

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 2, 1999

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met at Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, North Carolina on Tuesday, February 2, 1999 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Jim Swartzenberg	Community RAB Co-Chair
Neal Paul	Camp Lejeune EMD/IR
Mick Sensus	Camp Lejeune, EMD/IR
Jeff Wyrick	Camp Lejeune, EMD/IR
Tom Morris	Camp Lejeune, EMD/IR
Laura Bader	Community RAB Member
Ray Humphries	Community RAB Member
Dave Lown	NC DENR, Superfund Section
Maritza Montegross	LANTDIV
Kate Landman	LANTDIV
Gena Townsend	EPA - Atlanta
Rich Mullins	Community RAB Member
Becki Willis	Community RAB Member
Sandi Lane	Community RAB Member
Harry Proffit	Community RAB Member
Tracy DeBow	Community RAB Member
Pat Evans	Camp Lejeune, EMD/EQAD

Unable to attend were:

Cmdr Barnett Community RAB Member

Agenda Item 1, Call to order

6:30 p.m. - Mr. Neal Paul opened the meeting.

Agenda Item 2, New Membership Introduction

The new members were introduced and welcomed them to the RAB.

Agenda Item 3, Finalize Last Meeting Minutes

Mr. Paul asked if anyone had any comments or changes to the minutes from the last meeting. The only change to the minutes was to add Sandi Lane to the attendance. The minutes will be finalized as written.

Agenda Item 4, New Business

Mr. Paul asked for new items not on the agenda. The question was asked if the RAB would have any input into the Riverine, Center for Excellence (RCE). We have some sites in the area but they will not be impacted by the RCE. The environmental consequences were addressed in the NEPA action. All projects aboard Camp Lejeune go through the NEPA process before they are validated. Tracy DeBow asked if Site 73 at Courthouse Bay would be impacted. There will be some dredging in Courthouse Bay, which will disturb the sediment but will not exacerbate any problems that are currently there. The spoil from the dredge will be analyzed and dealt with accordingly. There will be a meeting at Dixon to discuss Courthouse Bay. Jim Swartzenberg discussed the boats creating wakes on the intercoastal waterway. Asked if there are any rules concerning no wake areas. Mr. Paul asked for any other new business. Mr. Humphries asked if the soil around the schools was tested during the Occupations Health Study. He also asked about mercury that was buried at the photo lab. IR will check on the results of the study and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Paul asked for any other new business. There was none.

Agenda Item 5, Stone Bay Sampling: Jan 15 - 17

Mr. Senus discussed the results of the sampling. Baker did sampling of oysters, mussels and clams. Baker was escorted by a commercial fisherman. They collected from five sample points within Stone Bay. The samples are being analyzed in the lab. The results should be back within seven days and within thirty days there will be a draft report on the results. We can present the results at the next meeting. There was no anomaly with the observations on site. There was nothing uncharacteristic. The comment was made that the oysters were larger than expected probably because they are not normally harvested from that area. The data will be put in a report and filed in the administrative records. None of the lead levels from the samples have exceeded state levels. The CG has done a super job of embracing the community interest and making the public aware of all studies. Based on the results of the sediment sampling, it is doubtful that we will find anything out there. Mr. Swartzenberg asked what precipitated taking the samples. The RAB interest resulted in the samples. If this has been another IR site it would probably have ended at the sediment and surface water samples because there is nothing to indicate that there is a problem there. There was discussion as to whether or not rounds are still being fired into the water and the use of bullet traps. The report will also be filed in the administrative record at the public library. Estimate cost for the study was 25K. Question was asked if it would be a good idea to sample every 5 years. Mr. Swartzenberg pointed out that it is a public relations problem. It isn't how bad the bay is but how bad people think it is. Recommendation that the study results be published in the papers. IR will discuss this with Maj Jack. The division spends approximately 10 million a year on cleanup and studies and the public is unaware. The community should be made aware that the money is going back for the restoration of Camp Lejeune. The suggestion was made to have marines being disciplined rake the ground and police the area for lead bullets. The range rule is being redrafted due to all the

comments. That should provide more guidance concerning ranges.

Agenda Item 6, Range Inventory Status

The St. Louis District Corps of Engineers has been tasked by DoD to inventory Marine Corps Facilities. They looked at the west coast in 1998. This year they are looking at the east coast. They talked to the base historian, facilities, public works and range control to gather information on past and present ranges. They also met with a group of retired Marines. They will issue a draft report by June with the baseline of the ranges since Camp Lejeune was opened. They were aware of 275 ranges and artillery firing sites. Camp Pendleton had 325. We expect the new range rule to require us to address inactive ranges. The first step was to conduct the inventory and the next step will be to determine which need to be addressed first. Mr. Swartzenberg asked if they got any information on the Camp Davis ranges. IR will find out. The COE did extensive research while they were here.

Agenda Item 7, Site 84 Info Sheet and Engineering Evaluation /Cost Analysis

Mr. Morris gave a brief history of site 84. This site is building 45 which was the Tidewater Electric Power Plant in the late 30's early 40's. Camp Lejeune used it as a substation when it took over. Transformers were pulled out of the pond behind the building. There are some PCB problems in the area. A community information sheet on the site was handed out. Possible uses for the site were discussed.

Agenda Item 8, Summary of Key Personnel Within Installation Restoration Process

Mr. Wyrick discussed the key personnel within the Installation Restoration Process and the roles that they play. Kate Landman discussed the roles of the different contractors.

Agenda Item 9, Public Relations Package

Mr. Swartzenberg discussed different ideas for the public relations package. Wants to utilize lots of pictures. Ray suggested that Jim get together with the city council to promote the RAB and its involvement with Camp Lejeune to keep them informed that something is being done to protect the environment and keep the community informed. Information will be gathered and sent to the subcommittee for review.

Agenda Item 10, Wrap Up

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at Coastal Carolina Community College. Please let Mr. Swartzenberg or the IRD office know if there is anything you would like on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

