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BEFORE THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

CHANUTE AFB INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM

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BOARD MEETING

Proceedings had on April 11, 2001, at AFBCA

Public Meeting Room, 1 Aviation Drive, Rantoul,

Champaign County, Illinois, commencing at the hour of
6:05 o'clock P.M., before the Restoration Advisory

Board, before H. Lori Bernardy, a Notary Public of

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3	Joe Baker	Rantoul Press
4	Caryl E. Fothergill	RAB Member
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5	Robert Kravitz	MEC
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8	Donna Kozak Rich Weber	UNITEC
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	Ray Boudreaux	Rantoul, RAB Member
11	Carl Sahre	AFBCA
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MR. BRECHEEN: Are we all ready to start?
3	MR. ADAMS: We left so we could be here with you
4	We had a meeting, and we left that to be here at your
5	beck and call.
6	MR. BRECHEEN: We're honored. Thank you.
7	MR. ADAMS: You're welcome. Anytime.
8	MR. BRECHEEN: I don't think there's any
9	introductions. Are there any comments?
10	MS. WIRGES: No, thank you.
11	MR. BRECHEEN: Any comments on the meeting
12	minutes from the last time?
13	(No audible response.)
14	MR. BRECHEEN: Any motion to approve that?
15	MS. WIRGES: I move we approve the minutes from
16	the last meeting.
17	MR. FOTHERGILL: I second.
18	MR. BRECHEEN: All in favor say aye.
19	RAB MEMBERS: Aye.
20	MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. Let's go around and
21	introduce ourselves.
22	MR. HEIDLAUF: Dave Heidlauf with Montgomery
23	Watson.
24	MR. MILLER: Chris Miller, Montgomery Watson.

1	MR. WEBER: Rich Weber, Montgomery Watson.
2	MS. SMITH: Jennifer Smith, Montgomery Watson.
3	MR. HUTCHINSON: Mark Hutchinson, Air Force.
4	MR. WACKER: Dave Wacker, Jacobs Engineering.
5	MS. KOZAK: Donna Kozak, UNITEC.
6	MR. RICE: Charlie Rice, AFCEE.
7	MR. MITCHELL: Tim Mitchell, News-Gazette.
8	MR. BAKER: Joe Baker, Rantoul Press.
9	MR. PITTS: Steve Pitts, AFBCA.
10	MR. KRAVITZ: Rob Kravitz, Midwest Environmental
11	Control.
12	MR. BRECHEEN: Tim Brecheen, Chanute AFBCA.
13	MR. FOTHERGILL: Caryl Fothergill, RAB Member.
14	MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, RAB Member.
15	MR. ADAMS: Gary Adams, the Village of Rantoul.
16	MR. BOUDREAUX: Ray Boudreaux, the Village of
17	Rantoul.
18	MR. SCHAFER: Gary Schafer, United States
19	Environmental Protection Agency.
20	MR. HILL: Chris Hill, Illinois EPA.
21	MR. BRECHEEN: Can you all see this at all?
22	MR. BOUDREAUX: Yeah. Prescription (indicating).
23	MR. BRECHEEN: You can certainly move closer.
24	We'll go ahead and start with our Update of

the last couple of months. We're moving out of the winter season, and it's going to be a fairly busy time for us these next few months under the Landfills Investigation. Future Work: Coming up shortly is the Draft Investigation Report for the sites which follows the Investigation and the Feasibility Study in turn this summer.

So, most of the field work is complete.

Compiling that information, again, covers the

Landfills and Heritage Lake. Remedial action:

Capping the four Landfills. The main efforts there,

Landfills 1 and 2 progressing. I'm sure most of you

have all seen the work, a lot of digging, a lot of

dirt hauling - these words are small - power source in

with the Village.

Retention pod should start the 1st of May. We'll be able to this year complete the borrow source and excavation. Landfills 1 and 2, the goal is to complete those this year, and get most of Landfill 3 done as well.

MR. ADAMS: Did you ever make a decision you're going to be deeper?

MR. BRECHEEN: We have a request from the Village to dig deeper. We can, and there's certain

liabilities associated with that, but yes, we can.

MR. ADAMS: Where are you with that decision?

MR. BRECHEEN: We owe you a response in writing, which will come the next couple of days. We want to make sure we reiterate that the further deeper you go, you know, there are potentials for different types of geology.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Did you reach sand yet?

MR. ADAMS: We don't want to create a problem. I think what we're trying to say is, potentially, if you can -- if you can get more dirt there, fine. If you can't, you can't.

MR. BRECHEEN: There will be the need to go to a second borrow source before we're done capping all the things we need to cap.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Will you be done digging the lake then at the end of this season.

MR. BRECHEEN: That's correct, in this construction season.

MR. BOUDREAUX: So we'll be done? All the dirt you can get, you'll have gotten? It will be done?

MR. BRECHEEN: Barring anything unforeseen. As we all know, the Landfill is not just the caps, it's the leachate collection system and methane gas system

as well. That's probably the majority of the construction activity we'll see here over the next year, is the construction caps. That's really the only sites where we have remedies ongoing.

Base-Wide Investigation: We've started the work over in Operable Unit 1, the main base area. I don't know if you've all see the guy out there doing geophysics work, where he's checking for lead at the various sites. He's using an ATV unit, pulling the magnetic devices that can work to see if there's any metallic objects up to 10- to 12-foot area at various sites.

Residential areas: We've been in communication with everybody concerned, and I think I have everyone's support to keep moving forward with the program. So, if you're out here, or you might see that or you might see we're also doing what's called cone penetrometer work where we're looking at the geology of the soil at different spots. You'll see someone out here where we've got the grass marked in a couple spots here.

MR. SCHAFER: Do you want to comment on the other areas where geophysics is being done where we're not looking solely for lead?

MR. BRECHEEN: There are some areas where there could be some potential things buried, and the geophysics will pick that up as well. EM Club area that's over -- what's that building there?

MS. WIRGES: Caddy shack?

MR. BOUDREAUX: It's over behind where the old laundry and dry cleaners used to be, across from Smith Hall.

MR. PITTS: It's behind the old Enlisted Men's Club. It's called Building 255.

MR. BOUDREAUX: That's right. It's out there.

MR. BRECHEEN: There's also some areas out in the runway, in between the runway, that we're looking for various objects. And we did have several firing ranges that we have to look and see if they got the lead from the firing ranges.

Again, this is kind of a monumental first step for this area of the base, conducting field activities. They are approved with the regulators, and we're taking a big step forward. Once we know this preliminary information will role into our workplan, and also later on this season, to be out there taking soil samples and test trenches, if we need those, and whatever else to move forward.

MR. BOUDREAUX: It's all based on what we find 1 2 with the geophysics? 3 MR. BRECHEEN: Correct. MR. FOTHERGILL: You just have one person with 4 5 this machine looking for objects? MR. BRECHEEN: We have one contract -- we have a 6 7 contract with one company, and that one company is 8 looking at all sites. 9 MR. BOUDREAUX: They move pretty fast. Have you 10 seen them off of the west end? The runway? 11 actually have a four-wheeler and pull a little --12 almost like a sled that slides along the top of the 13 grass. 14 MR. ADAMS: They were out --15 MR. BOUDREAUX: They have cones. They mark the 16 spots. I mean, they're very conscious to stay on 17 the -- they go on these tracks, back and forth, back 18 and forth. 19 MR. FOTHERGILL: So they're basically mapping a 2.0 grid. 21 MR. BOUDREAUX: Sure. They are. 22 MR. BRECHEEN: It's all GPS, and they take 23 readings every second, second and a half. You get the 24 feel with these guys, it's very scientific, but it's

kind of just the first step.

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MR. BOUDREAUX: Something that they haven't done before either. It's a giant step.

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MR. WACKER: It's the same contract that bid the

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so we have some history with those same people and the

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MR. BOUDREAUX: Remember the map that used to be

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up there that had all those little lines? Same thing.

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That's old stuff.

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MR. BRECHEEN: Right now, we have a pretty long

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list of potential problems for potential sites.

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the level of contamination of the sites, and that's

They're sites, but we don't have a clear picture on

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what this effort is for. So, hopefully, what we'll

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start seeing is -- okay, there's 15 sites that we

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started. How many of the 15 aren't really the bad

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industrial area: We have sites there that we're

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working on, that will be completed in the next two

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weeks or by the 1st of May submitting a comprehensive

workplan to deal with all the sites in Operable Unit

The same thing in Operable Unit 2, the

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MR. BOUDREAUX: What about 932 and all those?

MR. BRECHEEN: Every one of them. 916, 918, 937.

MR. BOUDREAUX: FTA-1 and -2? All of those?

MR. BRECHEEN: FTA-1. FTA-2, right now, is separate. We're still moving forward, but kind of in a separate way. But it does include FTA-1 and everything else in OU-2.

And for the goal of mid-summer -mid-summer of this summer and the workplan, we
discussed this quite a bit with the regulatory
agencies, had meetings, three meetings, to make sure
what we're building as a workplan is what's agreeable
with the agencies.

So we negotiate with them and build the workplan, submit it, and go back and forth to make sure it's appropriately developed, come to agreement, and once that workplan is completed and approved by the agencies, then we're out there doing the work.

And we'd like to be out there doing the work as early as the season provides.

So we're hoping in the July time frame, to be there in OU-2, and we decided to share that with the Village because of access and tenants and the whole picture.

MR. BOUDREAUX: We did visual inspections or whatever you call those?

MR. BRECHEEN: There are other sites where we did the visual sites inspections yesterday and looked at all those things.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Looked at all those.

MR. BRECHEEN: Because in addition to these we'll talk about this in a minute - that there's other
sites we'll talk about. Spring, put together the
planning documents, and data collection in the summer,
and following on into the spring of next year.

MR. BRECHEEN: The other sites we're calling non-CERCLA, all the tanks, and they're our tank sites, underground storage tanks all across the base. Those are moving forward. Twenty days or so, three weeks ago, we turned in kind of our first all-encompassing, comprehensive workplan to the agencies regarding 86 sites.

Of the 86 sites, we propose no further action for 62 of them, meaning we think we've done all we need to do; we've just never closed out the paperwork. So we need to close out the paperwork. The other 26 sites, we need to do further sampling.

MR. BOUDREAUX: There was a question before I

left on 937's heating oil tank.

MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, sir.

MR. BOUDREAUX: All that piping has been replaced. That has been done, and that's like three years ago or two years ago, it was replaced. All that piping has been replaced. There may be still residue there or something, but it's all new pipes. We don't think it's leaking, but I asked our maintenance guy to go out and double-check.

MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. See, there's almost like two levels of sites. There's what we call CERCLA sites, and they're large, big player sites, and then there's the non-CERCLA, which is every single tank and all those issues. We're working them both concurrently.

In the future, when we get approval, hopefully within the next 60 days, we'll be out in the field on those 26 sites. We're going to do the do sampling -- do sampling on those. There's another group of tank sites that we'll be submitting another workplan to the agencies in the next 60 to 90 days to cover those sites. We'll be drilling wells for some of these sites. Our typical underground tank sites where we need to draw wells and sample.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Were all of these UST s? 1 2 MR. BRECHEEN: Some of them. MR. BOUDREAUX: Some of them? 3 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes. Well, the places where we 4 need to install wells. (Next to me. 5 6 MR. HEIDLAUF: Our load is 60 UST's, and then 7 one, the 950 area. 8 MR. BOUDREAUX: All of them down in 900? 9 MR. HEIDLAUF: No. Some of them are OU-1 up 10 there in the main base. 11 MR. BOUDREAUX: Before we stick some big drilling 12 rig in somebody's backyard, it would be good to know 13 where those are so we can at least notify the 14 citizens. 15 MR. BRECHEEN: It will all be flush-mounted. 16 MR. BOUDREAUX: We still need to know it. You 17 had a -- some of those will have an 8-foot derrick. 18 MR. WACKER: You'll laugh at the two rigs that 19 we're going to have in this area up here next week. 20 They have a 5-foot -- they're not too large. 21 MR. BOUDREAUX: Some of the sampling wells are 22 typically a lot deeper. 23 MR. ADAMS: Just tell them we're drilling for 24 oil.

1	MR. BOUDREAUX: I'm driving to Arkansas tomorrow.
2	That's like in the last three days, it's gone up.
3	MS. WIRGES: It was 1.67 this afternoon, and a
4	little bit ago it was 1.71.
5	MR. BOUDREAUX: This past weekend, it was 1.45.
6	MS. WIRGES: That's the regular unleaded.
7	MR. BOUDREAUX: Well, the <u>USA Today</u> I don't
8	get the <u>USA Today</u> , except when I'm in a hotel, so I
9	got that this morning, and it said \$3.00 possible by
10	this summer.
11	MR. FOTHERGILL: 1.31 in Kentucky yesterday.
12	MS. WIRGES: 1.35 in Danville.
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It sounds like we need to
14	buy some Exxon stock, because they're making record
15	profits.
16	MR. ADAMS: Let's get back to the base.
17	MR. BRECHEEN: This is going to be kind of hard
18	to see. It's our funding slide.
19	MR. BOUDREAUX: Turn it on.
20	MR. KRAVITZ: We can try it again.
21	MR. BOUDREAUX: We can see them both.
22	MR. ADAMS: We believe you.
23	MR. BRECHEEN: The whole pie is everything we
24	wanted, everything we were ready to execute on and

receive money for in this fiscal year, which is October 1 to September 30 of this year.

Of the whole pie, our initial amount we were going to receive is actually this red part here.

And that was the concern when we had the article about the funding calculations.

Since that time, we were - and the term used was "restored" - this white part here. Now we're up to a level that will keep us working. We won't be stopping work. We're going to get done everything we talked about tonight, but it's not everything that we were poised and ready to execute. And some know on account of the military funding - it's almost a game at times - that to be first in line, be ready for the money.

So what we did was, we got first in line, and we built a huge program. Most of it would keep us going -- most of it will keep us going well into next year, because again, from the time we get the money, we have to put it under contract, and then execute that work.

So what we're saying is, for that red and white, that's what we have in our hand, that's what we're putting under contract, and that's what's going

1 2 3 4 talked about. 5 6 7 will not receive this year. 8 9 though because we're ready. 10 11 12 that give us the money know --13 MR. BOUDREAUX: Ready to go. 14 15 16 17 on. 18 19 20 21 22

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to keep us busy from here to the end of the fiscal year, and allow us to get, like we said, Landfills 1 and 2 almost 3, retention pond, all the fill that we

That blue part of the pie up there is kind of our wish list, that unless something changes, we

MR. BOUDREAUX: We could execute portions of that

MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, and that's how we're trying to play the game, smart, making sure that our folks

MR. BRECHEEN: -- (continuing) we're ready to go, and we can take it in fairly small pieces. We're ready to execute. Look at what we've already executed

So we have a good track record, and we're ready for the next piece. The overall -- I guess just to clarify a point, the overall AFBCA environmental request, initially, was 230 million dollars, and that was a letter that Mr. Lowas wrote.

MR. KRAVITZ: That's all of them, correct? MR. BRECHEEN: That's correct. Chanute is one of

30-plus installations. We want to clarify that not all of that is for Chanute, but Chanute gets a portion of that based on how we're postured. I know that funding has kind of been up and down. I just want to make sure we are able to execute.

We didn't get our whole wish list, but we're postured that in the future, we don't know what the rest of the fiscal year holds. There's a change of administration, and different things going on, and toward the end of the fiscal year, sometimes things change.

People who thought they needed a certain amount of money don't really need that amount or sometimes they thought they could spend it this year and can't spend it this year, so sometimes things become available. We just want to be ready.

MR. SCHAFER: You've heard the agencies express concerns on funding, and I'd like to elaborate a little bit more on that. The burden of hand, like Tim said, is the red and the white portions of the pie. The entire pie is what we feel we could have done this year, if we had gotten the money. Do you understand?

That's what that whole pie are, projects that we could have executed or at least probably

begun. Or even if we couldn't have executed them, the money would have been there from Headquarters to pass on to the contractors to get them poised to do the work. So what this means is, we're going to have another pie that constitutes tasks for fiscal year '02, okay?

If we don't get any more of this pie - and we might - I mean, the red and white might grow if the money gets freed up, and the Air Force is able to ship it here between now and the end of the fiscal year.

The worse case scenario is that that doesn't happen.

The blue portion of the pie, which represents about 60 percent of this pie, gets shoved forward into '02, in addition to the '02 pie.

So you see, there's kind of a -- for every time we don't get everything we need - and with shrinking budgets, it's unlikely that we're going to, just as a matter of reality - the pie for the next year -- the needs for the next year keep growing.

So, now we're looking at next year's pie that we would want, plus 60 percent of this year's pie in addition to that. So when the pie keeps growing on the one end, the needs and requirements keep growing, but the budget keeps coming down, and I think maybe

1 that puts in perspective for you all our concerns 2 about the Air Force's ability to get funds to do the 3 job, because it's harder for them to do it. It's very 4 difficult for them. 5 MR. BOUDREAUX: Our workplan for this year was by 6 far the largest financially of any year, right? 7 MR. BRECHEEN: That's correct. 8 MR. BOUDREAUX: And next year, it's not 9 anticipated -- it never was anticipated to be as large 10 as this year, I don't think. 11 The original --MR. BRECHEEN: 12 MR. BOUDREAUX: Well, now it would be if we don't get any of this additional --13 14 MR. BRECHEEN: Correct. 15 MR. BOUDREAUX: But I mean, it wasn't anticipated 16 to be. 17 MR. BRECHEEN: If we'd received the whole pie, 18 this year was by far the largest. 19 MR. SCHAFER: Based on what we currently know. 20 Now, what we don't know, and what we're going to find 21 out is, when we do these Investigations, we're 22 inevitably going to find sites that require cleaning. 23 MR. BOUDREAUX: Oh, yeah.

MR. SCHAFER: So based on today's information,

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yes, but we don't have the full picture. We don't have the complete picture of how much of the base has got to be cleaned up yet. So those out years are highly variable. And what we're going to need is going to be related directly to what we find in our investigations.

So just because next year's pie appears to be smaller, if we get more investigation data this year that suggests we have to do clean-up, that pie is going to grow exponentially. Did I get that right?

MR. BRECHEEN: (Nodded head up and down.)

MR. BOUDREAUX: All I was saying is that we hope that most of that work that was done previously, while it wasn't allowable, you know what I'm saying? Like things aren't allowable in court, it wasn't allowable, hopefully, those people aren't lying to us completely. So, hopefully, there's not a whole lot out there that has to be cleaned up. I mean, it could be.

MR. BRECHEEN: Once the workplans are approved in the next few months and the investigation begins, that will begin to unfold.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Yeah. You going to cover 3?

Item 3?

MR. KRAVITZ: Item 3?

1	MR. BOUDREAUX: Yes.
2	MR. KRAVITZ: I think you're working off an old
3	agenda.
4	MR. BRECHEEN: There was no new information on
5	that.
6	MR. BOUDREAUX: I brought mine from home that you
7	sent me in the mail.
8	MR. SAHRE: That was a draft.
9	MR. BOUDREAUX: Oh, that was a draft?
10	MR. BRECHEEN: It's an aggressive program. We're
11	in good weather.
12	MR. BOUDREAUX: We don't want too good weather,
13	because we really are dry, so our farmers do need some
14	rain, but we want good weather.
15	MR. BRECHEEN: Do you have any other comments?
16	MR. SCHAFER: No.
17	MR. BRECHEEN: Anybody else have any other
18	comments?
19	(No audible response.)
20	MR. BRECHEEN: Ray, on Reuse?
21	MR. BOUDREAUX: Really no big changes from last
22	month. Gary might want to talk about a little bit
23	about some of the interesting things going on that
24	with our sports program. I think that's very

important to talk about that. Gary, you might want to discuss that.

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MR. ADAMS: Just more people looking.

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getting a real reputation as having a sports education

MR. BOUDREAUX: Ver -- you know, we're kind of

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And as a matter of fact, the Chamber of Commerce will be hanging banners in the summer, summer banners, and when they go up, they will have a sports theme. We're still working on a lot of projects. think the last time we met, we were still showing a lot of tire kickers, and a lot of things, and we reported that to this group.

Since that time, the stock market has kind of gone flaky, and things just kind of stopped. Well, if the stock market goes back up, I think we'll probably see more activity. Right now, there's not a whole lot going on. That's all I have, unless there's questions.

MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. Anything else?

(No audible response.)

MR. BRECHEEN: Is there a Motion to Adjourn?

1	MR. BOUDREAUX: This meeting date, is that when
2	you want to go? Do you want to go at 7 again, or do
3	you want to go at 6?
4	MR. ADAMS: 6 is fine with me.
5	MR. BOUDREAUX: 6 is good, we get home soon.
6	MR. BRECHEEN: Okay.
7	MR. BOUDREAUX: Now, this is going to be on a
8	Thursday not it's back to Thursday instead of
9	Wednesday, and I think the reason we didn't meet this
10	time is because it's the day before good Friday. Is
11	that the reason? Church programs Maundy Thursday.
12	MR. BOUDREAUX: 6:00 on the 7th; is that right?
13	Is that the time, Tim?
14	MR. BRECHEEN: 6:00, okay. Thank you all.
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