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MINUTES FOR RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD 10 MAY 1995 KANSAS
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SUBJECT: Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes, 10 May, 1995.

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1. The quarterly RAB meeting for Richards-Gebaur was held 10 May 1995 at the Old Belton City Hall, 512 Main, Belton, MO at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Mark Esch, BRAC Environmental Coordinator and RAB Co-Chairman, opened the meeting and introduced Mr. William Powell, Co-Chairman. Mr. Esch invited the audience to introduce themselves and tell who they represented.

2. The business session began with Mr. Esch explaining that an Installation Restoration Program is the Air Force equivalent to the Superfund cleanup program of the Environmental Protection Agency. He described the eight (8) sites located on the former base property that are being restored. See attached sheet for a description of those sites.

3. Several of the citizens in the audience responded with questions regarding health issues. One citizen asked about health risks regarding the contaminants found in the soil at the Petroleum, Oil, Lubricant (POL) Yard. He wanted to know if any human tissue had been tested. Mr. Esch said that no human tissue had been tested. Mr. Geller from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) explained that the Missouri Department of Health (MDOH) works with the Air Force in identifying concerns and their analysis is based on current studies. Mr. Geller said that the State is not aware of any health risks at this time. He said that no health risks had been identified. The citizen said that health risks cannot be discounted without human testing. Mr. Garey Reeves, Transition Coordinator, said that he was the Base Commander from 1980-1991 and was not aware of any health risks attributable to contaminants during that time. Mrs. Nadine Cavanaugh, a citizen of Belton, replied that she worked at the base for many years and is now in her 70's and has not had any related health problems.

Several questions regarding nerve gas, nuclear bunkers, and catastrophic health problems were asked. Mr. Reeves replied that the Air Force welcomes the opportunity to have the public here this evening in order to answer these kinds of questions and to assure them that there is no risk. Mr. Esch explained that there is an Information Repository located at the environmental office, 15471 Hangar Road, Kansas City, MO, and that the public is invited to come and look through any of the environmental

documents. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mr. Geller repeated that there are no health risks based upon the studies that have been done and none of the sites show any serious contamination.

4. Mr. Forrest Terrell, Project Manager and Professional Engineer with Dames & Moore, recommended that the Air Force invite Dr. Jan Storm, a toxicologist, to the August RAB meeting to present a topic on human health risks. She can define the toxicity levels of chemicals and relate the probability of human health risks exposed to those levels.

5. Mr. Terrell gave a slide presentation on bioremediation. Mr. Terrell explained how this process will treat the soil at the POL Yard. Bioremediation is a simple, natural process induced by microbial activity that occurs in soil and breaks down the contamination into simpler compounds of carbon and oxygen. The estimated time to complete this project at the POL Yard is 18 months.

6. Mrs. Kubler, Community Relations Coordinator, S&C Advertising & Public Relations, announced that a draft Community Relations Plan (CRP) is available to the RAB to review. Comments to the CRP will be taken into consideration by the BRAC Cleanup Team members. To obtain a copy of the CRP a citizen may contact Mr. Esch, 348-2515, ext. 28. Copies are also available at the Information Repository located at the environmental office.

7. Mrs. Kubler also announced that an Environmental Open House will be held in conjunction with the Air Show during the weekend of July 29 and 30. The public is invited to attend. The Air Force will have an environmental exhibit along with the Environmental Protection Agency and several environmental firms working at the base.

8. The meeting concluded with Mr. Tom Keeney inviting the public to stay and tour the museum located in the Old Belton City Hall building. The next RAB meeting is scheduled for August 9, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. at the Calvary Bible College, 15800 Calvary Road, Kansas City, MO.

Mr. P. Mark Esch
BRAC Environmental Coordinator

Mrs. Marilyn Kubler
S&C Advertising & Public Relations
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Attachments

1. IRP Sites
2. Compliance Sites
3. Areas of Interest
4. Site Map

DISTRIBUTION SHEET
RICHARDS-GEBUR RAB MEETING
10 MAY 1995

1. Tom Keeney
2. Norman Onnen
3. Nadine Cavanaugh
4. Christopher Smith
5. Shannon Flannigan
6. Garey Reeves
7. Mark Esch
8. William Powell
9. Robert Geller
10. Glenn Golson
11. William McFarland
12. Bob Koke
13. William Hall
14. Steven Bradley
15. Tony Meyers
16. Forrest Terrell
17. Bob Zuiss
18. Robert Lodato
19. David Malecki
20. Herb Gile
21. Tom Pierce
22. Hellie Pierce
23. Jim Thompson
24. Marilyn Kubler