 do have to follow a specific procedure in order to close it out, even if we don't
8 have enough rights of entries, otherwise we keep doing this process over and
9 over again and not get anywhere, so we're still trying to figure out how that
10 process works. I don't know that we --- we are supposed to close it out or have
11 gotten to the end of the process yet, but it is a paper trail as well, so, but
12 hopefully, you know, that won't be an issue.

13 BY MR. BOONE:

14 What Teresa is speaking of is a term called potential responsible party.
15 As it stands now, the Corps of Engineers is taking full responsibility for any
16 contamination that exists from the DOD's actions on these properties. If
17 somebody denies us the right or the ability to go on property, look for the
18 contamination and remove it, then they become potentially liable for any
19 contamination that's there.

20 BY MR. HERZOG:

21 Shame on them.

22 BY MR. BOONE:

23 So there has to be a --- we have to document the process that we
24 underwent through in order to get there prior towards investigation.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Okay. What's the distance of time until they block out people who don't
2 give right? Do you have an end date which you have to have everything done?

3 BY MR. BOONE:

4 You know, the funny thing about all this is that this is an option for us to
5 push the liability onto others, but to my knowledge we have never done it.

6 BY MS. CARPENTER:

7 Yes.

8 BY MR. BOONE:

9 Where the only cases where we have done it, we've actually settled with
10 the landowner and paid them to do their own removal, and then they took
11 responsibility for the contamination; but in no case where they denied access,
12 so we just said, "That's it. You bought it."

13 Susan.

14 BY MS. BYRD:

15 DHEC has done that, and we have state and federal regulations that we
16 follow. In other words, if the golf course property owner decides they're not
17 going to allow any access, well, then we can require them to clean up under the
18 same regulations that the Corps is going to clean up.

19 So I hope we don't have to use that, but it can be beneficial in explaining
20 to the people when we go door to door for any signatures. "If you don't allow
21 the Corps to clean it up, then the Department DHEC can require you to clean it
22 up," but hopefully we won't have to go that route.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Is what you stated in the right of entry form?

25 BY MR. BOONE:

1 I just read it last week.

2 BY MS. BYRD:

3 No.

4 BY MR. BOONE:

5 I don't think that it says that initially, no.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 Would that be in the landowner's rights that they should know their
8 rights before you ask the right of entry?

9 BY MR. BOONE:

10 Well, it does say in the last sentence of the first paragraph that we are
11 looking for a voluntary signature. We want everybody who signs to do so
12 voluntarily.

13 We don't start off with a threatening statement.

14 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

15 You could just say, could you --- you're stating that you're trying to force
16 these people with threats, and that's not --- I don't believe you would want that.

17 BY MS. BYRD:

18 But it does take the law, CERCLA law that it does discuss the responsible
19 party, and, you know, how you become responsible if you don't follow this
20 particular regulation. So that is clearly documented. It's just written in
21 legalese that's difficult to follow.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Well, I think he was saying before that we would have a public meeting.
24 Wouldn't it be good to have a public meeting before a mailing goes out?

25 BY MR. BOONE:

1 Well, ---

2 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

3 Might get more response after the mailing, because folks get a letter
4 telling them, get their attention and some interest, but that's just my opinion.

5 Sorry.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 Well, the public meeting will be announced in the newspaper, or we could
8 probably get Channel 7 to go along and make an announcement. If somebody
9 doesn't take the paper, they might be watching the news; but, you know, I think
10 to have a question and answer at a public meeting would make the mailing a little
11 more cost effective as to who replies to the mailing. You know, if somebody
12 can't come, they might send a friend or family or somebody to the meeting for
13 them.

14 So have we set a date for the public meeting?

15 BY MR. BOONE:

16 No, we haven't.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Okay.

19 BY MR. BOONE:

20 And, typically, we do the meeting after the mailing, and we don't have a
21 lot of these types of projects in the state. I mean, to be honest, I've only ever
22 done or gotten this far with a project one other time, and that's my own
23 personal experience.

24 Now the Corps has done this a million times.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 If we do the mailing before the public meeting, why don't we set a date
2 for the public meeting and announce the public meeting in the mailing so they ---
3 you know, so it can then include it in the paper and then in news, so that would
4 be three times they'd have a chance to know about it, because that would be a
5 waste of mailing and not announce the meeting in the mailing, because we have a
6 lot of people out of state or something like that ---

7 BY MR. BOONE:

8 True.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 --- that aren't familiar with what's going on.

11 BY MR. O'NEAL:

12 When we've done similar where we gave them 30 days, we did the mailing,
13 "Thirty days there will be a public meeting," and I mean they came out in groves,
14 because they wanted to know what we were coming out to do. It was effective.
15 When they came in, we gave a presentation to everybody, and we did an evening
16 session. For those people who had not signed rights of entry yet at that
17 particular time we had at one station. We, you know, had someone there
18 explaining to them what it was all about prior to and after our presentation, if
19 they didn't understand, and it did work out great that way.

20 So I mean we're open to do whichever way you guys think will be most
21 effective. I only bring that up to you because this is a portion of our objective
22 where it's no longer on the Corps. It's based on public participation of how
23 much property that we get so we can investigate for the remedial.

24 So, you know, word of mouth helps a lot, and you guys reach a lot more
25 people than we could ever reach on location wherever you are. We could on the

1 phone 24/7 and still not get as many people as you guys come across in church,
2 at the store or whatever. So that's the only reason I bring that up, too.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 I think the public meeting will be the place to talk about the liability to
5 pass along, which if somebody raises a question, it could be addressed then, so
6 it won't be like a threat from the Corps to the public. They would be just
7 answering questions, and I'm sure you can find somebody that will ask it.

8 BY MR. O'NEAL:

9 I agree with you a hundred percent.

10 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

11 Problem with having the public meeting first is we'll have people that will
12 hear about it but presuppose that it doesn't apply to them. Then the public
13 meeting is gone, and they get the mailing, well, they don't have anybody to do
14 answering the questions.

15 So in my opinion it's more --- it seems more effective to do the mailing
16 and get individuals that this does impact's attention, and they'll be more inclined
17 to keep their ears open and participate in the public meeting, and that's just my
18 opinion.

19 BY MR. O'NEAL:

20 And the other location where they're having to answer a whole bunch of
21 calls is the mayor's office, and also the local police department where they're
22 trying to figure out, "Hey, what is this? The government is coming. What's
23 going on?" They call with this huge list they were provided what was going on so
24 they could continue to send the message. That's just another suggestion and
25 one of the ways we can do it.

1 In fact, I think the last time I said where all the people congregate, you
2 know, churches, grocery stores, soccer ball fields and those type of places. A
3 lot of people may ---

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 Also, in the mailing you might have a card in there where they RSVP or
6 something for the meeting, that way we'll know about how many people are
7 coming so we'll have the right size facility for the meeting.

8 BY MR. BOONE:

9 As Spencer alluded to, though, there is usually a presentation that goes
10 along with the meeting so everybody gets a sense of what the scale of effort is
11 and what we're going to do. So it's difficult to set a meeting date prior to the
12 finish of the work plan, but once this work plan gets finalized, then we'll be able
13 to move on to, you know, who exactly we'll be targeting for rights of entry, and
14 also have a better handle on when we should have the meeting and where
15 everybody gets included and we have our ducks in a row.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Is the mailing list in hand?

18 BY MR. BOONE:

19 I don't have a copy of it here, but, yes, we have a mailing list.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Do you know about how many that is on the list?

22 BY MR. BOONE:

23 Thousands.

24 BY MR. SHIFLET:

25 It's around 2,000.

1 BY MR. BOONE:

2 Two thousand.

3 BY MR. SAVKO:

4 Gary, you've got about half a dozen good ideas there. One, I don't know if
5 people consider this for a motion, but I like the idea of establishing a date and
6 then putting the date in the newsletter or the letter that you're going to mail.
7 So that's going to be a very effective way of communicating. One, we got a
8 date, put it in the mail, and we're going to have a public meeting. Those three
9 things happening is going to be a very good successful way of communicating,
10 and I think you're going to have a turnout people wise.

11 I understand the date or setting the date is going to be down the street,
12 but once you set the date, and you're going to do the mailing and in the mailing
13 you're going to have the date of the date, and then you'll have the public
14 meeting to talk about all of the signatures and liability and no liability,
15 permission and no permission, and that type of thing. I think that's a very good
16 idea. I really do.

17 BY MR. BOONE:

18 I do, too.

19 BY MR. GIBSON:

20 Okay. Who gets the placement for things to happen?

21 BY MR. BOONE:

22 That would be me.

23 BY MR. GIBSON:

24 You got it, Shawn? Okay. That's set then.

25 BY MR. SAVKO:

1 It will be a matter of record because it's in the minutes.

2 BY MR. BOONE:

3 Okay.

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 Do you have to have all this down, all the rights of entry by a certain
6 date, by the first of the year or by Thanksgiving or ---

7 BY MR. BOONE:

8 We have to have a right of entry in order to start the sampling of all the
9 grid work. Whether we have them all or not, no, that's not necessary, but being
10 that the bulk of the linear mileage of the samplings on Croft State Park, we'll
11 be going after John for his first, and, you know, we'll pick up the others as we
12 can.

13 We'll do the initial mailing all at once, but we'll be talking to John on a
14 daily basis until he gets his back; and then we'll be doing a second mailing,
15 knocking on doors, whatever it takes to try and get as many as we can.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 John, how many environmental hunts do you have this year?

18 BY MR. MOON:

19 Three, August, and then some other dates.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Do you know about when the last one is?

22 BY MR. MOON:

23 November. The second or third, I think.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 The second or third.

1 BY MR. SHIFLET:

2 Yes, I think that's right.

3 BY MR. MOON:

4 The second or third.

5 BY MR. SHIFLET:

6 If that's a Wednesday or Thursday.

7 BY MR. MOON:

8 It is.

9 BY MR. SHIFLET:

10 Yes, that sounds right.

11 BY MR. O'NEAL:

12 The basis of the rights of entry actually helps us prioritize the direction
13 we go, because of that bulk of it is in John's backyard, and we're hopefully going
14 to get his, the rest of it ---

15 BY MR. MOON:

16 It shouldn't take very long.

17 BY MR. O'NEAL:

18 Yeah, ---

19 But all the rest of the areas we try to set priorities and the amount of
20 people that we're going to need from Zapata, and it just gets you some walls.
21 We'd like to have at least 40, 50 percent of the rights of entry or close to it,
22 and he has a big bulk of it, so that gives a minimum 50 percent right there, but
23 we'd like to get the rest, though, as soon as possible. So, yes, it does help us to
24 set our priorities and goals right now, how much personnel Zapata has to get in
25 order to try to get those people out there in order to do sampling in a timely

1 manner for the rest of the project. We don't want them necessarily think that
2 we're longer than we're scheduled to and try to keep them, too, which is another
3 way we sort of have an opportunity to push them along. "Okay. We need your
4 help. Hurry up. Do it right." So it's very important and it does help Zapata.

5 Jason, were you going to say something?

6 BY MR. SHIFLET:

7 No.

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 And I think regular deer season begins December 31st for private
10 landowners, and then turkey season opens the first of April for the month,
11 whole month of April. So, ---

12 BY MR. O'NEAL:

13 And we know to work around that. You'd be surprised how many places we
14 have. They might have a couple sites in Arkansas. We understand that and
15 work around it.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Yeah.

18 BY MR. O'NEAL:

19 And we understand that and we work around it. We just try to get the
20 investigation figured out, and we don't want to keep anybody from their hunting
21 season.

22 BY MR. MOON:

23 What is the, I think we spoke about late fall, early winter. Is there a
24 starting date as to when they think they'll actually be doing studies or is it just
25 late fall, early winter, or is it most likely November to do this study?

1 BY MR. SHIFLET:

2 If --- this is Jason Shiflet.

3 If we had our rights of entry in place, if Zapata meets their deadline for
4 submittal to the Corps of the final work plan, if the Corps approves that work
5 plan on time, if those things happen, the start, the official start date, according
6 to the schedule, I believe, is the 29th of September.

7 Will that happen? I would not bet my house on it. There is typically very
8 often slip with schedules like this, especially when you have a site like this with
9 so many landowners. So we, it's my job to track that schedule carefully, and
10 Zapata has a period of performance, a time period when we're supposed to get
11 the job done.

12 So to the extent that I can, I'm interested in moving things along so that
13 we meet our period of performance; but like I think several people have alluded
14 to at this point, despite what the schedule says, I can't mobilize 25 guys to the
15 field to do work if we don't have access to enough property for them to work
16 on.

17 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

18 Do you have a --- Hugh McMillan.

19 Do you have a guess of about how many are individual versus business
20 owned properties?

21 BY MR. SHIFLET:

22 Gosh, I don't. I have not looked at that ---

23 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

24 I just ---

25 BY MR. SHIFLET:

1 --- closely. I could hazard a guess and say that it is 90 percent
2 residential, but I mean --- well, excluding the State natural area.

3 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

4 Yeah, I was just thinking you're going to find it a lot easier to get
5 businesses to approve, corporations, I would think, than individual property
6 owners.

7 BY MR. SHIFLET:

8 Well, I guess I have a question maybe Shawn might be able to answer,
9 too, is the list that we sent you of property owners is by parcel, so what I'm not
10 sure about is the crossover between how many people own multiple parcels
11 potentially, so there may be less landowners than the 2,000 number that we
12 started out with.

13 BY MR. BOONE:

14 And we still need a separate ---

15 BY MR. SHIFLET:

16 Right.

17 BY MR. BOONE:

18 --- right of entry for each parcel, which somebody may have to sign
19 multiple times.

20 BY MR. GIBSON:

21 Does the County own a big portion of it?

22 BY MR. BOONE:

23 Well, area wise the State natural area is the biggest piece.

24 BY MR. GIBSON:

25 Okay.

1 So the County has a land permit on the back side for operating on it, so I
2 guess they had, they owned that?

3 BY MR. MOON:

4 It's on the State park property that they manage. I don't know. I mean
5 I'm not sure how that works, but, yes, they do to answer your question.

6 BY MR. BOONE:

7 It's based on ownership. The legal responsibility for signing is based on
8 the ownership. So if there's a piece of rental property, you're going to have to
9 get the owner to sign, and he'll have to inform the renter of the decision.

10 BY MR. GIBSON:

11 All right.

12 That's it.

13 BY MR. MOON:

14 The next order of business under new business is the Sheriff's
15 Department munitions responses.

16 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

17 Good evening. Actually, this has been a slow year for us when it comes to
18 going actually to the Camp Croft area and responding at this time we have
19 typically called on. We don't really know why. It's just, you know, some years,
20 you know, we respond to 70, 80 calls, some years not so many.

21 So we have four certified techs that are available to respond. We're in
22 the process of having two different vehicles if we have to respond to two
23 different sites now, if we have to.

24 We just got a trailer that we're working on to get it up and running as far
25 as being able to respond to one location, as well we have a truck.

1 I'm going to be out of the country right at the end of February to the
2 first of June. I've got three other techs, certified techs that will be able to
3 respond without me, so I guess I'll give you their varying information after this
4 is over with so you'll have somebody that you can call in case something comes
5 up that's a hazard when they're out in the field doing work and they need us to
6 respond.

7 We did upgrade our cantonment vessel. We had a real big update. All of
8 our electronics and all that has been redone, so our capabilities are enhanced
9 even better now.

10 So, like I said, if you need us, we're there, and when we do respond, we
11 try to get the GPS coordinates on that, and we give it to Shawn and get you all
12 that, and this year there hasn't been too much at all.

13 Any questions?

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Nothing recorded on people plowing their gardens or any of that?

16 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

17 Usually the guy right off of 295, he usually calls us when he plows his
18 garden down there, and he didn't call us at all this year. I don't know if he's not
19 well, and he's not plowing or what. That's it.

20 BY MR. MOON:

21 Old business, community outreach, distribution of fact sheets, US Army
22 Corps of Engineers.

23 BY MR. BOONE:

24 Jason is going to pull up a map here of proposed sites where we placed in
25 brochures that we made.

1 This is always --- this is open to a little discussion and suggestions about
2 where we should place these for the public consumption, but so you're oriented,
3 this is the cantonment area of former Camp Croft, and this is the State natural
4 area as it is, and this is downtown Spartanburg.

5 So what I tried to do is just pick some places. You have a list of the
6 places in front of you with their addresses and phone numbers. Mr. Savko has
7 volunteered to help distribute the brochures to these places, so he'd be
8 available. I'm sure that he wouldn't mind some help if you're willing, or if you
9 think of some other place where we could place them, we could add it to the
10 list, but this is where I intend to distribute them and the bulk.

11 Anybody have any questions?

12 BY MR. GIBSON:

13 I do have a couple suggestions as far as additional places.

14 BY MR. BOONE:

15 Okay.

16 BY MR. GIBSON:

17 Philadelphia Baptist Church in Pauline, which is right on the edge of all
18 this and a lot of people go there that have been around for a while and live in
19 that area in the back, what I call the back in that area, and also, probably do
20 Golightly Methodist. That building actually came from Camp Croft.

21 BY MR. MOON:

22 Yes.

23 BY MR. GIBSON:

24 Back in the forties.

25 It's downtown Golightly.

1 BY MR. SAVKO:

2 I'm Paul Savko.

3 With your permission, John, I know a reporter by the name of Leon Russ,
4 and they publish a small newspaper to all the ten towns, Woodruff. It's called
5 *Hometown News*. They go to Woodruff, Boiling Springs, all the small towns
6 around Spartanburg; and I would get a hold of Leon Russ and ask him if he would
7 put something in each of these ten small town newspapers about Camp Croft and
8 basically the pamphlet. He may not print the whole thing, but he would print
9 enough. Many of the residents in all these small towns are relatives from
10 previous Camp Croft residents perhaps, but a lot of marriage took place while
11 the soldiers were here. If you don't object, I would do that, and I hope I would
12 be successful.

13 BY MR. BOONE:

14 Well, the point of the brochure is to get the ---

15 BY MR. SAVKO:

16 Get the word out.

17 BY MR. BOONE:

18 --- message out to the public, and that's ---

19 BY MR. SAVKO:

20 Okay.

21 BY MR. BOONE:

22 --- where the public consumption is.

23 BY MR. SAVKO:

24 I will certainly give it a try.

25 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

1 Would that --- just to interject, would that need to go through the public
2 affairs office if it's actually something other than a reproduction of the
3 brochure itself if it's a written article or a paraphrasing?

4 BY MR. BOONE:

5 If they want an article or to talk to somebody for the newspaper's
6 office, then ---

7 BY MR. SAVKO:

8 That's probably a better idea.

9 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 Yes.

11 BY MR. BOONE:

12 Typically, if they want to write a new article, they'll interview me or our
13 public affairs people.

14 BY MR. SAVKO:

15 Right.

16 BY MR. BOONE:

17 But they can digest that brochure as much as they want to.

18 BY MR. SAVKO:

19 Good suggestion.

20 I'll do it.

21 BY MR. BOONE:

22 Thank you.

23 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

24 Do they have a --- I'm Lieutenant Dyas. Jay King writes for that paper
25 also does a lot of writing for the Sheriff's Office and something like that he

1 would be real interested in doing an article. So that's another avenue. He can
2 actually do the article for the paper.

3 BY MR. SAVKO:

4 Yes.

5 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

6 It would be worth having that in there. He would do a real good job.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 What's his name?

9 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

10 Jay King. I thought I had his phone number with me, but I don't have it,
11 so I can get the number for you.

12 BY MR. BOONE:

13 Well, one thing to remember when you're talking to folks about spreading
14 the word about Camp Croft and the project is just the three R's: Recognize,
15 Retreat and Report. That's the mantra that we mostly want to get out to the
16 public.

17 It's nice to tell them the history and it's, you know, useful information in
18 putting it in context, but then we definitely want to make sure that everybody
19 is aware of the safety aspect.

20 So if you're talking to reporters or others, then try to get them to extol
21 our message.

22 BY MR. SAVKO:

23 Well, the pictures of the ammunition and the ordnance in here would be
24 very helpful. It really will.

25 BY MR. BOONE:

1 So, Paul, I'll get you the addresses to these other two churches that I
2 need to add them to the list.

3 BY MR. GIBSON:

4 You may want to put White Stone?

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 White Stone Baptist.

7 BY MR. GIBSON:

8 White Stone Baptist.

9 BY MS. CARTER:

10 Methodist.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 It's Methodist; and then Glenn Springs Episcopal, and then Glenn Springs
13 Presbyterian.

14 BY MR. BOONE:

15 This isn't on the agenda, but we are currently in the throes of the end of
16 the fiscal year for the federal government, and there's a lot of contact actions
17 being done and things like that, and we're closing out the books for the
18 accounting, and we are waiting until the next fiscal year to install the signs at
19 the State Park. So I have written the scope of work for the signs and been
20 working with John to get the final format for those things, but next year or
21 next fiscal year, October, November time frame, that we will be trying to
22 install those.

23 BY MR. O'NEAL:

24 While you bring that up, let me take the opportunity. We will be fully
25 funded by the end of this fiscal year. Everything needs to be completed for

1 the contract for the RIFS for the study. We've had maybe five areas that we
2 have not awarded sampling for because we didn't have funding at that particular
3 time. So now we've received all the funding and the contract is fully funded by
4 the 30th of September.

5 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

6 I was able to locate Jay King's number. I don't know if you want it, but it
7 is 237-4154. 237-4154, 864 area code. It's his cell number. His name is Jay
8 King, J-a-y.

9 BY MR. SAVKO:

10 You said 4154?

11 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

12 4154, yes.

13 (MR. HAYES LEAVING ROOM)

14 BY MR. MOON:

15 Does the RAB have any new business topics?

16 Mr. Zimmerman, go ahead.

17 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

18 Robin Zimmerman. A long time back Lake Edwin Johnson closed and it
19 was drained. Could you elaborate, John, if anything was found?

20 BY MR. MOON:

21 It was brought to my attention earlier. Not to my knowledge. I know
22 they drained it. DNR manages Lake Johnson.

23 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

24 Yeah.

25 BY MR. MOON:

1 And they drained it, obviously, to restock it and to put some new fish. I
2 know they put some --- basically went in and put some manmade spawning bed
3 and things of that nature in it, but as far as, though, they found anything or
4 whether there was anything in there, none of that was made to my knowledge. I
5 have given --- I have talked to DHEC just a while ago, and we just --- I'm going
6 to shoot her some information on some contacts.

7 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

8 Okay.

9 BY MR. MOON:

10 The public lakes manager for DNR. He will probably be able to tell a little
11 more what they may have found or seen and that kind of thing, and of course
12 we'll find out.

13 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

14 Okay. Thank you.

15 BY MR. MOON:

16 Absolutely.

17 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

18 I know they found some ---

19 BY MR. MOON:

20 Oh, yeah. They lost some fish.

21 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

22 Yeah.

23 BY MR. MOON:

24 Which, you know, just being the park ranger that I am, that's never good,
25 but, anyhow, it was an accident. It was nothing that was meant to happen, but I

1 mean, obviously, it has nothing to do with this, but it will be a great place to fish
2 the next couple years, but we'll find that out to see what they have found.

3 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

4 Okay. Thank you.

5 BY MR. MOON:

6 Yes, sir.

7 Anything else?

8 BY MR. SAVKO:

9 Call the meeting to adjourn.

10 BY MR. GIBSON:

11 I so move.

12 BY MR. HERZOG:

13 Second.

14 BY MR. GIBSON:

15 All in favor.

16 BY MR. MOON:

17 Thanks for coming.

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

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