

**U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Monmouth
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)**

MINUTES

April 1, 2009 ~ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order on April 1, 2009, by Wanda Green at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Joe Fallon, Larry Quinn, Tim Rider, James Allen, Dianne Crilly, Dan Levine, Rosemary Brewer, Edward J. Dlugosz, Frank Barricelli, and Brian Charnick. Jim Modlin and Pippa Woods were absent.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes from the January 10, 2009 RAB meeting was approved by the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Wanda Green began the meeting by reviewing the operating procedures for the RAB meetings to ensure that the committee is in line with what the mission is. She suggested that these procedures should be reviewed either annually or proceeding an election.

Ms. Green expanded on the importance of getting townships involved in offering opinions to members of the RAB. She suggested that each RAB Township Representative, recommend or inform the FMERPA Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) of any changes in the Fort Monmouth Restoration Program. Next FMERPA EAC meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2009 at the FMERPA Office.

As part of developing the meeting agenda, Ms Green stated that RAB members are to contact Mr. Jim Allen and submit items that are of interest. Agency and installation members will contact Ms. Green with suggested agenda items.

Mr. Brian Charnick inquired if there would be an attempt to compete for contract for the Baseline Ecological Evaluation (BEE). Ms. Green stated that the BEE has been funded. The Baltimore Corp of engineers has contract with Shaw environmental to perform the BEE. Shaw is currently developing the Work Plan and is expected to submit it to the installation for comments, by the end of April 09.

The groundwater and surface water results for all IRP sites, up to the 3rd quarter of FY2008 were distributed and discussed. Ms. Green stated that members should review and stay familiar with sites that in their townships. Members briefly discussed proposed remedial actions for sites with contaminates of concern that exceeded the NJDEP groundwater and surface water criteria.

Mr. Ed Dlugosz asked if samples were taken; Ms. Green responded that information has already been provided with the results and from where the samples were obtained.

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Ms. Green reviewed the CERFA Category 1 areas identified in the Environmental Condition of Property Phase I report. Maps indicating areas with no IRP environmental concerns were forwarded to members. Discussed areas with minimal environmental restoration concerns, such as Pinebrook Housing Area, Parcel 14 (80 acres in the Charles Wood Area), Barker Circle and the 800 area behind the Burger King.

Mr. Dan Levine asked Mr. Frank Costentino of the FMERPA, what do they do with the environmental information that they are given. Mr. Costentino stated that the information is evaluated and issues are addressed.

Mr. Levine suggested that questions submitted by FMERPA should be provided during quarterly meetings including questions from surrounding residents.

Mr. Levine asked if FM will be receiving any stimulus money. Mr. Joe Fallon explained that he wasn't aware of any stimulus monies for BRAC. Mr. James Allen clarified that stimulus monies received have been for transportation in this area.

Mr. Fallon explained the lack of resources due to BRAC closures such as personnel moving on which may limit his participation during the RAB Meeting.

Ms. Wanda Green announced the new BRAC Clean up Team. This team will assist during the clean up and closure.

William Simmons asked the merging of the BRAC team with FMERPA. He recommended this would eliminate a lot of misinformation. Ms. Green explained that there are two different missions therefore needing two different committees. One committee is reuse and environmental and the other is for restoration. FMERPA looks at all environmental issues for strict reuse purpose.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Carl Sohlo, of Eatontown Environmental Committee, questioned the difference between stream capping vs. capping?

Mr. Joe Fallon described the process that will be used for the Stream Bank Stabilization project. Mr. Larry Quinn stated "Soil cap is appropriate for avoiding contamination". Mr Fallon stated that the purpose for capping is to contain any waste material or contaminants.

Mr. Tom Mahedy FM Peace Earth Alliance submitted written questions that have not received responses in three months. Mr Mahedy asked who will continue to monitor the wells. He stated that he did not think the CERFA Category 1 items were thoroughly addressed during the meeting. Ms. Wanda Green referred to the

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handouts and charts and clarified that all the information has been provided in the ECP report.

Ms. Green announced the next RAB Meeting for July 9, 2009 in Gibbs Hall at 7:00PM to be followed by October 7, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned.

Board member James Allen moved to adjourn: seconded by Board Member Brian Charnick. The vote was unanimous for approval of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.