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October 29, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of the Richards-Gebaur Restoration Advisory Board

Place: Richards-Gebaur Military Club

Date: Thursday, October 2, 1997

Attending.

William Powell, RAB Co-Chairman (Belton)
John Fringer, Interim BRAC Environmental Coordinator
Robert Lodato, AFBCA/OLQ, RAB Co-Chairman
Robert Koke, EPA Region 7
Don Kerns, MDNR
Guy Frazier, MDNR
Bob Zuiss, AFBCA, OLQ
David Malecki, KCAD
Norman Onnen, RAB Member (Belton)
Tom Keaney, RAB Member (Belton)
Chuck Williams, COE
William McFarland, COE
Kay Grosinske, AFCEE/ERB
Phil Duncan, Mayor of Belton
Syd Courson, CCI

AGENDA ITEMS

Item I (Approval of minutes of April 10, 1997, RAB meeting)

Approved. RAB member Norman Onnen said he did not receive a copy of the minutes. He will have the opportunity to make written comments after he receives a copy.

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Items 2/3 (Technical Assistance Visit and TAV Strategy Meeting)

John Fringer, interim BEC, briefed the members and audience on the Technical Assistance Visit (TAV) this past summer. Fringer said the purpose of the TAV was to evaluate Richards-Gebaur's environmental program for its potential to meet its Last Remedial Action In Place (LRAIP) date. He said the TAV team concluded that existing Installation Restoration program documents had to be consolidated and evaluated to define the status of each site. Also, the TAV initially changed the LAIRP date to FY2000. However, he said that after further revision of the environmental timetable to ensure that all steps of CERCLA were followed, the TAV changed the LRAIP date to 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2001.

Fringer said the TAV suggested, and the BCT agreed, that the individual sites be divided into three Operable Units -- one for water contamination, one for soil contamination, and the last for all sites proposed for no further remedial action. He said that after the evaluation and consolidation study of their status, sites may move between the three Operable Units.

He also said that the Air Force met with the MDNR and EPA to discuss the need to establish ARARs or risk-based clean-up levels. "We can't begin any clean-up until we have determined clean-up levels," he said. "Since the Air Force is the lead agency, it's in our best interest to clean up now, so we don't have to come back later."

Robert Lodato, of OLQ, and RAB Co-Chairman, said that once the evaluation is complete and clean-up levels are established, the Air Force should be able to compress the timeline. He added that, "We agreed at our BCT today that we will need stand-alone documents recording how we reached our decisions, so that 20 years down the line, if anyone asks, the documentation is there."

Bob Zuiss of OLQ pointed out that no additional contaminated sites are causing the timeline to be extended, but merely administrative steps per CERCLA, the project management program.

Don Kerns of MDNR said, "The State applauds you for that, and I'm sure EPA does, too."

Item 4 (Radiation Survey)

Zuiss briefed the audience on steps that have been taken regarding three sites -- the Belton Training Complex, the weapons storage site and Building 828. Zuiss reported that a radiation inspection team had examined the sites and no radiation was found.

Kerns asked if the base had a Nuclear Regulatory Commission license, and Lodato and Zuiss replied they would check and respond to Kerns.

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Item 5 (Open Discussion)

Norman Onnen, a RAB member, asked if the re-use of Richards-Gebaur (R-G) is changing, considering the interest Kansas City has in developing it, jointly with Kansas City Southern, as a rail terminus. He also asked if there is a re-use committee, and if there was a re-use committee member on the RAB.

Fringer pointed out that the current re-use plan adopted by the city is airport-industrial, and it appears the city's plans would make it railway-industrial.

Zuiss added that the plans he has seen show that the rail yard would be on land already transferred to the city, so it may have no effect at all on the property still under Air Force control

David Malecki of the Kansas City Aviation Department (KCAD) agreed with Zuiss, saying the railway terminus plan will not affect the area remaining under Air Force Control

Kerns pointed out that there are FUDS (formerly used defense sites) on the city property and that the Corps of Engineers bears responsibility to make sure they can pass MDNR and EPA muster.

Bill McFarland, COE, said soil and water samples from monitoring wells on those sites are being analyzed, with the results expected by the end of October. He said the COE will not do any design or work until it has completed its draft RI report in early 1998. He said the work can be completed "by about this time next year."

Belton Mayor Phil Duncan asked if air traffic will continue once the R-G closure is complete and the property is turned over the city. He said the city's biggest concern is whether the planes will keep flying. He said the city wants to keep R-G as an airport

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Malecki said there is a possibility there could be both an airport and rail yard, but he added the city already has submitted a request to close the airport. He said the Federal Aviation Administration has 30-90 days to respond to the request. He said R-G has about 55,000 takeoffs and/or landings a year, compared to 150,000 a year for the Kansas City Downtown Airport. He said the railway would like to begin construction next spring.

It was decided that McFarland will present the COE FUDS cleanup schedule and activities at the January 7, 1998, RAB meeting.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes compiled and submitted by.


Syd Courson, CCI



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September 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: AFBCA/DA Richards-Gebaur
15471 Hangar Road
Kansas City, MO 64147-1220

SUBJECT: Restoration Advisory Board Meeting (RAB)

1. The RAB will convene on October 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Richards-Gebaur Military Club.
2. See the attached agenda items.
3. If you have specific items you would like to discuss, feel free to contact me at (816) 348-2514 x24.


ROBERT LODATO
BRAC Environmental Coordinator

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October 16, 1997

FROM: AFBCA/DA OL Q
15471 Hangar Road
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Dear Mr. Onnen:

During the Restoration Advisory Board Meeting held October 2, 1997, you had mentioned that you had not received a copy of the April 10, 1997 minutes. I am enclosing a copy for your review and or comments. I apologize for any mailing error.

If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, feel free to contact me at (816) 348-2514 x24.


ROBERT LODATO
Environmental Protection Specialist