

CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE: Marriott Renaissance Hotel
Spartanburg, South Carolina

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, September 10, 2008
6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES: Shawn Boone, Government Co-Chair
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Emil Spieth
Jimmy Tobias

**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:**

Larry Cooper
Dickie Corbin
Donald Gibson
William B. Littlejohn, Jr.
Curtis Smith

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1 BY MR. TOBIAS:

2 We'll call the meeting to order. I'm Jimmy Tobias and the co-chair, and
3 we look like we have a quorum here, so I think we'll --- glad that we have a
4 pretty good crowd here today.

5 I think the first order of business will be old business, and we'll let the
6 Corps of Engineers bring us up to date on the GPS project.

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 I'm Suzy McKinney with Zapata. We're contractors to the Corps of
9 Engineers. During our last meeting, the Forestry Commission asked for some
10 GIS data and some GIS base maps of the park and of the former camp for
11 overlays on their trails and for fire fighting purposes and planning and training,
12 and just to provide an update to the group, that we did provide them those GIS
13 files and the data, and hopefully that that was helpful.

14 So I just wanted to give the status on that update.

15 Okay.

16 BY MR. TOBIAS:

17 Okay. Is that it on old business?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 And then we have Lieutenant Dyas from the Spartanburg County
21 Sheriff's Office, I believe.

22 BY AGENT RENNA:

23 He's not here tonight.

24 BY MR. TOBIAS:

25 He's not?

1 BY AGENT RENNA:

2 No.

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 What about Ted?

5 BY AGENT RENNA:

6 Ted is not here, but I can speak for them. Rick Renna.

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 Rick, you doing all right?

9 BY AGENT RENNA:

10 Yeah, I'm coming along.

11 The responses for the Sheriff's Office, the last responses were at down
12 off of Henningston Road at the fire they had there where several 2.36 inch
13 Bazooka rounds were found. They were disposed of onsite.

14 We're still on call for the Forestry Department if they have to call us.
15 They called us out to that. We have --- they haven't had any other calls out
16 there since then.

17 They've given a couple of classes to the Forestry on munitions out there
18 since then. That's about all.

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 We're glad you're here and wish you the best.

21 I guess we'll go with the project update.

22 BY MR. BOONE:

23 All right. I'd just like to introduce myself first. I'm Shawn Boone. I'm
24 with the Corps of Engineers, and for those of you who don't know, we administer
25 the Department of Defense's program to clean up these old defense sites. So

1 we're the vehicle for the funding, and we contract with Zapata to do the actual
2 work, and Michael is going to tell us a little bit about where the project is.

3 BY MR. WINNINGHAM:

4 Apparently, we're not going to use that.

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 They're not pulling up? Okay.

7 BY MR. WINNINGHAM:

8 No. No.

9 If you all remember back in January, February, March, we did some
10 vegetation removal and came in and did the digital geophysical mapping of
11 OU11C and the remaining grids in OOU3, which is up in Wedgewood.

12 All the DGM has been completed in these two areas. We are in a process
13 right now on finalizing and categorizing the targeted anomalies out there. Some
14 of these anomalies that exceed does not necessarily mean that it's a MEC item.
15 It could be soda pop cans. It could be little pieces of frag. It could be
16 underground utilities. It could be just about anything. Excuse me.

17 So what we're doing right now working with Brendan is categorizing,
18 prioritizing these anomalies. So we come up with a number of anomalies we need
19 to investigate for the next round, which would be the intrusive portion of
20 OU11C and OU3. We hope to have that done here by the end of this month,
21 finalized, so we can figure out many picks we've got; and, once again, depending
22 --- you know, based on the golf course and this area here, it will most likely be
23 winter work, again, January, February, March timeframe.

24 Are there any questions?

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 So you're going to both of them in January and February?

2 BY MR. WINNINGHAM:

3 It all depends. It depends on, you know, the golf course we can only do
4 January and February.

5 This one here, if we get it set it up, it may be earlier. It may be after
6 the golf course. It just depends on when it falls out.

7 You know that's sort of a wishy washy answer. I just don't have the
8 answer right now.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 What's the timeframe for both of them?

11 BY MR. WINNINGHAM:

12 FY '09 is the timeframe, so which is October 1st through September 30th,
13 somewhere in there, we start investigating these anomalies.

14 Any additional questions?

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 What's the cost of cleaning up each one of those?

17 BY MR. WINNINGHAM:

18 Once again, it all depends upon how many of the targets that are
19 prioritized that we investigate. There's a cost per each anomaly. I don't know
20 what that is off the top of my head.

21 So, but once we finalize the number of targets, come up with that pick,
22 then we'll come up with a number for the Corps of Engineers out of Huntsville,
23 and then we'll provide them that number, and they'll come in and mod, and mod
24 our scopes [inaudible] and start doing some intrusive.

25 BY MR. BOONE:

1 Brendan.

2 BY MR. SLATER:

3 Brendan Slater, I'm with the Corps of Engineers in Huntsville. I don't ---
4 may be a more direct answer to your question would be is we have not
5 negotiated the price of that work yet.

6 We can throw out some numbers, estimates, breakdown, things like that,
7 but once the --- what Mike is calling the pick list, it's basically the list of what
8 anomalies are going to be dug, which ones were picked.

9 Once that is accepted, we'll then have a number, and then we'll go ahead
10 and negotiate with Zapata; but as of right now, that number has not been fixed.
11 There has not been a negotiated price.

12 So Mike is not trying to get out of giving you the answer.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Yes.

15 BY MR. SLATER:

16 He doesn't actually have an answer to give you, because it hasn't been
17 determined.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 So this is not work to be bidded out?

20 BY MR. SLATER:

21 No, it's a --- it's a negotiated mod to Zapata's contract.

22 BY MR. WINNINGHAM:

23 Any other questions?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 BY MR. WINNINGHAM:

1 And if you think of any other ones, I'm sitting right over there, and you
2 can just call, and I can get right back up here, so thank you.

3 BY MR. BOONE:

4 Thank you, Michael.

5 BY MR. TOBIAS:

6 I guess the next order of business will be the 2009 Restoration Advisory
7 Board membership.

8 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

9 Well, as everyone is aware, the term of the current RAB is expiring. We
10 announced the opportunity to complete applications to be considered for the
11 next RAB, which will serve a one or two year term, depending upon the length of
12 the next task order for Zapata for this. We've got one more year funding, so
13 at least one more year of a RAB, hopefully more.

14 We received 12 applications. As you know and per the By-Laws, we have
15 nine vacancies or nine positions. Also per the By-Laws, we have identified a
16 selection panel of three individuals who will review those applications and make
17 recommendations to the Corps of Engineers. It will go up to the Commander of
18 the Corps in Charleston for the ultimate approval and acceptance of the next
19 RAB.

20 The three individuals for the selection panel were identified based upon
21 their demonstrated interest in this project by either participating on
22 Restoration Advisory Boards in the past or are no longer interested in serving
23 on future boards, as well as individuals who have demonstrated their interest by
24 attending meetings over the last many years. We've been meeting now for over
25 12 years.

1 So those three individuals will review the applications. They will make
2 their recommendations that will then be forwarded ultimately to the
3 Commander of the Corps for selection.

4 We will notify those individuals who are selected, and we'll have a
5 transition at our next meeting, December, January timeframe to the new board.

6 So that's the status of the application process.

7 I want to thank everyone who has submitted and thank those individuals
8 who have agreed to help us with that evaluation.

9 BY MR. TOBIAS:

10 Okay. I believe at this time I'll open it up to the public, if they have any
11 questions to address to me or the Corps or Zapata at this time.

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 BY MR. BOONE:

14 I think that's a first.

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 No questions?

17 Robin?

18 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

19 Yes, I do have one without ---

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 All right.

22 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

23 All right. The current US military status in the Mideast and so forth, we
24 talked about this before. Financially, how is that going to impact this, you know,
25 the long term basis of it?

1 But I mean what I mean will it dig into funds? Because I've been reading
2 in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Financial Times* that --- I'm not trying to be whiz
3 kid or anything, but that, you know, various Corps of Engineers projects around
4 the country. In fact they got an article last week in the *Financial Times* about
5 that, that the various Corps of Engineer cleanup projects from old World War
6 II bases would be cut into.

7 BY MR. BOONE:

8 Okay. It is a good question.

9 The money for the Formerly Used Defense Site Program is allocated by
10 the Congress, and, of course, like you said, it's competing with a lot of other
11 priorities.

12 For FY '09, which starts next month, we got roughly the same amount of
13 money nationwide to allocate to projects. So the South Atlantic Division, where
14 South Carolina lies, got about the same amount of money; and the good news is
15 that, although we started out with 28 million --- over 20 million dollars allocated
16 for FY '08, we were plus-ed up, as it were, to 38 million. So we actually spent
17 almost double on projects within the South Atlantic Division.

18 So we're starting off where we were at the beginning of last year for
19 next year, but we anticipate actually getting more; and, of course, sometimes on
20 some projects schedules slip, and we have responsive contractors, like Zapata,
21 who can act quickly, and so money sometimes comes from other projects to
22 things like Camp Croft.

23 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

24 Thank you.

25 BY MR. BOONE:

1 You're welcome.

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 Well, are there any questions from anyone on the Board to Zapata?

4 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

5 Yeah, I have one. I brought it up last time. We were talking about the
6 fire lanes and stuff in the --- through the park, and I was just curious did
7 anything the --- this GIS project information, is that GPS coordinates that you
8 provided to the Park Service; and do they now --- do you guys now have
9 handheld GPSs that you can navigate with or do you just know it well enough to
10 be able to get through there; and the fire departments and stuff like that, do
11 they have coordinates, and do they know how to navigate in --- in the park?

12 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

13 I don't. We do have GPSs. We don't have that information downloaded
14 to our individual handheld GPSs.

15 Basically, the information we were looking for was their historical
16 information loaded in our CADS, what we call Computer Aided Dispatch System.
17 The main reason for that was if we get a fire, not only in the park but going in
18 the Camp Croft area, when it pops up on the dispatch center screen, it's going
19 to prompt them to say, "Okay. This is in the old Camp Croft area. We need to
20 proceed with caution," and then we've got the thing where we've got the Bomb
21 Squad where --- where we're holding back until we get them in there and screen
22 ahead of us.

23 So, in other words, to say that there's a bomb --- nobody can say that is a
24 real hot area here and that these are GPS coordinates, I mean.

25 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

1 Yes.

2 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

3 Some of it is on it but a lot of it isn't. So we're basically treating the
4 whole area as a hot point.

5 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

6 Yeah. Well, the last time at our last meeting I think I brought up the
7 possibility of sectioning it off into coordinates and having clean paths through
8 that you could get to, because it's a --- it's a large area, and it --- the possibility
9 of having a large fire in that area is --- is there; and so I don't know if there's
10 any way that the Corps of Engineers and you guys can work together and then
11 somehow have a priority where you can put lanes through the old base area or
12 through the park area that you know would be clear that would allow you better
13 access to any area that could possibly catch on fire.

14 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

15 That's a certain possibility.

16 The way we're looking at is now we know the horse trails. We know
17 they've been scanned. I've been --- since the last meeting I've been out there
18 several times.

19 I've been on Henningston Road from one end of the road all the way down
20 to where it comes out on McFadden Road, which goes down to the old pool. So I
21 checked that area out.

22 I've been on some of the horse trails.

23 We've had meetings with the Park Service, their Columbia office. We
24 had that this week, and so we have a lot of things that are in, the ball is rolling.
25 We're trying to get some things done with that.

1 So, and they understand that it is a big vast area, and that if we get a
2 fire in there, it's not going to be our traditional go out there and plow out and a
3 few extra fires. It's going to be a few extra fires. It has potential of getting
4 to be a large fire.

5 We understand that. Now the Park understand that, and I'm going to be
6 working with the fire departments, the three fire departments that have
7 jurisdiction in there: Croft, Glenn-Springs Pauline and Pacolet.

8 So, yeah, we are. We're definitely we're actively working on that. The
9 biggest thing right now is the fire, the safety of our firefighters with the
10 Forestry Commission and the Fire Service. We want to make sure our guys are
11 safe, and I know the chiefs over there want to make sure their people are safe,
12 too, so it's --- it's a slow process, because we've got to figure out what things we
13 can do and can't do; and graciously the Sheriff's Department and the Bomb
14 Squad has agreed to help us out a lot with this, and they were a tremendous on
15 the fire we had on Henningston Road, and they've offered some future help with
16 that. So that it is, that's been a help.

17 So I guess to answer your question, that's definitely something that's on
18 the table.

19 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

20 Okay.

21 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

22 We ---

23 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

24 Well, I mean personally I think that that, other than the ordnance that's
25 in habitated areas, ---

1 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

2 Right.

3 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

4 That's the biggest threat that we face from that area out there, and the
5 fact that you can't get through it to get in there to do something against the
6 fire to fight a fire is --- yeah, that's a pretty --- that's a serious situation.

7 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

8 And you're right. That's definitely something that we've mentioned again,
9 and we did have a fire on the south part of the park, the one, Jimmy, when that
10 car was stolen.

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 Two years ago.

13 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

14 It was about a year, year and a half or two years ago, which part of the
15 bike trail actually stopped a large portion of the fire. The fire burned up to it
16 and went out. So it's not a very fast moving fire on a lot of the horse trails and
17 bike trails as a whole. It's just if you get a bad day, bad wind conditions, it's
18 going to jump it. So we just may have to back off to another trail or another
19 road, and it may end up being a 15 fire end up being a 500 fire, 1000 fire. We
20 don't know, but we --- but I can tell you right now, we're definitely actively
21 trying to come up with all kind of --- this --- the way this park is, it's not going
22 to be one solution fits all.

23 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

24 Yeah, the terrain is pretty prohibitive. It's kind of ---

25 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

1 The terrain is ---

2 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

3 It's tough.

4 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

5 We are able to do things. We did slow the fire down on Henningston
6 Road. The Bomb Squad actually got in front of us and scanned. We came right
7 behind them with dozers and put a line in there. So, that's another option.
8 Again, on a fast moving fire, it's not going to help us a whole lot, but we are ---
9 and we're going to continue to be. I've got to meet with the fire chiefs here.

10 In fact, I was scheduled to meet with them about two weeks ago and had
11 to leave and go up to the mountain fire we had up there near Hogback, and we
12 just had to reschedule. So, we'll definitely continue to do that.

13 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

14 Okay. Thank you. Thanks.

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 Any other questions?

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 I saw there was something that I received that said somebody was going
19 to address the Johnson family, Jessie Johnson family. Wasn't that on some
20 agenda for this meeting?

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22 That was on a draft agenda. It's not on our final agenda.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 So it was taken off?

25 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

1 Yes, sir.

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 Any questions from the audience, or we're going to adjourn? Short
4 meeting.

5 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

6 Just one.

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 All right.

9 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

10 Is it possible, feasible that sometime in the future maybe, if the State
11 has the funds, you could actually have your own fire department on that part or
12 maybe three or four pump trucks? That might sound like a waste of money, but
13 it would save probably a lot of ---

14 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

15 I don't know. That's --- you bring up a good point.

16 One thing that we are going to be working out with the Fire Service of
17 Spartanburg is if we get a fire in somewhere in that old Camp Croft zone, and
18 this is something I've got to work out with not just those three chiefs that
19 have jurisdiction there but pretty much the whole county, maybe even into
20 Union, because parts of Jonesville and the other is going across, is that if we
21 get a fire in there, we're going to start getting more brush trucks, not only in
22 those three districts, but surrounding to be on standby. The biggest thing is
23 structure protection.

24 You know, you've got a big vast of area of woods, and if they burn, you
25 know, that's one thing, but our number one concern is going to be to structure.

1 So if a fire department is out of brush trucks, we may have to get brush trucks
2 from surrounding departments to come in there and be where all those
3 structures are around the perimeter for structure protection just to be
4 proactive and make sure something doesn't happen.

5 We're also looking at Croft has got some new equipment. We're going to
6 look at foaming capability. If we can't go in there and safely plow or whatever,
7 we have to put in wet lines and foam, and so it gets back to kind of it's not going
8 to be one situation fits all. We're going to be doing more things out there.

9 There may be some innovative ideas that come up that we haven't even
10 thought of at this point.

11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

12 Thank you.

13 BY MR. BRAMLETT:

14 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

15 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

16 Thank you very much.

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 Well, if there's not anything else, I guess we'll adjourn this meeting.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 I make a motion to adjourn.

21 BY MR. SHOOLBRED:

22 I'll second it.

23 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG) **CERTIFICATE**

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Adjourn

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

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



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