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1 MR. THOMASSY: I'd like to call the
2 meeting to order. Can I have your
3 attention, please. Good to see a nice
4 turnout like this. I think what it was
5 was everybody saw they were getting rid
6 of me, right time to turn out. And
7 that's exactly what I want to do at this
8 point.

9 It's time in the process of our
10 bylaws to turn over the chairmanship from
11 myself to the chairman incumbent and
12 vice-chairman, Pete Conroy. And so, in
13 order to do it in a more timely
14 fashion -- should have been done last
15 month -- I'm going to do it at the
16 beginning of this meeting, and also hand
17 the attendance roster over to Pete and
18 let him go from there. Are you ready to
19 take it?

20 MR. PETE CONROY: I'm ready to go.

21 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I think we
22 have to -- don't we have to vote -

23 MR. THOMASSY: It's all yours.

1 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Don't we have
2 to vote him up?

3 MR. FERN THOMASSY: No. That was
4 already done when he was elected as
5 vice-chairman.

6 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I think,
7 though, he has to ascend. Vote of
8 confidence, I think.

9 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Not in my -
10 that may be your -- I don't remember it
11 in there.

12 MR. PETE CONROY: When in doubt -

13 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Well, I was
14 just going to make the motion.

15 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Let's go to the
16 bylaws.

17 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I think it
18 would be under officers or elections.

19 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Vacancies,
20 voting, removal, resignation, interim
21 officers, ascension. The vice-chairman
22 shall ascend -- you're right. He wrote
23 these, no wonder -- shall ascend to the

1 office of the chairman upon simple
2 majority vote, as defined in 5-2 above,
3 the affirmation of ascension upon
4 expiration of one year.

5 So, it wasn't as simple as I tried
6 to make it. Pete, I wanted to get you in
7 there fast.

8 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I would move,
9 Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Conroy ascend to
10 the office of chairman.

11 MR. FERN THOMASSY: All right, how
12 many members do we have?

13 MR. RON LEVY: Eleven.

14 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Eleven.

15 MR. FERN THOMASSY: One, two,
16 three, four, five, six, seven, eight,
17 nine, ten, eleven. We're in good shape.

18 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I second the
19 motion.

20 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I hear a
21 second. Any discussion? All those in
22 favor of Pete Conroy ascending to the
23 chairmanship, say I. Opposed? Now you

1 got it, Pete.

2 MR. PETE CONROY: Okay.

3 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Here. Please,
4 take your position.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: Now, this is
6 formal. It's a great pleasure to be
7 here. And I just want to make a brief
8 thirty minute presentation. No, just
9 kidding.

10 I would like to call the roll.
11 Start with Mark Anderson? Ike Brown?
12 This is not a good start so far. James
13 Buford? I'm here. Barry Cox?

14 DR. BARRY COX: Here.

15 MR. CONROY: Don Cunningham?
16 Jerome Elser?

17 MR. JERRY ELSER: Here.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: Allen Faust?

19 MR. ALLEN FAUST: Here.

20 MR. PETE CONROY: Dr. Mary
21 Harrington?

22 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Here.

23 MR. PETE CONROY: Ronald Hood?

1 MR. HOOD: Here.

2 MR. PETE CONROY: Ed Kimbrough?

3 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Here.

4 MR. PETE CONROY: Margarete
5 Longstreth?

6 MS. MARGARETTE LONGSTRETH: Here.

7 MR. PETE CONROY: James Miller?
8 Jimmy Parks?

MR. JIMMY PARKS: Here.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: Fern Thomassy?

11 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Here.

12 MR. PETE CONROY: Charles Turner?

13 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Here.

14 MR. PETE CONROY: John Johnson?
15 Chris Johnson?

16 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Here.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: Ron Levy?

18 MR. RON LEVY: Here.

19 MR. PETE CONROY: Bart Reedy? I
20 have a little sad news. I was with Bart
21 earlier today in Atlanta and his mother
22 just died. And he just went through
23 three weeks of taking care of his family

1 business. And so when we see him next,
2 if we can all pass along the appropriate
3 condolences, I know he would much
4 appreciate that. It's a real hard time
5 for him.

6 Minutes have been approved. First
7 thing I would like to do is -

8 MR. RON LEVY: We haven't voted on
9 the minutes, yet.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: Okay. In which
11 case, I guess that was the last meeting I
12 was at. Is there a motion to approve the
13 minutes?

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: So moved.

15 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Second.

16 MR. PETE CONROY: Any discussion?

17 All in favor? Opposed? Minutes have
18 been approved. The first thing I would
19 like to do is talk about the possibility
20 of finding -- what's the term, is it a
21 vice?

22 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Vice-chairman.

23 MR. PETE CONROY: A vice-chair. I

1 would like to call for nominations
2 relating to my replacement.

3 MS. LONGSTRETH: I would like to
4 nominate Dr. Harrington.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: Dr. Harrington.

6 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: If I may, I
7 would like to nominate Mayor Kimbrough.

8 MR. PETE CONROY: Mayor Kimbrough.
9 We weren't going to allow you to
10 withdraw. Any others?

11 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I would like
12 to nominate Mr. Hood.

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Any others?

14 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Move that the
15 nominations be closed.

16 MS. LONGSTRETH: Second.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: All in favor?

18 Three capable candidates. How do we
19 proceed from here?

20 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I think we ask
21 that they be excused and vote.

22 MR. PETE CONROY: I will ask that
23 you be excused.

1 MR. ALLEN FAUST: A big part of the
2 voting population there.

3 MR. CHARLES TURNER: We lose our
4 quorum.

5 MR. RON LEVY: There is only eight
6 voting here, now.

7 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Well, I think
8 we can each assume that they would vote
9 for themselves.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: Well, one
11 nominated another, but much easier to go
12 along with your assumption.

13 MR. CHARLES TURNER: We can do
14 whatever. I mean, we can get them back
15 in here and let them vote.

16 MR. FERN THOMASSY: The other
17 option is just use a paper ballot.

18 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Yes.

19 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Yes. You get
20 your quorum back if you do that.

21 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Anybody have
22 any paper?

23 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I've got some

1 paper.

2 MR. PETE CONROY: Any discussion
3 relating to the candidates?

4 DR. BARRY COX: We could take a
5 sheet and photocopy it quickly with three
6 names on it and let them check it.

7 MR. RON LEVY: And then just pass
8 the sheet around and fold it up and -

9 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: How are we
10 going to do this?

11 MR. PETE CONROY: Paper ballots.

12 MR. CHARLES TURNER: We need eleven
13 separate ballots.

14 MR. RON LEVY: What you're going to
15 do is put three names in the pile, fold
16 it up, pass the sheet around. Each
17 person will make their vote and pass it
18 to the next person.

19 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Okay.

20 MR. RON LEVY: Does that sound
21 okay?

22 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Do what? We
23 need eleven copies. We need eleven

1 separate -- you don't have a group
2 ballot, buddy. They might do that in
3 Nicaragua, but we don't do that here.

4 DR. BARRY COX: Just put the three
5 names on a sheet of paper and photocopy
6 it then.

7 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Eleven times.
8 Get eleven copies. Hand out a ballot to
9 each person. We'll circle who we vote
10 for and then the votes could be tallied
11 by His Honor, The Chairman.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Well, why don't we
13 just get eleven pieces of paper and have
14 them put a name on it instead of having
15 them photocopy it?

16 MR. PETE CONROY: That might have
17 been easier, but she's already going
18 upstairs.

19 DR. BARRY COX: Official ballot.

20 MR. CHARLES TURNER: We can do it
21 during the presentation.

22 MR. RON LEVY: Up to you, Pete.

23 MR. PETE CONROY: Any discussion

1 right now, as it relates to the three
2 folks we've asked to leave the room?

3 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Ask them to
4 come back.

5 MR. ALLEN FAUST: Just wanted to
6 put the pressure on them, that's all.

7 MR. CHARLES TURNER: That's right.

8 MR. PETE CONROY: Let's do that,
9 let's get them back in the room and then
10 we'll just pass around the ballot and
11 consider that a done deal.

12 MS. LONGSTRETH: Who is going to
13 tally?

14 MR. PETE CONROY: I'll tally.

15 MR. CHARLES TURNER: It sounds like
16 the candidates have formed a nominating
17 committee.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: One of the things
19 I would like to mention before we get
20 started with the program this evening is
21 that I really would like to keep these
22 things to an hour. And so we have
23 forty-five minutes to conduct our

1 business. And that said, Lisa or Ron, do

2 you want to introduce the speaker?

3 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, let me do that.

4 Tonight we've got Jeanne Yacoub. Jeanne

5 is the project manager for IT

6 Corporation. She sits also on our BRAC

7 cleanup team.

8 As you all know, IT Corporation is

9 our total environmental restoration

10 contractor pretty much. Has just about

11 all of the investigation and cleanup work

12 under their realm. Jeanne has got -- she

13 goes back a long way. In fact, besides

14 working for IT, she worked for Foster and

15 Wheeler, which is another environmental

16 firm. But she's also worked for the Navy

17 and for the Coast Guard as a federal

18 employee. She's a PE. So -- and she's

19 got a master's in environmental

20 engineering.

21 She's got a lot of experience in

22 this stuff. And she's going to talk to

23 us about the hundred and eight parcels

1 that are being investigated under our
2 site investigation phase and maybe a
3 little bit about IT, as well. Jeanne?

4 MS. JEANNE YACOURB: Thanks, Ron.

5 And thanks for inviting me to speak.

6 I don't know if any of you saw the
7 article in the Anniston Star. It was
8 Tuesday, October 6th. But it
9 basically -- I think it was a front page
10 article, it looks like. The news on
11 what's going on at Fort McClellan.

12 But that sort of sets the tone for
13 what I'm going to talk about. The Army
14 hired the IT Group about a year ago to
15 help them perform the environmental work
16 that needs to be done to be able to
17 release the properties in accordance with
18 the DoD's BRAC initiative.

19 And since that time, we have
20 basically been engaged in a process that
21 allows for an orderly and consistent
22 evaluation and treatment of all the
23 parcels to assess their environmental

1 conditions and then make recommendations
2 to the Army with regard to what would be
3 required to free these properties for
4 either leasing or transfer, whatever
5 their ultimate disposition would be.

6 I've put the process simply up on
7 that easel over there. Joan, do you
8 think that we could bring that up?

9 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Yes, let's see
10 if we can.

11 MS. JEANNE YACOB: But basically,
12 we've spent the past year developing a
13 lot of work plans to do our fieldwork.
14 And that's the first step of the process.
15 Many of these parcels that we're looking
16 at have no documented environmental
17 reports or conditions about them.

18 So, we are -- we're starting from
19 square one at most of these parcels. And
20 our plans undergo a review by the Army,
21 by ADEM, Chris Johnson and his group look
22 at them, and also, Bart Reedy with the
23 EPA and several EPA contractors and

1 organizations within the EPA are looking
2 at our plans.

3 So, we have basically gotten
4 through the first six of seventeen
5 packages in terms of having actual plans
6 approved. And that's what we're
7 executing in the field right now. We are
8 taking samples for chemical analysis,
9 we're doing geophysical surveys on many
10 of these properties, and we're gathering
11 the data. So, I would say that we're in
12 the second part of that process, the
13 fieldwork and the data collection.

14 We still have several plans that
15 are still in review. We're going to be
16 talking about many of them this week, in
17 fact, starting Wednesday. And hopefully
18 we'll be able to resolve comments on
19 those and get those into the Q for
20 fieldwork.

21 So, we're planning to be here
22 actually collecting data, I believe,
23 through March or April, at least. And

1 then to begin reporting on that data,,
2 probably starting in about June of '99.

3 In terms of the fieldwork, I
wanted

4 to give you an idea of what we've done so
5 far. We mobilized here on September 2nd.
6 And since September 2nd, we have
7 collected approximately a hundred and
8 forty-three soil -- surface soil samples
9 at various parcels and two hundred and
10 four subsurface soil samples.

11 We have completed soil sampling at
12 the 11th Chem motor pool. And we've got
13 a map up here. It's kind of small,
14 actually. But, Ron, do you want to maybe
15 indicate where some of these are while I
16 tell you what sites we've completed?

17 The 11th Chem motor pool, which
18 would be right near where we are.
19 Actually, not too far from here.

20 MR. RON LEVY: Here it is right
21 here, here.

22 MS. JEANNE YACOB: Motor pool
23 2000. I'll just say them and they're on

1 this map. The GSA area. Like Ron said,
2 there is like a hundred and eight
3 parcels.

4 The DEH compound, the fire training
5 pit, waste chemical area, auto craft
6 shop.

7 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: In that general
8 vicinity.

9 MS. JEANNE YACOURB: And we have
10 soils being collected now at also several
11 motor pools, chemical laundry, the former
12 D-con complex building.

13 One phenomenon that we are running
14 into here is that we haven't collected
15 any ground water, because we haven't
16 found it. We're using direct push
17 technology, which is -- it's a
18 cost-effective way, actually, of
19 collecting samples, rather than putting
20 in permanent wells. And we hit -- we've
21 hit rock before we hit water.

22 So, that's something that we're
23 going to have to look at as the reports
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1 come in. And we'll be talking about that
2 with ADEM and EPA and deciding where do
3 we go from there. If we need a water
4 sample, we'll likely have to come in with
5 a drill rig and drill deep to get water.

6 As I said, we have geophysical
7 surveys going on, as well. And a lot of
8 these areas, we don't have definitive
9 site boundaries. Some of the fill areas,
10 for example, we can look at an old
11 photograph and we think something went on
12 there, but we're not sure.

13 And the area, you know, has
14 vegetation over it, so, we're using
15 several field techniques to locate sites,
16 to try and define boundaries of these
17 areas and identify subsurface anomalies,
18 such as an underground storage tank or
19 perhaps, you know, an old fill area or a
20 trench. Those kinds of things that we
21 have to be looking for.

22 So, we have a surface
23 geophysical -- or geophysical surveys

1 going on at several of the sites, as
2 well. And as most of you are aware,
3 unexploded ordnance is a concern here.
4 And we are working in what are formerly
5 impact areas, so we have UXO crews out
6 here, as well, doing UXO avoidance for
7 us.

8 And so that actually kind of slows
9 things down a little bit, because if they
10 find something, we have to go around it
11 and figure out, you know, a path, how to
12 get to a site.

13 But work is proceeding pretty well.
14 Have several crews out here right now
15 doing all of this. So, we can say that
16 all and all, we're on schedule, we're
17 doing what's approved in our plans. And
18 I'm confident that the data that we get,
19 we will be able to proceed through the
20 process I've sort of outlined here.

21 Once we've accomplished the
22 fieldwork, we'll take the data -- we'll
23 get the data back from the laboratory and

1 we'll look at that data. We put it on
2 maps. We have toxicologists and
3 ecological risk assessors who run risk
4 models on that data.

5 And this BCT has come up with, I
6 think, a pretty streamline approach.
7 We're going to be doing some risk
8 screening on these sites to determine
9 whether or not we even need to go forward
10 with them, based on the results of that
11 risk model.

12 And several-- I would say, a lot
13 of individuals smarter than me have
14 evaluated these risk screening methods,
15 including folks from ADEM. And Chris has
16 a lot of credit, especially for the human
17 health risk screening method that we're
18 going to use. And folks from ADEM, folks
19 from EPA, their contractors, Army people
20 have looked at the methods that we've
21 determined we're going to use.

22 And it has all been reviewed and
23 approved. In fact, we're going to be

1 having some more discussions on that
2 towards the end of this month.
3 So, we'll run the risk models, and
4 then we'll produce reports for the Army
5 on each of these parcels with the maps
6 and the backup data. And we'll just -
7 we'll come forward with recommendations
8 about whether or not we think we need
9 to -- what we need to do to accomplish
10 site closeouts.
11 , And some of the options there would
12 be that we may need to do some more
13 investigation. Right now, as I said,
14 most of these parcels, we don't know
15 anything about them. So, we're basically
16 looking to make a determination of, yes,
17 there is something here, no, there is not
18 anything here, and we can release the
19 property.
20 If we do find that something is
21 there, then we may need to do some little
22 more work to delineate whatever
23 contamination we might find.

1 Somewhere we're talking about
2 direct remediation, meaning direct
3 cleanup, based on just what we know about
4 the parcels now. For example, small
5 pistol ranges. We've talked within the
6 BCT about being able to fast-track what
7 we would -- time we would spend on an
8 investigation and perhaps go direct to a
9 remedial technology to just pick that
10 shot up and be done with it and do
11 confirmatory sampling.

12 That's just ideas that we're
13 brainstorming right now. They're not
14 approved, but there is something that I
15 would really like to -- that's my job is
16 to push that kind of thing. So, that's
17 what I would like to see happen there,
18 those kinds of ideas.

19 And then once we've got cleanup
20 defined and accomplished, the properties
21 can then be, you know, either turned over
22 through a FOST or a FOSL process or
23 transfer or a lease or whatever the

1 ultimate disposition is of those
2 properties.

3 So, that's basically what I have to
4 say. If you have any questions.

5 MR. RON LEVY: At the previous RAB
6 meeting, we passed out a sheet that
7 listed all the packages that we were
8 doing by the parcels. Parcel numbers
9 were on them. If you take that sheet,
10 you can bounce it off of that chart that
11 we've got up there and you can determine
12 exactly what the site is and what the
13 work that is going on on that site.

14 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Well, what kind
15 of samples would you take from a motor
16 pool, if it's all asphalt? What would

17 you do in the 11th Chem's motor pool to
18 collect data?

19 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: We can look for
20 metals, for example, lead. If there were
21 gasoline spills or fuel spills, we would
22 pick up lead perhaps or we might pick up
23 what we call B-techs, Benzine, toluene,

1 ethyl-benzal, ethyl-bethyl (phonetic),
2 whatever, ethyl-bethyl (inaudible) as
3 Spartan (phonetic) put it, and then
4 xylenes.

5 There is certain analyses that we
6 run based on the use of the parcel and
7 what we know about it. And we would -
8 for example, asphalt would result in
9 maybe high PAH. So, if we were looking
10 at an area that's all asphalt and we got
11 high PAH, we would know that we would
12 possibly say that it came from the
13 asphalt and wouldn't consider that
14 necessarily to be a contaminant.

15 We also have some other tools in
16 our box that are helping us take care of
17 those kinds of concerns. For example, we
18 have a background metal survey that was
19 performed on base that gives us a
20 baseline of metals that naturally occur
21 on the Fort. And we can -- this is a
22 simple analysis. But statistically, what
23 we will do is take the metals data that

1 we get for our parcels and we'll compare
2 that to the background levels.

3 If we have much higher elevations,
4 then that's a signal to us that perhaps
5 something is going on there that's not
6 attributable to just being found there by
7 nature. So, we have that kind of data,
8 as well, that we're looking at and
9 evaluating.

10 MR. RON LEVY: Jimmy, as we look at
11 a site, too, I mean, we look at the lay
12 of the property and we establish sample
13 locations really on runoff, on areas
14 where we may have had a particular piece
15 or a particular concern. Like
16 underground storage tanks is one. And
17 11th Chem has them. So, we'll look at
18 sampling around those particular tanks.

19 But you can see some discoloration
20 in the soils maybe directly off the
21 asphalt. May be a place that we might be
22 looking at. Although, we don't want
23 to -- not in all cases do we want to bias

1 our sampling specifically towards
2 something like that. But there are
3 reasons for where we sample and why we
4 sample.

5 And when we do sampling, we do it
6 with the entire BCT team going out and
7 looking at the site and making
8 determinations on sampling.

9 MR. ALLEN FAUST: There are
10 existing monitoring wells, aren't there?

11 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: Yes, there are.

12 MR. ALLEN FAUST: Are those
13 completed in bedrock or in soil?

14 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: Some of them
15 are, some of them aren't. And we have,
16 for example, I think one of the landfills
17 there is about seventeen or nineteen
18 wells there. We have the construction
19 data for those, so, we know where we're
20 getting samples. And some of them are
21 not. So, we've addressed that, as well
22 in some of our plans.

23 There is also, I think, existing

1 wells out at one of the range J areas.

2 And we're going to be putting in some

3 more wells there.

4 MR. RON LEVY: Several locations on
5 main post where we've done SI RI work in
6 the past.

7 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Is there a
8 well? Is it number one that's on Avery
9 Drive?

10 MR. RON LEVY: It is.

11 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Are there any
12 wells over there?

13 MR. RON LEVY: There are, there's
14 three on that particular site.

15 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Are we finding
16 anything interesting over there?

17 MR. RON LEVY: No, not that -
18 nothing, at all, really. So, it's pretty
19 clean.

20 However, there is still an issue
21 that we're trying to work through.

22 Actually, the BCT is looking at a

23 landfill strategy that we need to sit

1 down and discuss. We've kicked around
2 some ideas. But as a BCT, we've not come
3 up with a strategy on how we're going to
4 handle all landfills. Even those that
5 don't present what -- with what might
6 appear to be a non-problem, at this
7 point.

8 MR. CHARLES TURNER: So, number one
9 presents an interesting problem in that
10 there are reusable houses sitting on top
11 of it.

12 MR. RON LEVY: We're aware of that.
13 And we're aware of the issues along with
14 that, too. That's one of the things that
15 we, as a BCT, are grappling with,
16 because -

17 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Well, I mean,
18 is it possible that FOSL will issue on
19 those that are sitting on top of those
20 landfills so that, you know, that we have
21 a tenant that will maintain the property?
22 Or are they likely to be torn down,
23 anyway?

1 MR. RON LEVY: Uh, at this point, I
2 can't tell you. I got to tell you my
3 concern about a landfill -- historical
4 landfill, is that it doesn't present a
5 problem from what we know from sampling,
6 but still is a landfill. From a
7 transferability standpoint, from a
8 usability standpoint is going to be a
9 problem.

10 I think Chris would agree with me
11 on this. It's a landfill. And actually
12 doing any construction or having anybody
13 actually own the property is a problem.

14 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: There is some
15 use restrictions that -- the problem is:
16 Even though we haven't found anything,
17 there is still -- it's got the taboo of
18 being a landfill. And we can't, at this
19 point, just write it off the books and
20 say, there is nothing in it and have
21 unrestricted use, because even though we
22 haven't found anything, we still, you
23 know, aren't sure if there is something

1 remaining.

2 So, those homes, the two homes,
3 really two complexes that are on top of
4 it -- see, right now, if we transferred
5 that property today, we would probably
6 have to say, this was a potential
7 landfill area or landfill based or aerial
8 photos. And with that alone, it's hard
9 to even find somebody that wants that
10 property, because the restrictions tied
11 to it.

12 MR. CHARLES TURNER: What I'm
13 thinking of is there is probably going to
14 be some property leased by the JPA from
15 the government and that those houses can
16 be used. They've got people living in
17 them, now.

18 MR. RON LEVY: Right.

19 MR. CHARLES TURNER: So, the day
20 after closure, they're all of a sudden
21 uninhabitable, I think -- you know, I
22 don't think that's necessarily true.

23 MR. RON LEVY: I don't think a

1 lease presents as big a problem as an
2 actual transfer of the property. But
3 again, I'm not the decision maker on
4 that. We will provide what the
5 environmental conditions of property are
6 to DA. I mean, those folks are going to
7 make the decision on -

8 MR. CHARLES TURNER: When are we
9 going to start seeing FOSTs and FOSLs?

10 MR. RON LEVY: Well, it has to be
11 somebody initiating that. We're starting
12 work on what's similar to a FOST for the
13 CDP, for the Center for Domestic
14 Preparedness. It's actually called an
15 ECOP, environmental conditions of the
16 property.

17 MR. CHARLES TURNER: What is that,
18 building 65 or whatever the number of it
19 is?

20 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: That's a FOSL.

21 MR. RON LEVY: That's different.

22 MR. JIMMY PARKS: They've got about
23 thirty-one facilities that's going into

1 the justice department enclave.

2 MR. RON LEVY: Right. But the
3 building they're presently occupying is
4 not actually part of the proposed CDP.

5 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Okay.

6 MR. RON LEVY: That's under a
7 lease, now. And we did do a FOSL on
8 that.

9 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Right.

10 MR. RON LEVY: However, the driving
11 force behind the FOSL was not another
12 federal agency being in the building. It
13 was the FMDC.

14 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Right.

15 MR. RON LEVY: And they're no
16 longer in there. So, we can do
17 agreements with other federal agencies
18 without going through legal processes of
19 FOSTs and FOSLs.

20 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Right, okay.

21 MR. RON LEVY: I don't know if
22 that -

23 MS. JEANNE YACOB: But to answer

1 your question -- I mean, I don't know,
2 Ron, I think that as soon as we can get
3 some data back from some of these
4 parcels, I think a lot of them are
5 probably going to be eligible for FOSTs
6 or FOSL consideration. And it will just
7 be a matter of getting the data together,
8 and making sure the documentation is in
9 order and then having ADEM and EPA and
10 the Army review that.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. We -- if you
12 look at what's going on up there and you
13 see where the majority of those
14 investigations are, they're in the
15 cantonment area where the majority of the
16 property is being asked for. So, the
17 focus is really -- presently was the
18 FMDCs' desires, once the LRA -- I guess
19 they still are there. But their desires
20 in terms of property being addressed
21 first.

22 So, we really are getting to that,
23 if that's what your question is.

1 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: What effect will
2 Fort McClellan Redevelopment develop
3 their long-range plan and everything?
4 And now we've seen a change to the JPA,
5 which there is some talking that they're
6 looking at whether they're going to use
7 that same plan or not. Is that going to
8 affect any of this?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Let me tell you what
10 I know about that. Right now we've done
11 some initial talking, Fort McClellan has
12 done some initial talking with the JPA.
13 They've not seen everything. And they're
14 still trying to get their permanent staff
15 together.

16 So, until we can get them spun up
17 on what's going on out here, I don't know
18 that we can get a whole lot of decision
19 making out of them, at this point.

20 We do plan on showing them what
21 FMDC had provided us for their
22 priorities. I know I'm doing that at the
23 next meeting. And letting them take that

1 back and decide whether or not their
2 priorities are changing, along with their
3 desires for reuse.

4 MR. CHARLES TURNER: It seems like
5 an appropriate time. Let me introduce
6 someone I brought with me tonight,
7 Mr. Robert Downing, who is County
8 Commissioner for District Two, also the
9 secretary of the JPA. Robert is very
10 interested in environmental issues. And
11 I hope we'll show him a warm RAB welcome.

12 MS. JEANNE YACOUR: I think that
13 will really come into play when we start
14 talking about actual cleanups. How -
15 the levels that we clean up to are going
16 to be basically driven by their reuse
17 desires and options. And I think that
18 the entire BCT, a preference would be to
19 clean these up to unrestricted
20 residential standards, all properties to
21 the extent that that is possible.

22 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Under IT's
23 umbrella, does that cover radon and

1 asbestos and lead base paints or do y'all
2 address that in the parcels that you're
3 looking at?

4 MS. JEANNE YACOB: We would
5 address lead in soils, potentially. It
6 would not include anything in a building,
7 no. We're talking strictly the ground
8 surrounding the facilities.

9 I mean, IT does this all the time,
10 but not on this particular project.

11 MR. JIMMY PARKS: How would that be
12 addressed under a FOST or a FOSL?

13 MR. RON LEVY: It's -- what it
14 essentially is under a FOST or FOSL is
15 it's full disclosure. We tell them
16 everything that's in the structure. And
17 we sit -- in fact, what we tell them is
18 that, you know, we're managing it in
19 accordance with the law, which doesn't
20 necessarily force us to do any cleanup
21 issues associated with asbestos, lead
22 base paint, or even radon.

23 We can transfer as is. It's almost

1 like a buyer beware. We tell you what's
2 in there, and you accept to take it or
3 not.

4 That's the DoD policy. That's the
5 DA policy as it relates to those issues,
6 radon, lead base paints and asbestos.
7 And that's the policy I've mentioned
8 several times in the past, too.

9 MR. FERN THOMASSY: And your
10 baseline for that is the EBS, final EBS?

11 MR. RON LEVY: It is. And we have
12 also separate studies that were done on
13 all those structures. And I've got to
14 tell you, there are presently families
15 living in those structures, now. So, if
16 it were truly a health issue, the Army
17 wouldn't have Army families living in
18 those structures.

19 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Where is this,
20 Ron?

21 MR. RON LEVY: What?

22 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Where are they?

23 MR. RON LEVY: They are the same

1 structures -- this is our CERCLA map
2 here. If you'll remember -- our
3 non-CERCLA issues. And if you'll
4 remember, all the housing, you know,
5 within those, there are asbestos
6 containing material in there and there
7 are lead base paints. And that's in
8 accordance with the way they were
9 constructed. A lot of it you might see
10 is just associated maybe with flooring
11 tiles, which is an asbestos containing
12 material or lead base paint associated
13 with window sills.

14 In fact, we don't really have a
15 huge issue associated with that, but
16 there is enough that we have to say to
17 the buyer or to whoever takes that
18 property that there is some level of that
19 issue in there.

20 And again, let me point out that
21 these structures are presently being
22 occupied by families, Army families. So,
23 if there was a health issue, they

1 wouldn't be in them.

2 However, we need to report what we
3 do know about those structures. And,
4 yes, there are some asbestos and, yes,
5 there are lead base paint and, yes, there
6 are radon issues. But the radon is not
7 nearly a big issue, as you look up there.

8 MR. ALLEN FAUST: Since we're
9 talking about landfills, what's the
10 strategy on investigating landfills
11 for -- just in totality? Impact, you
12 know, we looking at cap -- thickness of
13 cover. I mean, what's the criteria for
14 determining whether or not a landfill is
15 an issue? And if so -- I was just asking
16 Charles, are there any properties that
17 would be transferred that were known to
18 be potential or possible landfills?

19 MR. PETE CONROY: Jeanne?

20 MR. ALLEN FAUST: I'm not thinking
21 so much environmental impact, but there
22 is structural impacts, structural
23 integrity of the site, all those kind of

1 things that can raise their ugly head way
2 in the future. If you've got, you
3 know -- people are -- unrestricted use in
4 the area.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: Jeanne, you
6 had -

7 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: I was just
8 going to say that the very question you
9 just posed is the one that we spoke about
10 at our last BCT meeting. And we really
11 need to come up with some kind of a
12 strategy to address all of those issues,
13 because it's not just an environmental
14 problem, it's really a land use problem.

15 MR. RON LEVY: That's right.

16 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: And there are
17 ways that we can -- for example, landfill
18 one is a perfect example. You've got
19 housing on it. We've got data from the
20 wells showing that nothing is coming out
21 of it. We have historical records that
22 indicate, I think it was a debris fill.
23 Which doesn't necessarily mean it's an

1 environmental problem.

2 But on a base like this and on any
3 DoD base -- it's not just Fort McClellan,
4 it's any DoD base -- you always have the
5 concern that when you have dumping going
6 on, you can have things going in there.
7 And in this particular installation, that
8 could -- you know, could be UXO, you just
9 don't know.

10 MR. ALLEN FAUST: Or if they wanted
11 to add onto housing.

12 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: Right.

13 MR. ALLEN FAUST: And just because
14 this part is sound, doesn't mean two
15 hundred feet away it can withstand -

16 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: Right.

17 MR. ALLEN FAUST: -- the weight of
18 the buildings.

19 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: Right. So, we
20 are discussing that. And we've talked
21 about maybe even setting up some kind of
22 a task force. And this is all just ideas
23 that we've been talking about to

1 specifically address what kind of an
2 overall comprehensive strategy can we
3 come up with so that we can in fact
4 either consolidate these landfills or
5 release them.

6 Or institutional controls is
7 obviously an option, but not a very
8 desirable one, I don't think, from
9 anybody's point of view. It presents a
10 lot of problems.

11 So, I would say, we don't have the
12 answer to your question, yet, but we are
13 grappling with it. And, you know, it's
14 something that we're going to try and
15 come up with an approach that's going to
16 hopefully allow us to somehow release
17 these properties so that you can use
18 them.

19 MR. PETE CONROY: I tell you, at
20 this point, I'll ask if there are any
21 other quick questions for Jeanne? Thank
22 you very much.

23 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: You're welcome.

1 MR. PETE CONROY: And you'll be
2 here afterwards to answer any questions?

3 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: I guess so, if
4 that's what you want me to do. Then I
5 won't sneak out.

6 MR. PETE CONROY: Thank you.

7 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: Okay.

8 MR. PETE CONROY: Real quick, I
9 would like for folks to pass their
10 ballots towards me. And really,
11 introduce R. D. Downing one more time as
12 our second guest speaker tonight. R. D.,
13 would you take -

14 MR. R. D. DOWNING: Guest speaker?

15 MR. PETE CONROY: Yes, surprise.

16 And as everyone knows, the LRA has
17 evolved into Fort McClellan Redevelopment
18 Commission and more recently evolved
19 again as the JPA. And, R. D., could you
20 give us a crash course in -- assuming we
21 haven't read all the Anniston Star
22 articles -- where you are and what's -

23 MR. R. D. DOWNING: Well, even if

1 you have read them all -

2 MR. PETE CONROY: You probably need
3 the course even more.

4 MR. R. D. DOWNING: Sometimes
5 that's a help and sometimes it's not.
6 We've been through a bit of a whirlwind,
7 I guess, over the past -- well, really
8 since closure. And I appreciate your
9 inviting me out. And, of course, I'm
10 very interested in the work that the RAB
11 is doing. And, Jeanne, I'm very glad to
12 hear that everything is going to be
13 cleaned up to residential standards.

14 MS. JEANNE YACOUB: You're
15 misquoting me, now.

16 MR. R. D. DOWNING: I was very
17 encouraged to hear that.

18 MR. RON LEVY: Actually, you can
19 put the laughter in that one.

20 MR. R. D. DOWNING: A couple of
21 months ago, the Joint Powers Authority,
22 which was notified that they would be
23 recognized as the LRA or the land reuse

1 or the Local Reuse Agency, it is a
2 collaboration of the county government,
3 Calhoun County, the City of Anniston
4 government. And we have recently
5 expanded our board to include two
6 representatives from the State of
7 Alabama. One of those representatives is
8 the Director of the Alabama Development
9 Office, which you may know as ADO. The
10 other is the director of the -- ADECA,
11 which, Pete, you'll have to tell me what
12 that stands for.

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Alabama
14 Department of Economic and Community
15 Affairs.

16 MR. R. D. DOWNING: Community
17 Affairs, thank you. ADECA is the state
18 agency that all the federal -- a lot of
19 federal money comes through them in order
20 to be funneled to communities that have
21 particular needs.

22 Alabama Development office, as you
23 probably know, is charged with the

1 business recruiting. It's the business
2 recruiting arm of the State of Alabama.
3 So, we're very excited about
4 those -- the addition of the state coming
5 in. Also, we have two ex officio
6 members. One of whom is Representative
7 Gerald Willis from the Alabama State
8 Legislature, and another one is Jerry
9 Smith, who is currently serving as Mayor
10 of Jacksonville.
11 So, we are ramping up, I guess, as
12 you would say. I think we hired two
13 secretaries today, possibly. We will be
14 employing seven people. We will have an
15 executive director, we will have a
16 finance director, we will have someone in
17 charge of planning, and someone in charge
18 of engineering, and someone in charge of
19 economic developments.
20 And we are -- I can't -- can't
21 really show you the flow chart, but it's
22 a pretty impressive structure, we think.
23 We have had input from the Office of

1 Economic Adjustment in Washington.

2 And we will be doing a number of
3 studies this first year if our budget is
4 approved. We have applied for a budget
5 around eight hundred thousand dollars for
6 the first year.

7 We very much need to be talking
8 with you folks. And your expertise is
9 something that is going to impact greatly
10 the future of the redevelopment efforts
11 at Fort McClellan.

12 Ed, to answer a question you had
13 earlier, I don't think there is going to
14 be any new plan that will be put together
15 by the JPA. There was some talk earlier
16 of what -- whether there would be, but I
17 expect the JPA to endorse the plan that
18 was developed by the Fort McClellan Reuse
19 and Redevelopment Authority.

20 Charles, I know you were -- had a
21 big part in that. That was done at a
22 cost of about a half a million dollars,
23 if I'm not mistaken. And, of course, any

1 plan will -- should be modified or
2 adjusted from time to time as needs be.

3 I can tell you that the phone is
4 ringing off the hook to a great extent.
5 We are getting calls every day, interest
6 every day. We have advertised our
7 positions. We hope to be hiring our
8 staff within the next month.

9 If any of you know people who
10 would -- would be suitable for -- to be
11 employed by the JPA for some of the jobs
12 we've listed -- we have advertised them,
13 I think, locally. We are advertising
14 them in the National Association of
15 Installation Developers, NAID it's
16 called, and some other publications, I
17 believe, as well.

18 And I know we have a lot of talent
19 around here. And I don't **believe** in
20 having to bring people in all the time to
21 fill all of your positions. And there is
22 a lot of expertise in this room. If you
23 know of people, please, ask them to call

1 the county commission office and we
2 will -- until -- we probably will have a
3 telephone by next week and a secretary
4 that will be going through the files and
5 will be able to help perspective
6 candidates for jobs.

7 But I don't want to talk too much.

8 I thought you guys might have some
9 questions, Pete. And I'm here to take a
10 minute or two, if you would like, to
11 answer any questions that anyone may
12 have.

13 MR. PETE CONROY: First of all,
14 thanks very much for coming, especially
15 as early in the process as you are right
16 now. It's exciting for us to be a part
17 of it from the ground up.

18 We'd like to make a longstanding
19 offer for someone from the JPA to be at
20 all of our meetings and maybe we could
21 rotate that person just so we can have
22 some continuity. And likewise, we would
23 like to make a commitment to be at your

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1 meetings, at some level of
2 representation.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Actually -

4 MR. PETE CONROY: Any specific
5 questions?

6 MR. RON LEVY: Actually, we have a
7 requirement for an ex officio member
8 from, I guess, the JPA. Didn't we talk
9 about that last time, Charles?

10 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Yes, we talked
11 about it. Did we ever vote on it?

12 MR. RON LEVY: No.

13 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Well, let me
14 make a motion then that we create an ex
15 officio membership for the designee of
16 the chairman of the Anniston/Calhoun
17 County Joint Powers Authority.

18 MR. FERN THOMASSY: And request
19 that they -- give them the opportunity to
20 fill it.

21 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Right.

22 MR. PETE CONROY: Motion on the
23 floor.

1 MR. RONALD HOOD: Second.

2 MR. PETE CONROY: All in favor?

3 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Thank you.

4 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Ron, I heard

5 you say you were going to be making a

6 presentation at the JPA. Did I hear you

7 say -

8 MR. RON LEVY: There's a meeting -

9 the installation holds meetings with the

10 JPA. And it's been -- John Seymour has

11 been, I guess, representing the JPA, or

12 in this case -- it must be the JPA,

13 because that's what the meetings are for.

14 And we've got one on the 27th that

15 I'm going to talk. One of those is to

16 cover some of the old priorities that the

17 FMDC had listed, to see if there is any

18 changes to those. In fact, we'll let

19 y'all take them back and look at those.

20 And then to tell you kind of, you

21 know, where we are in the process and

22 talk a little bit about some of the other

23 environmental things that are going on,

1 the national wildlife refuge, and what
2 we're doing on the UXO side of the house.

3 So, all those issues are constantly
4 being fed and reviewed by the JPA through
5 these meetings. And I'm available -- and
6 I think we've talked about this -- to
7 come in to the JPA and just kind of do a
8 full blown, you know, environmental
9 overview.

10 MR. R. D. DOWNING: We need very
11 much to have a good briefing from you
12 all. Pete gave us a briefing on the
13 wildliferefuge area I guess the meeting
14 before last. And I understand that's
15 going real well and is going to be a real
16 asset to the redevelopment of Fort
17 McClellan.

18 I know that I've got a lot of
19 questions. I'm sure other members of the
20 Joint Powers Authority will have a lot of
21 questions. It's just uppermost in our
22 minds on what properties are going to be
23 available to be conveyed or properties

1 that you think will be available to be
2 conveyed and which properties may not be
3 able to be conveyed. Yes, Fern?

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: One question
5 along that line. Will you be providing,
6 from your standpoint, what you see as the
7 time line for the eastern bypass? The
8 time line you see as a JPA for things to
9 be done?

10 I think that would help this group
11 to assure that those things are in line
12 with what the Army has planned and
13 funding that the Army says it has
14 planned, in order to make sure there is
15 not a big gap between when things are
16 going to be funded and when they're going
17 to be done. Because that still is
18 probably as high a priority as any
19 redevelopment activity right now. Am I
20 correct?

21 MR. R. D. DOWNING: Yes, sir, you
22 are. I would expect there to be -
23 because of -- because the bypass is

1 controllable to a point, but not
2 controllable in that we -- the money -
3 some money has been appropriated for
4 that. Getting it down to do is a
5 different issue.

6 How much remediation work will be
7 needed to be done is another issue. I
8 certainly hope that we've got a lot going
 at Fort McClellan. I think we will
10 before the bypass is finished.

11 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes, a lot of
12 effort is already underway. And Ron can
13 talk to those details. The issue is: Is
14 it going to take place at the right time
15 and is it going to be far enough ahead of
16 the actual stepping on the land by the
17 survey crews and the construction crews
18 in order to not delay them?

19 And you can't tell that until you
20 get a time line coming back that the JPA
21 signs up for. And it's that that I was
22 asking for or saying that we would like
23 to have. And we would like to be able to

1 support you and give you some confidence
2 from our viewpoint of what the Army is
3 doing. If it's in line or it's out of
4 line and get some activity, if it's out
5 of line.

6 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: That -- the
7 Department of Transportation has a time
8 line on the MPO.

9 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I know they
10 did. And that's why I said, somebody
11 needs to analyze that and somebody needs
12 to sign up for it from this community,
13 rather than from the Department of
14 Transportation. So far, over the past
15 year or so, I've not heard -

16 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: They make a
17 presentation -

18 MR. FERN THOMASSY: -- anything
19 with a definite schedule come out of our
20 group.

21 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: They make a
22 presentation to the metropolitan planning
23 organization, which some of those funds
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1 are channeled through that organization,
2 some of the state funds. And I'll try to
3 find the last, you know, that I got.

4 We're having a meeting. Are y'all
5 going to be there? It's this week, I
6 believe, that we're having another
7 meeting.

8 MR. RON LEVY: No, I wasn't going
9 to be at this one, but hopefully the one
10 in November.

11 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I'll try to get
12 some information from you, as far as what
13 they present us. Every meeting they
14 present us a projection of the survey
15 work, of where they are, the purchasing,
16 the right-of-way, they provide us with
17 all of that.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: Any other quick
19 questions for R. D.?

20 MR. R. D. DOWNING: The answer -- I
21 didn't really give you a decent answer,
22 Fern. I'm sorry. I don't -- I really
23 don't -- I don't know the answer to your

1 question. But I think I understand where
2 you're coming from. We need to put
3 ourselves in the position to make as fast
4 a progress as we can on the eastern
5 bypass.

6 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Right. And I
7 didn't think you had the answer. I just
8 would like to eventually get it. That's
9 a start.

10 MR. R. D. DOWNING: Ed was -- is
11 more familiar with the MPO, which is the
12 Metropolitan Planning Organization. And
13 I think Ed has been on it for years. He
14 can probably give you a better idea as to
15 time line.

16 As far as the environmental work
17 that's being done now to see how much
18 contamination there is, you guys probably
19 have a better sense of that than we do.

20 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Absolutely.

21 MR. R. D. DOWNING: But I get asked
22 all the time, is the bypass real? Is it
23 going to happen? Is it going to be here

1 in our lifetime?

2 We've got to -- we've got to move
3 as fast as we can to -

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: And I think
5 that's an answer you should take back.
6 And, Ron, it might be worth just a couple
7 of minutes of you taking the opportunity
8 to explain to R. D. what is being done by
9 the Corps of Engineers, sort of put that
10 in place and to stay ahead of that power
11 curve.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, sir,
13 absolutely. And that would be something
14 that would be good to take back to the
15 JPA with you, because I think there is a
16 lot of misperceptions as to what we're
17 doing and how all of that kind of
18 connects in with what DOT is doing for
19 the eastern bypass.

20 But you ought to know that we're in
21 bed with DOT and we -- and our meetings,
22 as we look at UXO, it encompasses DOT
23 being there and their time lines fitting

1 in with what we're proposing, as well.
2 So, there is an effort going on there to
3 coordinate the Army's cleanup with DOT's
4 clearance and construction of the eastern
5 bypass.

6 And I've got to tell you, I really
7 believe that we're well in hand with
8 that. Just probably need to kind of get
9 that out to folks and make them
10 understand what it is we're doing.

11 MR. R. D. DOWNING: Exactly. That
12 has been my sense of it, Ron, is that
13 things were moving forward. Even though
14 I wasn't cognizant of things happening, I
15 know that there is a process that's
16 ongoing that -- I would -- I would
17 encourage you to get on the agenda for
18 our next JPA meeting and make a
19 presentation to us. And if not the next
20 meeting, then an appropriate time. If
21 you'll call the chairman, who is Mayor
22 Gene Stedham, I'm sure he would be more
23 than happy to schedule a time.

1 We need to really be thinking about
2 these land issues and the bypass issues.
3 And the things that are on your minds are
4 the things that also need to be on our
5 minds. And we're not -- I mean, in a
6 year, it's -- if the Army has gone and we
7 still don't have the property, then, you
8 know, that's where you can start to get
9 in trouble. I know that we're -- the
10 Army is going to be pushing us to **lease**
11 property prior to closure. Which, you
12 know, we've got people ready to lease
13 right now. We have people pushing us to
14 come out and see and look at sites that
15 they can put their factories or
16 businesses or whatever.

17 So, we've got a long way to go in a
18 short period of time, but we're -- I'm
19 very optimistic things are going well.
20 And I think things here seem to be -- you
21 have the matter in hand that you're
22 tasked with.

23 We're available. Please, come talk

1 to us.

2 MR. PETE CONROY: Thanks, R. D.

3 Well, guess what? Couldn't have

4 been any closer. In fact, we have a

5 runoff. And that's why you have a piece

6 of paper in front of you. And it could

7 not have been any closer. But right now,

8 it appears as though it's between Mayor

9 Kimbrough and Mr. Hood. One vote.

10 And so, in any case, if you could

11 write down Kimbrough or Hood and pass

12 them to me, please. We'll resolve the

13 vice-cochair issue.

14 And in the meanwhile, can somebody

15 provide us with a very quick community

16 relations report.

17 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Very quick.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: Bless you.

19 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: We are

20 scheduled for our next quarterly meeting

21 in the community next month. And I just

22 wonder if any of you have any suggestion

23 where you think we ought to do that.

1 We've been to Anniston. We've been
2 down to Oxford. We were in -- out at
3 Weaver the beginning of the year. Prior
4 to that, we had been at Jacksonville. We
5 can start the rotation again. Or if you
6 have another suggestion, you know, I'll
7 go with it.

8 MR. JIMMY PARKS: West Palm Beach.

9 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Yes.

10 MR. RON LEVY: With the Army paying
11 for transportation, too, right?

12 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: I can
13 coordinate that. I can do that.

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Which landfill
15 don't we clean up?

16 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Or we have
17 another option, we could hold off for
18 November and just start out in January.

19 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes, that was
20 something I was thinking. I think that's
21 a good option.

22 MR. CHARLES TURNER: In fact I was
23 going to say, it seems like everybody has

1 got a lot they want to talk about. We
2 might have our next meeting without a
3 presentation so that we aren't rushed
4 to -

5 MR. RON LEVY: Certainly.

6 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Okay.

7 MR. RON LEVY: Like that idea, too.

8 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Okay.

9 MR. RON LEVY: Y'all understand,
10 too, that we're not scheduling a meeting
11 in December because of the holidays and
12 people being out of town.

13 MR. CHARLES TURNER: And we change
14 our schedule in January and February,
15 right? We've already set -

16 MR. PETE CONROY: There is
17 precedent for that.

18 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I thought we
19 had already set the meetings.

20 MR. PETE CONROY: Had we?

21 MR. RON LEVY: I think we did. Our
22 November meeting is the 16th, is the 16th
23 of November.

1 MR. CHARLES TURNER: November the
2 16th is a Monday, yes.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Come to think of it,
4 we did not set our January meeting. In
5 fact, the third Monday of the month of
6 January is Martin Luther King's Birthday,
7 so I think that's probably not going to
8 be a good date. we'll probably need to
9 discuss what we're going to do there.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: I'd like to
11 suggest we do that at the November
12 meeting.

13 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I agree.

14 MR. PETE CONROY: Anything else?

15 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Quickly. I
16 gave you a list of the next speaking
17 engagement. Again, if you have any
18 others. Tomorrow morning Fern will be
19 speaking to the local chapter of American
20 Safety Engineers at the meeting center.

21 And R. D., we will go ahead and try
22 and schedule in the JPA as soon as
23 possible.

1 The last thing is: Last month we
2 had a presentation on the murals. Mr.
3 Hood borrowed the slides from us and put
4 them on his Web site. And there has been
5 any number of hits that he's had. And
6 I've gotten feedback of people that are
7 very, very interested in taking a look at
8 it, to include the National Endowment for
9 the Humanities.

10 So, I've put the card there with
11 his Web site on it in case any of you
12 want to take a look at it.

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Great. Thank you
14 very much.

15 I would like to announce the
16 results of this exciting election this
17 evening. It was another hair splitter.
18 And, Mr. Hood, I would like to
19 congratulate you upon your victory.

20 Any old business this evening?

21 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I don't know
22 if we've ever talked about it, but I
23 would like to bring it up. Would that be

1 new business?

2 MR. PETE CONROY: That would be new
3 business.

4 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I can't
5 remember if it's old or not. But it
6 seems to me that we're all interested in
7 getting out of here in an hour. And
8 wondered if there would be any interest
9 in having -- that we have a rule that our
10 meeting automatically adjourns one hour
11 after commencement. And it takes an
12 affirmative vote to keep it going.

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Would you like to
14 state this in the form of a motion?

15 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Yes, sir,
16 let's just consider that a motion.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: Do I hear a
18 second?

19 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: There was a
20 second.

21 MR. PETE CONROY: I didn't hear who
22 that was. I apologize. Who was the
23 second?

1 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Ms.

2 Longstreth.

3 MR. PETE CONROY: Bless you. Any
4 discussion?

5 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. I don't like
6 that idea, at all.

7 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I think it's a
8 good point. I think we ought to strive
9 for it. But to limit ourselves to that
10 in a voting, in a formal and voting
11 manner, I really think -- and this is
12 Thomassy speaking -- it's too limiting on
13 a formal organization that has business
14 to do.

15 I think we ought to strive for it.
16 I think we ought to try to do it. Pete
17 can probably run it a lot better than I
18 have, be heavier handed with it, and get
19 it done. But I would rather not make it
20 a formal process that definitely occurs
21 and has to be voted down in order not to
22 occur. Think that's too formal.

23 MR. RONALD HOOD: I have to agree.

1 Make it into a form of a resolution that
2 we should try -

3 MR. CHARLES TURNER: We've already
4 done that. It doesn't work.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: I will commit to
6 working even harder. But we have a -
7 the question has been asked. Any other
8 discussion. All in favor? Let me do a
9 sign of hands, please. All in favor?

10 (Mr. Charles Turner, Mr. Allen
11 Faust, Dr. Mary Harrington, Ms.
12 Longstreth.)

13 All opposed? This is just another
14 split evening here tonight. But it's
15 been declined. Charles, I appreciate
16 that. And maybe you can try again at the
17 next meeting -

18 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I will.

19 MR. PETE CONROY: That lasts two
20 hours. Any other new business?

21 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Move to
22 adjourn.

23 MR. PETE CONROY: Well, I have to

1 admit I have some new business, but I
2 would like for it to be discussed at the
3 November meeting. And that is, it's been
4 brought to my attention that recently
5 ADEM has held permits related to a new
6 type of smoke training here at Fort
7 McClellan. And I know this isn't a
8 closure issue, but it certainly is an
9 environmental issue. And I would like
10 for the RAB to have some discussion
11 relating to this.

12 MR. RON LEVY: No permits. No such
13 thing. There is some NEPA documentation
14 going on as it relates to graphite smoke
15 training, but there is no permits that
16 I'm aware of associated with that.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: What I would like
18 to do is I would like to request that we
19 get a complete briefing relating to this
20 issue at the next meeting, unless a month
21 from now, it would be water over the dam.

22 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: A moot issue.

23 MR. RON LEVY: Well, my position on

1 that is it's not a reuse issue. It could
2 be. It could be.

3 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Is it a
4 community issue?

5 MR. RON LEVY: Well -

6 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I mean, is any
7 of the smoke going to blow over the
8 fence?

9 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: I don't think
10 it would be a problem.

11 MR. FERN THOMASSY: You're talking
12 about graphite and you're talking about
13 graphite being chopped up and carried by
14 the fog oil.

15 MR. PETE CONROY: Yes.

16 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I think
17 probably we ought to get a paper, anyhow.
18 Can't the chemical school or somebody
19 provide us a paper -

20 MR. RON LEVY: We certainly can do
21 that.

22 MR. FERN THOMASSY: -- of technical
23 facts on it?

1 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, sir.

2 MR. PETE CONROY: My concern is

3 that in fact -

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: And time lines.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: Could this be

6 mailed to us, even?

7 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, we can put

8 something together and mail it to you.

9 In fact, I'm sure there's stuff out there

10 already that we can send to the RAB.

11 MR. PETE CONROY: The concern

12 that's been brought to my attention is

13 that not enough research has been done

14 relating to use of graphite, particularly

15 as it relates to endangered species. And

16 this graphite program would be moved up

17 to Fort Leonard Wood. And I want to

18 understand the ramifications of setting

19 precedence here and then moving something

20 up there, where they actually have two

21 endangered species, not to mention a lot

22 of people.

23 MR. RON LEVY: In fact, there isn't

1 any precedent set. Anything that goes to
2 Leonard Wood will have to be re-evaluated
3 through a NEPA process, as well. We are
4 due a DEPA documentation. There is an EA
5 ongoing now for graphite. We're scoping
6 it with the regulatory agencies. But
7 we're talking about eight months, guys,
8 at the most, on this graphite training

before they move it to Leonard Wood.

10 And to be honest with you, part of
11 the reason they're doing this is to be
12 able to get funding so they can do the
13 proper environmental documentation at
14 Leonard Wood.

15 But I don't personally see this as
16 a reuse issue. However, this is the RAB,
17 we can discuss anything we want to
18 discuss.

19 MR. ALLEN FAUST: Inside of an
20 hour.

21 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Yes.

22 MR. FERN THOMASSY: One other add
23 to that, if it's possible, we may want to

1 add a reference from where they've
2 already done the testing, such as at
3 Aberdeen or if there has been any
4 (inaudible).

5 MR. RON LEVY: There is already a
6 programmatic environmental assessment
7 been completed for this particular -
8 what they're doing is site specific.
9 That being, what's it like here at
10 McClellan, in terms of training. What's
11 the impacts.

12 So, yes, I know there is concerns
13 about that. But from a cleanup/reuse
14 issue, not really.

15 MR. PETE CONROY: Any time the
16 community shows an interest in an
17 environmental issue at Fort McClellan, I
18 get excited about it, because I think in
19 the past there is probably more apathy
20 than anything else.

21 And so, if you could send us
22 something to familiarize us with the
23 issue, that will be great.

1 MR. RON LEVY: The Army will send
2 the RAB something on graphite smoke.

3 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Well, if it
4 leaves something that's negative, it is a
5 cleanup issue.

6 MR. RON LEVY: If there is **impacts**.

7 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Right.

8 MR. RON LEVY: But we're talking
9 eight months.

10 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Well, we don't
11 know if there is any impact. Isn't that
12 what you said?

13 MR. RON LEVY: I think that's -- I
14 think what the Army -- well, before I
15 make any misstatements, let me go back -

16 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Take it up
17 next month. Are y'all going to start
18 burning it before next month?

19 MR. RON LEVY: No.

20 MR. CHARLES TURNER: We'll take it
21 up next month. Have a whole hour to talk
22 about it.

23 MR. PETE CONROY: Very quickly,

1 thanks, first of all.

2 Any comments from the audience?

3 This will just take a second, but I would

4 love for the audience to introduce

5 themselves. I see some new faces. Of

6 course, Lisa.

7 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Lisa

8 Kingsbury. I work for Ron.

9 MR. HARRY THOMAS: Harry Thomas, I

10 work for Ron.

11 MR. RON LEVY: No, you work for the

12 Environmental Office.

13 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: You are the

14 Environmental office.

15 MR. PAUL JAMES: All right, I'll

16 change it. Paul James. I'm the BRAC

17 Environmental Planner for the Directorate

18 of Environment.

19 MR. RONALD ????: I'm Ronald

20 (inaudible). I'm the master planner

21 (phonetic) for the Directorate of

22 Engineering house here at the Fort.

23 MR. AL REECE: I'm Al Reece. I'm

1 environmental services with Reece
2 Engineering.

3 MR. ALVIN CRAWFORD: I'm Alvin
4 Crawford. I work with Reece Engineering
5 here at Fort McClellan.

6 MR. JEFF ROBINSON: Jeff Robinson.
7 Reece Engineering.

8 MR. PETE CONROY: Who are you?

9 MR. R. D. DOWNING: I'm
10 Mr. Downing.

11 MR. PETE CONROY: Call for
12 adjournment.

13 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Move to
14 adjourn.

15 (WHEREUPON, the proceeding was concluded.)

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