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4 CHANUTE AFB INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM

BOARD MEETING

Proceedings had on April 30th, 2002, at AFBCA

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Champaign County, Illinois, commencing at the hour of

5:54 o'clock P.M., before the Restoration Advisory

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

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1 PRESENT: 2 Tim Brecheen Air Force Gary Adams Village of Rantoul Rantoul Resident Sandra Mathews 3 Caryl E. Fothergill RAB Member 4 Carl W. Weber Rantoul Resident Carl R. Sahre AFBCA Regional PA 5 Janice Blake Air Force Jessica Resch Booz, Allen & Hamilton 6 Rantoul Resident Louis Kowakski Drew Corson URS Corporation 7 Deb Richmann URS Corporation Gary Schafer USEPA 8 Rich Weber Montgomery-Watson-Harza Donna Kozak Booz, Allen & Hamilton 9 Chris Hill IEPA Lorraine Wirges RAB Member 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MR. BRECHEEN: Well, good evening. Thank you
3	very much for coming to the meeting this evening.
4	Thank you for the good attendance. I guess we can
5	start by going around the room and making
6	introductions.
7	My name is Tim Brecheen. I'm with the Air
8	Force.
9	MR. FOTHERGILL: Caryl Fothergill, RAB Member.
10	And to my right here is Mr. Carl Weber, my neighbor
11	who I invited as a guest.
12	MR. ADAMS: Gary Adams with the Village of
13	Rantoul.
14	MR. MATHEWS: Tim Mathews, a developer in Rantoul
15	MS. MATHEWS: Sandy Matthew, developer.
16	MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, RAB Member.
17	MR. KOWALSKI: Lou Kowalski, RAB Member.
18	MR. SCHAFER: Gary Schafer, USEPA.
19	MR. HILL: Chris Hill, Illinois EPA.
20	MR. WEBER: Rich Weber with
21	Montgomery-Watson-Harza.
22	MS. BLAKE: Janice Blake, Air Force.
23	MR. SAHRE: I'm Carl Sahre. I'm with the Air
24	Force Base Conversion Agency.

1	MS. RICHMOND: Debra Richmond, URS Corporation.
2	MS. RESCH: Jessica Resch, Booz, Allen and
3	Hamilton.
4	MS. KOZAK: Donna Kozak, Booz, Allen and
5	Hamilton.
6 / /	MR. CORSON: Drew Corson, URS Corporation.
7	MR. BRECHEEN: Thank you. Looking at the agenda,
8 , , ,	were there any comments or discussion on the Minutes
9	from the last meeting? If not, is there a Motion to
10	accept the Minutes?
11	MS. WIRGES: I so move.
12	MR. BRECHEEN: Is there a second?
13	MR. FOTHERGILL: I second.
14	MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, all in favor of approving
15	the Minutes say "aye."
16	RAB MEMBERS: Aye.
17	MR. BRECHEEN: Any other comments before we start
18	the slides of the project?
19	(No audible response.)
20	MR. BRECHEEN: We'll start with the landfill
21	capping project which most of you have seen going on.
22	Rich, if you want to
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MR. ADAMS: Tim, just turn the computer the other

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1	way.
2	MR. KOWALSKI: I'm dyslexic, so I can read that.
3	(Whereupon the overhead slide
4 ,	projector is projecting the
5	images backwards.)
6	MR. BRECHEEN: Isn't that wild. Oh, my goodness.
7	Have you all ever seen that happen before?
8	MR. ADAMS: Everybody can do that with an
9	overhead, only you can do that with a computer.
10	MR. BRECHEEN: Well, we had it working before and
11	it was
12	MS. WIRGES: Shall we go to dinner instead of
13	having a meeting?
14	MR. ADAMS: Actually, I bet everybody can read
15	that, Tim. Accomplishments since January 2002 RAB
16	meeting.
17	MR. BRECHEEN: I'll tell you what we're going to
18	do, we're going to bring it to you guys. Can you all
19	read that? I apologize for that.
20	Rich, do you have it, too?
21	MR. MATHEWS: It's something to do with the
22	projector.
23	MR. BRECHEEN: Rich, if you need a hard copy.
24	I've got it if you don't.

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MR. WEBER: I guess the last meeting was the end of January, and obviously, we were into the winter period. We went into the winter shut-down mode in the January-February time frame because of cold weather, wet weather, and shut down our borrow source. We buttoned up the Landfills and got erosion control measures in place.

And over this period of time since the last meeting, we've kept an eye on tight security with the fences and the gates. We've maintained erosion control out there, kept our silt fences in line, making sure that we don't have any problems there with our erosion control.

As we've had snow melt and rain accumulating in the excavations, we've periodically had to pump water and discharge that water to a couple different locations, which all ends up at the Village of Rantoul's Village Treatment Plant for treatment. So we've done some water pumping.

We've initiated some procurement activities that we need to do to continue our construction activities. One of those relates to a second borrow source. We will be finishing up the excavation work at the Rantoul borrow source this year completing all

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the excavation that is available and we need a second source to complete construction for the landfill caps. So we've started the procurement process for another site somewhere off the base.

And we've also started procurement for seeding, fertilizing, and mulching of the caps once all the different layers are in place the topsoil is down to establish our vegetative growth. A lot of work was done last year. We've done some office work this winter on documenting and writing up reports.

There we go.

(Whereupon the slide projector started working properly.)

MR. WEBER: The second bullet from the bottom:

Preparing documentation of the work that was done last
year, and we've also gone through some planning
activities for what we can accomplish this year.

Next slide. Over the next 60 to 90 days, we're going to continue the water pumping/erosion control maintenance and so on. If anybody's driven by the site Perimeter Road the last two days, we've been out there with a backhoe doing some grading work, maintaining our silt fences so you've seen that activity. We're going to complete the procurement for

the borrow source and the seeding contractor. We're going to finish our planning activities and begin

construction again for this year.

There's a fair amount of water that needs to be pumped from what now is a lake over at the Rantoul borrow source, which will be a lake when we're done with it, and we've begun some pumping activities this week out there and last week, and once we get that pumped down, we will begin hauling again from that site.

And one of the things we've talked about with Gary and Chris is operations, maintenance and monitoring plans for the activities once the construction is complete. So we have a draft document in for review right now with the Air Force and once that is gone through the review process, it will be submitted to the agencies.

As far as overall schedule, again, Landfill 1 was pretty much finished last year except for putting down the topsoil and getting in the seed, so that will be done this year, as well as the leachate system will be made ready once the permits and the approvals with the Village and the State are in place.

Landfills 2 and 3, there's some site

preparation work, grading activities that still need to be done, some leachate force mains that need to be installed. We have the perimeter leachate systems installed already, but we need to get the manholes and the force mains in place and then begin the actual cover construction, the various layers for those two Landfills this year. Depending on when winter comes this year - if we have a winter - and how much work we can get done, some of this again may spill into next year for completion.

And then Landfill 4, there's a number of things that play into the schedule for Landfill 4, and part of it is completion of the Work Plans getting approved by the agencies. Some of the UXO work - I guess I'm using acronyms - Tim, I'm not sure if you're going to address that today or not - but there are a number of steps that need to be completed for Landfill 4 work activities.

And things are in process, but depending on when those things get done will depend on whether or not construction starts up for this year or whether that is next year's project.

MR. BRECHEEN: One of the things that Rich mentioned - and jump in - I don't know if you all saw

out on Landfill 4, which is the Landfill on the southeast corner, that used to also be a target practice range. So one of the things we needed to do before construction took place was go out there with an explosive ordinance team with their metal detectors and other equipment and do what's called "Clear the Range."

So that happened within the last couple of weeks. I don't know if any of you saw them out there, but they cleared off 27 acres and went out 100 foot grids and scanned the entire range and found what they thought was going to be there which was practice grade rounds, the little 2 inch high -- did you see them?

MS. WIRGES: No, but I used to shoot out there.

MR. BRECHEEN: Oh, really. We noticed a lot of holes in one certain spot.

MR. SCHAFER: Off target site.

MR. BRECHEEN: The sharpshooter out there. But they located all the practice grenades and removed them. So that area both on the Landfill and west of the Landfill are clear, so we can construct on the Landfill and west on the landfill for redevelopment reuse. It's no longer an issue; it's been addressed.

MR. KOWALSKI: Are you pumping leachate now from

1 Landfill 1?

MR. WEBER: No.

MR. KOWALSKI: Are you pumping just storm water?

MR. WEBER: Yes. There's actually a couple of photos. Tim, if you want to -- on the west side of Landfill 3, which on the road south of Landfill 3 you might be able to see this area somewhat, but it's a depression where we did some waste consolidation work last year. And before we were able to get it all backfilled and buttoned up, the weather came and therefore, there's a fair amount of snow melt, rain and accumulate in that area that we have to keep pumping out periodically. So that gets pumped into either a manhole or a discharge force main that eventually gets to Rantoul.

MR. KOWALSKI: Is it the same as storm run off?

MR. WEBER: Basically, yeah, but it's rain water for the most part that accumulates. But because it's accumulating in excavations that have not technically been deemed cleaned through this process of waste consolidation and having all our samples come back, we have to treat the water as if it is contaminated.

If we were to sample it, it probably would have a very, very low area in it and in some areas it

may not have anything in it to worry about, but we err on the side of caution. So no leachate has been discharged, and it won't be discharged until all the permits and approvals are in place.

This is the shot along Perimeter Road.

Landfill 1 is on the left side there showing the perimeter fencing to maintain security, and also some of the erosion matter and silt fence to try and control the run-off erosion. Any other questions?

(No audible response.)

MR. BRECHEEN: I guess we also want to talk about some of the work we've done on our storage tank sites we talked about before. There's about 140 or so of these sites. About 26 that require action at this time.

Building 700 is the former gas station up on the north end of the former base, just north of Smith Hall. We're collecting groundwater samples out there. We've completed multiple completion reports and they're also starting to haul off a lot of this soil that was excavated off the base. It's been stockpiled down there along 50, and we're going to clean up that area and get it hauled off.

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back there on the front part of the base, former base, there's an MTBE which is an additive for gasoline.

There's still a small amount of that in the groundwater area. We need to go and characterize, and if needed, clean up. And we're also going to complete what's called a Site Characterization Report for Building 710 which is just north of the new Veterans Parkway, and then complete the report for Building 700.

So in the next couple of months, we might see some activity in that part, and our goal is to kind of get in and get out before Veterans Parkway to the west realigns with 45 is completed.

The Landfills Investigation, we have some perimeter sampling that will begin shortly. For those that have been around for a long time, the Landfills are really the main focus of the work at Chanute, both the capping and the investigation of the groundwater and the materials on top of the landfill. The report is planned to be submitted this fall for that activity, and it's a fairly large milestone for us to get accomplished.

We have what's called a Basewide

Investigation for those who are visiting for the first

time. There's about 35 to 40 environmental sites throughout the base, both in the industrial area and up at the main areas of the base that require some level of investigation. Some sites are minor. There's a skeet range, there's some oil/water separators, some places where they stored coal, and other places like that.

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There's also Landfills and fire training areas in the industrial portion of the base, all those require investigation. And now that, the Landfill's RI was kind of our cornerstone for we're building off of that and doing the Basewide.

And one of the lessons learned is realizing the importance of the information that we collect, because all future decisions are kind of based on what we've already accomplished. And we've been working hard for many years to do at that and are realizing that before we take the next step, we're kind of taking a step back with the Air Force and making sure that we have everything we need for the decisions that we need to make for these next steps. So it's cost the schedule by a few months, but working with the regulators to look at all the information that we've collected and realizing that there might be more

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information that we need to collect before we can make the decisions that we need to make for what's called the OU-1 and OU-2 Investigations.

But in doing that, it kind of creates a solid foundation because we're going to be here for a while, and we want to make sure that everything that we're going to do in the future, that there's no discrepancies; that we're in tune and in sync with the regulators for where we need to be, kind of what the initial assumptions were. So that's an activity that we've taken to move forward with the Basewide.

MR. SCHAFER: We agree with that. Like Tim said, a lot of the decision making. There's been a lot of work that's been done here and a lot of samples have been collected, and before we move forward, the best way to do it in my experience - and the Air Force certainly agrees with this - is to make the most out of the data that you have make, so you can make smart decisions subsequent down the road.

So the Air Force is in the process of kind of pulling all this information together into a package for IEPA and USEPA to look at for their recommendations, and they're evaluating: Do we have the right kinds of data to move to the decision making

point? Is there still data out there?

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So as Tim said, this has cost us some time on the schedule, but based on my experience, this is time that's well spent. Usually, EPA wants the Air Force to do everything yesterday. For those of you that have been around, we've always thought that things could never move fast here.

But this is a case where we support the Air Force doing this and taking a real hard look so we can make smart decisions so we're not going back and re-inventing the wheel. So we're trying to get smarter collectively about making these decisions.

MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, I have one more slide but it's not coming up, so I'll read it.

My final thoughts were just kind of put a synopsis together of kind of the last year's activities and where we are, where we want to go for the future and call it "Completing a Mission" with three focuses: Focus on the Community, Focus on the Environmental Regulators and working as a team, and Focusing on my Internal Team which is the contractors and folks that are on our team.

With the community, our goal is to kind of keep communicating with the Village of Rantoul on our

projects, on their redevelopment efforts to make sure that we prioritize the work we do in line with their needs. Veterans Parkway I think is a good example, making sure that we in the future development of that finish what we need to finish and get out of the way so redevelopment can occur. We're also working with the Village to make sure that all the properties are maintained properly and the buildings are maintained over time.

Our second focus is with the environmental regulators. We have for those who don't know, we have monthly meetings. We want to follow the path. It's a very prescriptive path laid out in the regulations and they write them. So regardless, we want to make sure that we follow their path and that we're good listeners. I think that's the key in this process. Because at the end of the day when we want to deed property, they sign off on the transfer of property.

so we deal with them now, and then at the end of the day, they have the final say, and that's really important, that we're working as a team all the way through the end so we can deed the property, and because my motto is "No Surprises." Nobody likes surprises. So we've been working with them to try to

1 adhere to that.

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And then my focus has also been kind of on my internal team, and I want to recognize Dr. Janice Blake. She's with AFCEE, which is the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence, and they are what's called our service center. We get, you know, dollars from the taxpayers - thank you - and we try to be the best stewards we can. But we take those dollars and I have a small staff, three or four folks, and we're losing one of those.

So, we look to Janice Blake and her team at AFCEE to write the contracts and oversee the contractors and to manage the budget and do all those things, technical things that are important to get done. And then she also helps to oversee Jacobs, and you've met a couple of new ones tonight: URS, all these companies, Montgomery-Watson-Harza trucking the landfill. There are a lot of folks that are employed full-time at Chanute and in Rantoul. When we're hauling dirt, we've got -- I know that last year, we were tracking over 40 trucks a day.

So we have all the drivers, all those folks like that. We had over 100 folks full time when we're geared up. So that's quite a bit of activity

internally that we want to manage and we want to make 1 sure we're doing it efficiently and in a timely manner. And I appreciate Dr. Blake's help with that.

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But I want to make sure that we're really smart on executing this work, and that we communicate that in a way that long term what the impact's going to be, not tomorrow, but five - ten - twenty years down the road. An example is the landfill caps. I don't know the best way to do it, but I'd sure like to get with you folks, because at the end of the day I don't want some ugly chain-link looking fence in a scrappy field. You know, I want something that looks like for the community. And I know Montgomery-Watson has a great plan for seeding and they have a great plan for wildflowers and around Heritage Lake what are we going to do landscaping-wise with trees and shrubs and other things if we have time.

But I would like to somehow begin a dialog on getting with folks that care and that can provide some good ideas to us so we can listen and understand. And then as we finish up our construction out there, make that place an area that we can be proud of. there's things like that, and I'm open to other suggestions and ideas.

As we move forward with that construction, we'll start to see - not yet, but soon - up in the main base area there will be some work taking place up there, too, and we want to make sure that we have policies that are appropriate like we're not going to leave any equipment out in the base area, and things like that. We want to make sure that we're paying attention. Sorry I didn't have my slide come up on that, but I want to make sure I communicate that to you.

That kind of concludes the formal part of this, but I'll sure be glad to answer any questions or comments you may have.

MR. KOWALSKI: Are there any borderline areas around any of these Landfills that would be suitable for planting trees or are you too close to the road with the cap landfills?

MR. BRECHEEN: I think possibly that -- I'm not really an expert on this -- but possibly one of the best areas is around Heritage Lake.

MR. KOWALSKI: Yeah, right there, that's a good spot. But I'm just thinking of all the other two - three caps.

MR. BRECHEEN: Right. It's going to be tough

around the road because that fences come right into the ditch line so you've only got a few feet.

MR. KOWALSKI: You don't have much room there.

MR. BRECHEEN: But we plan to put wildflowers along the slopes that are along all the public roads. So hopefully over time.

MR. KOWALSKI: Yeah, you need something to break up the green grass, I'm sure.

MS. WIRGES: The Beautification Committee in Rantoul can probably put their finger in on that, too.

MR. BRECHEEN: Well, I guess I just need help with learning who the contacts are.

MR. ADAMS: Right there. (Pointing to Lorraine.)

MR. BRECHEEN: I was at the public meeting when you guys presented the Village with the Arbor Day awards which is a benefit to us because I know that we've got the right folks.

MR. FOTHERGILL: I noticed one day just north of the hospital and child care center there's an open field there, and prior to the trees being planted there, I noticed all these holes. Doug and I couldn't figure out what in the hell are they drilling holes for, and then a month or two later there's all these trees.

1 MS. WIRGES: 1800 of them. MR. FOTHERGILL: I was going to say there was a 2 3 lot of holes out there. MR. ADAMS: It's a bombing range. 5 MR. FOTHERGILL: It was all nicely drilled to the 6 same depth. 7 MR. KOWALSKI: It's all full of trees now. MR. ADAMS: Tim, you want to mention the fact 8 9 that you're going to be moving. 10 MR. BRECHEEN: Good point. 11 MR. ADAMS: Not you personally. 12 MR. BRECHEEN: I'm only moving where Gary Adams 13 puts us. 14 MR. ADAMS: You're moving to the old steam plant. 15 You want me to talk about that reuse? 16 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. 17 MR. ADAMS: Okay, I will. Our Board approved 18 last night some renovation to Smith Hall. We have to 19 do some moving and relocating of some of the tenants 20 which are located in this building, and we'll lease 21 this building out totally to Cingular this summer, and 22 so we needed to relocate some people. So the Board 23 last night approved and authorized us to start some

work in there. And so eventually, sometime between

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now and the 1st of July, I hope, we are -- in fact, some of that renovation work is going to start tomorrow.

So it's a really tight time frame and we'll start moving people in there and hopefully that building then will at least be occupied instead of sitting there empty. And so that will move along, I hope quickly. When do we meet again? In June?

MR. BRECHEEN: First part of July.

MR. ADAMS: We'll have to make sure that we make note of that to everybody we send out to be over at the new building, and hopefully it will be there.

Anything else you want me to talk about?

MR. BRECHEEN: No. No.

MR. ADAMS: Okay.

MR. BRECHEEN: Any other questions or discussion with community involvement or reuse?

MR. ADAMS: I do want to thank you and your staff for the help you gave us with the IDOT realignment of 45 whenever that does happen. Whenever they do that, one of the things we wanted to do was extend Tanner Street south across that when they do that, because they wanted to dead-end it there. So we met and met and we re-met and finally got some assistance from Tim

and his people, and I think that's helped move that along a lot. So on behalf of the Village, I want to say thanks for the help you guys gave us on that.

MR. MATHEWS: They are going to open it?

MR. ADAMS: What they finally agreed to do is on the south side, they'll make the curb cuts or whatever you call it there, that will all be installed. And then whenever the water tower and all that is finished, then we can go on do the re-cutting agreement to get the right-of-way to us. So we could eventually, some day Tanner Street could go on south. Because otherwise, you know it's just going to dead-end there. It doesn't make a lot sense.

MS. MATHEWS: So you can turn north?

MR. ADAMS: Eventually, yes.

MS. MATHEWS: All right.

MR. ADAMS: Eventually, Tanner will go all the way through. It will cross 45 there right by the water towers. It was going to dead-end, but eventually IDOT's agreed to make that turn there.

MS. MATHEWS: Where we own that land there?

MR. MATHEWS: North is not a problem. South.

MS. MATHEWS: You can turn there? Turn south from Urbana?

MR. ADAMS: Oh, yes. Yeah, sure. Oh, sure. Yes, 1 yes, yes. They'll be able to go north. This is just 2 the ability to take it on south because they were not 3 going to do that. Anyway, I just wanted to say thank 4 5 you. MR. BRECHEEN: (Nodded head up and down.) 6 7 Any other discussion? (No audible response.) 8 MR. BRECHEEN: After the meeting, we're going to 9 get with Caryl because of the last meeting we're going 10 to check on potential coal storage areas in addition 11 to what we might have listed. So we've got maps of 12 the right places, and maybe I'd like to give you a 13 call sometime, if that's okay? 14 MS. WIRGES: Are we still furnishing water to 15 those families? 16 17 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, ma'am. Unless there's anything else, thank you 18 19 all, very much. 20 HEARD AND TAKEN 21 22 23

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