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BEFORE THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

CHANUTE AFB INSTALLATION
RESTORATION PROGRAM

BOARD MEETING

Proceedings had on August 10, 2000, at
AFBCA Public Meeting Room, 1 Aviation Drive
Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois, commencing at
the hour of 7:07 o'clock P.M., before the
Restoration Advisory Board, before Tricia L.
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- 1 PRESENT:
- 2 Mr. Greg Hassett
- 3 Mr. Gary Schafer
- 4 Mr. Virlon Suits
- 5 Mr. Ron Steward
- 6 Ms. Maureen Strange
- 7 Mr. Robert Adamotz
- 8 Mr. Tim Mitchell
- 9 Mr. Larry Leehy
- 10 Mr. Richard Elgin
- 11 Mr. Caryl Fothergill
- 12 Ms. Lorraine Virges
- 13 Mr. John Miller
- 14 Mr. Charles Rice
- 15 Mr. Mark Hutchinson
- 16 Mr. Steven Pitts
- 17 Mr. Chuck Sharp
- 18 Mr. Michael Brock
- 19 Mr. Christopher McQualis
- 20 Mr. Tom Blair
- 21 Mr. Dave Heidland
- 22 Mr. Tim Brecheen
- 23 Mr. Greg Hassett
- 24 Mr. Andrew Jankowski
- Mr. Stephen Nussbaum
- Mr. Dan Brady
- Mr. Tom Mason

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. PITTS: Good evening. We would like to
3 welcome you to the Restoration and Advisory Board
4 meeting for the 10th of August.

5 My name is Steven Pitts, I'm with the Air
6 Force Base Conversion Agency. I would like to have
7 our RAB members introduce themselves, if they
8 would, please.

9 MS. VIRGES: Lorraine Virges.

10 MR. FOTHERGILL: Caryl Fothergill. I've been
11 absent the past two meetings, and I apologize for
12 that.

13 MR. SUITS: I'd also like to introduce at this
14 time Mr. Lawrence Leehy, my new boss from Rosslyn,
15 Virginia. He's been on with us about three weeks
16 now. It's a pleasure having you on board.

17 With him from Rosslyn is also Maureen
18 Strange. She handles real estate in our Rosslyn
19 office and also will be handling the acting real
20 estate here.

21 And then we have BEC environmental
22 coordinator that's been on board also for, what,
23 three to four weeks now, and that's Mr. Timothy
24 Brecheen. So it's been a pleasure introducing

1 these new folks within the agency.

2 MR. PITTS: Thank you, Virlon. If we could go
3 around the room, and please state your name for the
4 court reporter.

5 MR. MITCHELL: I'm Tim Mitchell from the News
6 Gazette.

7 MS. STRANGE: Maureen Strange from the AFBCA.

8 MR. RICE: Charles Rice.

9 MR. LEEHY: Larry Leehy, Air Force Base
10 Conversion Agency.

11 MR. BLAIR: Tom Blair, Hard Hat Services.

12 MR. HEIDLAND: Dave Heidland with Montgomery
13 Watson.

14 MR. JANKOWSKI: Andy Jankowski, Illinois EPA.

15 MR. NUSSBAUM: Steve Nussbaum, Illinois EPA.

16 And I just want to kind of make a note on Tom. I
17 first talked to Tom back in 1998, and I inquired
18 from Texas because there was talk about bringing
19 somebody in; Talked to Texas and they gave him a
20 high recommendation.

21 I think based upon the last three weeks
22 of efforts on this team's part, I think it's clear
23 to me, at least my agency, that there's a renewed
24 commitment here to team work and the partnerships

1 on the project. So we're really glad that Tim's
2 here, and we want to see a lot of good things -- or
3 expect a lot of good things from the team.

4 MR. BRADY: I'm Dan Brady from AFCEE.

5 MR. MASON: Tom Mason, Jacobs Engineering.

6 MR. HUTCHINSON: Mark Hutchinson, Air Force
7 Base Conversion Agency.

8 MR. ADAMOTZ: Bob Adamotz, from the University
9 of Illinois.

10 MR. ELGIN: Rick Elgin, resident.

11 MR. SUITS: I'm Virlon Suits, site manager at
12 AFBCA.

13 MR. MILLER: John Miller, Miter Tech Systems.

14 MR. PITTS: Thank you very much. Just some of
15 the ground rules just real quick. Oh, I'm sorry.

16 MR. HASSETT: Greg Hasset; Booz, Allen &
17 Hamilton.

18 MR. SCHAFER: Gary Schafer, USEPA.

19 MR. STEWARD: Ron Steward, Illinois EPA.

20 MR. PITTS: Sorry about that, I apologize
21 profusely. Trying to move forward and impress the
22 new boss, it isn't working too well.

23 At this time I would like to go over the
24 minutes to the last meeting. But before we do, if

1 you have any comments, have any questions, make
2 sure that you state your name before the comment or
3 question for the court reporter to get it down on
4 paper. Try and be aloud. I know some people talk
5 with softer voices, if you could just speak up so
6 she can hear and understand what you're saying, she
7 would appreciate it very much.

8 I would like to look at the minutes from
9 the last meeting. Are there any changes, comments,
10 or concerns? Lorraine?

11 MS. VIRGES: No.

12 MR. PITTS: Is there any other old business
13 that we need to discuss at this time? Okay.

14 We would like to get started and show you
15 the different areas that we're involved in since
16 the last RAB meeting.

17 Our landfills investigation: In this
18 particular area, the landfills investigation
19 included the four landfills, one, two, three, and
20 four, our Heritage Lake and Salt Fork Creek and
21 also a background characterization study.

22 Our approach doesn't seem like it's
23 changed in a long time. We're still looking at
24 geophysics, overlooking at some of the geological

1 and hydrogeological characterizations and also the
2 waste characterizations in the landfills
3 themselves.

4 Our next step right now is we're
5 preparing a draft investigation report and also
6 working on the feasibility studies and getting
7 those done and getting them prepared so we can get
8 them into the agencies for their concurrence and
9 approval.

10 Our landfills remedial action: This is
11 another portion of the project, is to construct
12 RCRA equivalent caps on all four of the landfills.
13 Our approach is to work with the agencies to obtain
14 their approval of our Remedial Action Work Plan and
15 also the Interim Record of Decision.

16 We're looking at: Consolidating the
17 waste, bringing it in from the external areas,
18 trying to make the size of these four landfills a
19 little smaller; installing landfill gas venting;
20 also leachate collection, which is some of the
21 water and that type of materials from the
22 landfills; and then putting the final cap, RCRA
23 cap, on top.

24 We're going to be using the Borrow Source

1 for our soils. We've discussed it with the
2 Village, and we're going to be using their
3 detention pond property. It's a win/win situation
4 for both the Village and for the Air Force. The
5 Air Force gets some free soil that meets the
6 conditions of the landfill cap.

7 The Village is looking for a 75-year
8 detention pond for their storm sewage system, and
9 they're also looking at this area as a lake-type
10 area where the residents can enjoy biking around it
11 or even possibly fishing if they get to that point
12 of stocking it and that type of thing.

13 It's approximately 16 acres. It's just
14 across the northern boundary of the base, what they
15 call the northern perimeter road, and it used to be
16 an old trailer park and then was turned into an
17 agricultural area. Part of it's agricultural and
18 part of it used to be the old trailer park, kind of
19 split in half.

20 We've established a haul route that
21 carries our trucks and our vehicles away from
22 residential areas so that we're not disturbing the
23 residents. To just describe this, we're going to
24 be coming out Chanute Street to the north perimeter

1 road, and then coming back into the air base along
2 by where the driving range is, and actually getting
3 on the old taxiways and using the old taxiways to
4 go down to the south end of the airfield, getting
5 back on perimeter road and going to the back side
6 of the landfills kind of over there by the
7 University of Illinois area and also coming up the
8 hill there by Heritage Lake, for all of you that
9 know that area. And then we'll be going into the
10 landfills, and coming back out the opposite side,
11 and coming back up the road, and getting back on
12 the taxiways, and going back to the borrow site.

13 We feel that this route is the most
14 convenient for everybody, keeps the dust down, it
15 keeps the noise and the trucks and that type of
16 stuff away from the traffic patterns as much as
17 possible.

18 We expect to be started on doing some of
19 the earlier site activities here in August, site
20 preparation, clearing, grading, things like that.

21 Our work hours right now tentatively is
22 between 8:00 and 6:00 p.m. After the school season
23 gets started, the kids are up and out of the house,
24 and they're on their way to school, we're going to

1 look at maybe changing the hours to go a little bit
2 earlier in the morning so we can get a little bit
3 more work done.

4 Also we're looking, depending on our
5 schedule and depending on how things are moving
6 along and progressing, of actually going to maybe a
7 Saturday. And, of course, this is something we'll
8 have to coordinate with the Village and get the
9 Village's concurrence on.

10 Some of our future work elements: We
11 will be conducting site preparations, as I said.
12 We will begin that excavation of the waste and
13 pulling that landfill mass back in and
14 consolidating it and making it a smaller area.

15 We're going to be beginning our borrow
16 soil operations at the Rantoul detention pond;
17 bringing that soil in for the caps and that type of
18 thing; grading and contouring of the landfill to
19 what we perceive is going to be it's final kind of
20 shape, if you want to call it that.

21 Then, of course, Old Man Winter will
22 probably intervene right about that time, and we'll
23 have to stop there and continue with the cap
24 construction in the spring, install our leachate

1 collection systems and our gas venting systems and
2 finish up the covers in the spring and summer
3 time.

4 Our OU-1 Sites Investigation: We have
5 multiple sites in the OU-1 area. OU-1 is this area
6 of the base here, the green is an OU-2 area, so two
7 separate areas. Our investigations is looking at
8 several different areas: carbon tetrachloride
9 spill area; fire demonstration pits, as many of you
10 remember from years back, they put these great big
11 pits out here in the runways and taxiways and they
12 would light them on fire and the Air Force would
13 come out and demonstrate putting out one of these
14 fires. So we're going to be looking at those.
15 There's some old skeet range, pistol range, riffle
16 ranges that we're also going to go back in and take
17 a look at.

18 Our approach is a two-phase approach, one
19 is our source characterization where we're going to
20 go out there and characterize each one of these
21 areas; and then do a full-blown investigation
22 consisting of trying to find out what's out there,
23 where it's at, and what can be done about it.

24 Our accomplishments to date, we've

1 submitted a Draft Source Characterization Work
2 Plan. This is our plan of how we want to go about
3 doing all of this work, how we're going to end up
4 at a point where we know what's out there and kind
5 of have an idea of how we want to move forward.

6 Our next step's going to be, again,
7 working with the regulators to get approval on this
8 work plan. We need their input so that we're doing
9 things right and so that we're not missing steps
10 along the way that may impact the project; and then
11 get out there in the field and start doing these
12 field activities in a very short period of time.

13 This is our Veterans Parkway Project, I'd
14 like to let Tim talk on this.

15 MR. BRECHEEN: Kind of some history on that,
16 and that's the project that's on the north part of
17 the base. It's going to allow the trucks and the
18 18-wheelers to come around the base instead of
19 going through the housing areas, and it's a very
20 important project for the Village.

21 The Air Force did quite a bit of
22 investigative work out there, and the project was
23 on hold for sometime. And through a meeting we had
24 yesterday with everybody in this City Board Room,

1 we met with the Department of Transportation, the
2 Environmental Regulators, and folks from the
3 Village, really all of the players, and were able
4 to come to a successful agreement on allowing that
5 project to proceed. Took a lot of effort, a lot of
6 help from the Regulators to do that.

7 But the project's back on track, and
8 field work probably in the next couple of weeks
9 will be starting. So that project can continue to
10 help out the resource efforts.

11 MR. PITTS: Our OU-2 Sites Investigation: We
12 have 11 sites, fire training areas 1 and 2, and
13 several of the buildings out in the 900 area that
14 we need to go in and take a look at.

15 Our approach is a two-phased approach.
16 First phase is screening level sight
17 characterization. And our second phase is a more
18 definitive, focused approach on trying to find out
19 what's out there and what we can do about
20 remediating it.

21 Our accomplishments to date since the
22 last RAB meeting is: we've submitted a Draft Phase
23 1 Report to the agencies. And we're looking for
24 their approval or their comments so that we can

1 finesse the report and get it correct and then
2 continue with the Phase 2 field work activities.

3 Our Fire Training Area 2, we mentioned it
4 earlier in Building 932 Project. At this time,
5 it's a soil removal project. We've removed
6 approximately 51,000 cubic yards to date. We still
7 have evidence of further contamination there. And
8 our removal activities are temporarily on hold, and
9 we'll get back to those as soon as the Air Force
10 can work-up some financial issues.

11 Our underground storage tanks: There's
12 several areas on the base that have had underground
13 storage tanks removed. We're out there doing the
14 sampling investigation activities. We're looking
15 to obtain closure at these various sites. The
16 tanks were taken out, and for one reason or another
17 closure didn't happen, didn't continue. And we're
18 also looking at any of or concerns like groundwater
19 concerns that are out there.

20 Most of our closure reports have already
21 been submitted, and they're already done. And
22 we're waiting on the agencies -- that sounds bad --
23 we're waiting on the agencies to take a look at
24 those and provide us feedback.

1 In the process, we've gotten feedback on
2 several of our tanks, and one of them is Building
3 700. And we're in the process of doing some
4 additional groundwater monitoring that we need to
5 do that the agencies have identified and said:
6 Hey, you missed this. So we're going back out to
7 take care of that. And we're also, again, working
8 with the regulators very closely to try and gain
9 closure on all of these sites.

10 We have several other sites out there
11 that have oil/water separators, aboveground storage
12 tanks, underground storage tanks, and various other
13 miscellaneous sites. We really need to go out, and
14 we need to do some additional activities at these
15 sites. They're loose ends, so to speak.

16 There are aboveground storage tanks that
17 have been sitting empty that the Air Force doesn't
18 feel comfortable just leaving in place. There are
19 oil/water separators. We want to make sure that
20 when we leave the facility, we're not leaving
21 anything in the ground such as an oil/water
22 separator that may have some sort of contaminate
23 left in it. So we're going out to all of these
24 sites, and we're trying to identify these various

1 sites and doing the additional closure.

2 Right now there's approximately 150 of
3 them. And you can kind of think of those as
4 individual tanks or an individual oil/water
5 separator instead of thinking that there's a
6 hundred tanks at each one of these 150 sights; it's
7 one tank or one oil/water separator.

8 Our approach is: Going to go out there,
9 and we've conducted our background review. We're
10 going to decommission a lot of these units. We're
11 going to look at the soil and groundwater sampling,
12 see if there's any pollution, any contaminants
13 evident out there. If necessary, we're going to
14 dig up the soil, remove the soil, and take some
15 sort of action to clean that up.

16 We're going to look at groundwater
17 remediation or monitoring. And then, of course, we
18 have to document all of these results. And the
19 final outcome is to obtain that closure. Get the
20 agency's buy-in that we've done everything we can
21 to close these sites and alleviate any future
22 concerns for environmental contamination or
23 environmental problems.

24 Yes, ma'am?

1 MS. VIRGES: On the soil removal, will you
2 have another problem that you had before in
3 trucking it somewhere or taking it somewhere?

4 MR. PITTS: Depends on the condition of the
5 soil that's been removed, what it is. How can I
6 explain this?

7 MS. VIRGES: It's something that's in the
8 future, will it be yet this fall or spring?

9 MR. PITTS: In the spring. We're looking at
10 doing the investigation portion this fall, starting
11 some of the removals of some of the simple things.
12 And then the longer-term analysis, and monitoring,
13 and soil remediation activities, doing that later
14 on in the spring, summer.

15 And to answer your question, there's a
16 lot depending on programs. There's certain
17 programs that each one of these fall into. Some
18 programs, there isn't a real big concern about the
19 soil in itself. Other programs, the soil's going
20 to have to be handled just like we did before.

21 We've gone through an extensive process
22 where we've identified several landfills that can
23 take various categories of soil, and I don't feel
24 that we're going to run into the problem that we

1 had before. It was a growing process, and I think
2 that we can take the things that we learn from one
3 program and actually use them to benefit us in this
4 program. I think we'll be okay. I don't see any
5 programs, Lorraine.

6 MS. VIRGES: Good. Thank you.

7 MR. PITTS: We've completed our background
8 review. Again, preparing our draft work plans;
9 again, how we're going to do things to make sure
10 that agencies are comfortable with what we're
11 doing. And we're getting ready to go out there
12 into the field and start doing some of our field
13 activities very shortly.

14 Our residential well sampling: We've
15 completed our fourth round on our residential well
16 sampling. We did that in June, now it's undergoing
17 analysis and data qualification and verification.
18 We should have a comprehensive groundwater
19 characterization completed in November, this
20 includes all of the wells, some of the interactions
21 of the wells with some of our other sites to see if
22 there's any potential problems. And I think that
23 we should be complete with our final report in
24 November.

1 That's it. Any questions on anything
2 we've covered, anything you'd like to go back on?

3 MR. ADAMOTZ: I question that temporary
4 fencing in the 900 Area; will that be gone once you
5 cap the landfills? I suppose you will fence-in the
6 landfill also?

7 MR. PITTS: Yes. To answer all of your
8 questions in one word, yes.

9 MR. ADAMOTZ: Will it be cleaned up by the Air
10 Force? Is that the last thing you do -- is
11 something I was told?

12 MR. PITTS: We're in the process of
13 characterizing it, the creek, and whether there are
14 any potential problems there. If we identify that
15 there's problems in those creeks, of course, the
16 Air Force is going to have to look at some form of
17 activity. What that is at this point in time, we
18 can't tell you because we haven't reached that
19 stage, Bob. We're just in the initial
20 investigation portion, and we need to gather all of
21 the facts, get the samples taken, that type of
22 thing.

23 MR. ADAMOTZ: Are you just looking at it from
24 environmental, or will you be taking out all of the

1 dead -- everything that's accumulated in those
2 creeks over the years? We have bridges there that
3 are just about blocked up.

4 MR. PITTS: I understand. Again, it's going
5 to depend on a lot of things. If we go out there
6 and we don't find any contamination, and there's no
7 problem with the creek, then we can just turn that
8 over to the Village. It's basically under the
9 Village's control to unlock it and things like
10 that, as I understand it.

11 MR. ADAMOTZ: It had accumulated while the Air
12 Force had it.

13 MR. PITTS: We've got some beavers out there
14 in the last five or ten years that have been doing
15 some serious damage to that creek, so. No, to be
16 honest with you, I think that would be an issue
17 that would go back to the Village.

18 The Village has indicated to us that they
19 do the clean out of the creeks. And at some
20 previous RAB meetings, we'd mentioned the concern
21 over just going in and taking out the beaver dams
22 and taking out of the beaver houses and that type
23 of thing. We thought maybe working with DNR or
24 somebody like that to relocate them or whatever.

1 So I think that clearing operation as far
2 as the logs and that type of thing is going be to
3 be a Village issue. But if we find that there's
4 some sort of potential contaminants that exceed a
5 standard that either the State or the Federal
6 agencies have set for those areas, then we're going
7 to have go in there and do something; could be as
8 simple as cleaning the creek, you know, scraping
9 out some of the sediment, that type of thing, or we
10 may even have to look at something as drastic and
11 rerouting it so that it doesn't flow through the
12 basin and then dealing with what we have here.

13 I can't give you a good answer because we
14 don't have enough data, we literally don't have any
15 at this point to give you a good answer. But the
16 Air Force will definitely be working on that
17 problem.

18 Any other questions?

19 MR. SUITS: Let me say a little something and
20 get back to the Village or relative to the use --
21 I'm sorry, Virlon Suits. I certainly can't do
22 Ray Goodrow (sp) justice, but I know they're both
23 busy here with the upcoming weekend.

24 I think one of the things he would want

1 me to say is encourage everybody that might be in
2 town or would like to come back to town to attend
3 this function here over the weekend, that will be
4 the balloon -- the Fire on the Prairie event with
5 the balloons. And hopefully this weekend will be a
6 little better for the balloon event. It was kind
7 of a slow weekend last week, but it promises to be
8 better weather. A lot of people stayed away last
9 week.

10 The other thing I guess I would say
11 relative to some of the reuse still in progress,
12 there's a little bit of building going on around
13 the base. I know Burkeys (sp) are adding to their
14 Admin (sp) Center and it will be like a parts depo,
15 so there's a slam on grade building going on out
16 there. And there's also the T-hangers are back on
17 track, and they're working on that some more.

18 I've also had a request of my office to
19 remove some buildings, so I think there's some
20 additional work in the wing as far as, perhaps,
21 other new buildings.

22 So that's some of things that is going
23 on. I'm certainly not privy to know just what
24 sorts of companies or so are contemplating moving

1 in here. But at any rate, there's some of those
2 things going on at the present time.

3 So once again, I'm sure that their
4 apologies go to the board here for not being here,
5 but they are extremely busy with the upcoming
6 weekend event. Thank you.

7 MR. PITTS: Okay, any other questions? Any
8 other concerns?

9 Lorraine, would you like to adjourn the
10 meeting.

11 MS. VIRGES: I move that the meeting be
12 adjourned.

13 MR. FOTHERGILL: I second.

14 PROCEEDING CONCLUDED.

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