

MINUTES

General Meeting
Restoration Advisory Board
September 15, 1997

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Turner, Ron Levy, Mark Anderson, Pete Conroy, Barry Cox, Don Cunningham, Jerome Elser, Mayor Kimbrough, Alan Faust, Jimmy Parks, James Buford

BASE CLEANUP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Johnson

I. CALL TO ORDER. Mr. Conroy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The meeting minutes of August 18, 1997 were approved by the RAB.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION.

Mr. Rodney Owens from the Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board was asked by the RAB to discuss the circumstances surrounding the upset at the Fort McClellan Waste Water Treatment Plant and the associated fish kill that occurred in July 1997. Mr. Owens explained that the Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board operated the plant prior to June 1, 1997 when OPTEC, the Army's contractor, took over operation of the plant. He explained that OPTEC was a new contractor with no knowledge of the characteristics of the newly designed plant and that an extraordinary rain event occurred when on July 23, 1997, hurricane Danny came through. During the following week rained two more times on July 25, 1997, and July 28, 1997. The clarifiers overloaded, and a substandard quality effluent was released into the creek. The fish kill occurred on July 29, 1997. Officials from both the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and the Game and Fish Division of the Conservation Department took samples of the water in the creek. They said that dissolved oxygen was very low. Other parameters that might have had some impact on the fish include total suspended solids, fecal coliform, and ammonia. Mr. Levy stated that the environmental office is addressing the issue. Mr. Owens also explained that an infiltration and inflow problem exists at the plant and that I & I problems are typical of just about every waste water treatment plant.

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Charter and Membership. Mr. Levy stated that Mr. Johnson would not be able to attend any meetings until December because of a conflict with his class schedule. Mr. Turner motioned that his position be left open until Mr. Johnson is able to attend. The

motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried.

Community Relations. Mr. Anderson stated that the Chamber of Commerce is still interested in a briefing from the RAB. A firm date for the briefing has not been determined. Mr. Levy stated that he and Mr. Thomassy will be briefing the Oxford Rotary Club on September 29, 1997 at the Western Sizzlin in Oxford from 12:00-1 :00 RAB members were invited to attend.

VI. OLD BUSINESS.

Quarterly/Bimonthly Meetings. Mr. Turner made a motion to continue to meet monthly and that the RAB move around to different areas to meet as frequently as possible. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hood. Motion carried.

RAB Internet Home Page. Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Home Page that was distributed at the last general meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hood. Motion carried.

Funding Received. Mr. Levy stated that 250K was sent to Huntsville for preliminary planning for the cleanup of UXO and for issues involving the use of new technology .He also stated that 900K was sent to Mobile to do a site investigation on ranges associated with the eastern by-pass. Mr. Levy stated that 333K was sent to Mobile for groundwater monitoring at the three landfills and that 178K required for completion of the EBS was also funded.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

Holiday Meeting Schedule. Mr. Turner made a motion to cancel the December meeting and reschedule the January and February meetings as follows: January 12, 1998 and February 9,1998. Motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried.

Future Guest Speakers. Chris Johnson from ADEM will discuss Rjsk Assessments in September. The Base Cleanup Plan will be the subject of the November meeting and archaeology will be the subject of the January meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.