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3       IN RE THE MATTER OF:

4       CHANUTE AFB INSTALLATION  
5       RESTORATION PROGRAM

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PUBLIC MEETING

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1 PRESENT:

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Lorraine Wirges RAB Member

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Chris Hill IEPA

Owen Thompson USEPA

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Scot Brandon Village of Rantoul

Bill Hundscuker Resident of Rantoul

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Darren Guttman AFCEE

Dave Wacker Booz Allen Hamilton

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Tim Sueltenfuss Booz Allen Hamilton

LeAnn Herren Smith & Associates

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Diane Shields Village of Rantoul

Caryl E. Fothergill Rab Member

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Bill Harris AFRPA

Gary Koski AFRPA

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

2                   MR. SUELTFUSS: Let me introduce  
3 myself, I'm Tim Sueltenfuss. I just recently  
4 learned how to say that last name so I don't  
5 expect anybody here to be able to do it.

6                   I work with Booz Allen Hamilton, and I  
7 lead community relations support for a number of  
8 Bases including Chanute.

9                   LeAnn Herren is also on our team, and  
10 she and I sit at the former Kelly Air Force Base  
11 in San Antonio, Texas, right next to the Public  
12 Affairs Officer who has responsibility for some  
13 of the public affairs and community relations  
14 work here at Chanute and all kinds of the central  
15 AFRPA, Air Force Real Property Agency  
16 Installations.

17                   So, I'd like to just go ahead and jump  
18 on in once we have everybody here and begin with  
19 an agenda and head on into the discussions.

20                   So our agenda today then is to start  
21 off with a few introductions. We'll actually  
22 just go around the table, allow everyone in the  
23 room to introduce or reintroduce themselves.

24                   We'll talk about some old business

1 which essentially encompasses just a couple sets  
2 of Meeting Minutes from the last couple of RABs.

3 Then we'll hit the highlights of some  
4 environmental cleanup updates, really focusing in  
5 on the activities since February of 2004.

6 We'll talk about Landfill 2, the fuel  
7 storage tanks update, some basewide sampling  
8 that's been ongoing since March, and then the  
9 community relations update as well.

10 We'll talk a bit about reuse progress,  
11 and then we'll discuss the next meeting and some  
12 logistical comments as well.

13 Does that sound good? Would anybody  
14 like to suggest a different agenda item or a  
15 different approach?

16 (No audible response.)

17 MR. SUELTFUSS: So let's go ahead  
18 then and start just with introductions.

19 I've kind of thrown my name out there.  
20 I wonder if we can just start here and go around  
21 the table and then we'll get everybody on the  
22 outer side of the room.

23 MR. BRANDON: Scott Brandon, Village of  
24 Rantoul.

1 MR. THOMPSON: I'm Owen Thompson with  
2 US EPA Region V from up in Chicago.

3 MR. HILL: Chris Hill from the Illinois  
4 Environmental Protection Agency out of  
5 Springfield.

6 DR. HARRIS: I'm Bill Harris. I'm the  
7 Environmental Coordinator for the Air Force here  
8 at Chanute.

9 MR. FOTHERGILL: Caryl Fothergill, RAB  
10 Member.

11 MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, RAB  
12 Member.

13 MR. KOSKI: Gary Koski, Site Manager  
14 for the Air Force here at Chanute.

15 MR. SUELTFUSS: And then the guys in  
16 the back row.

17 MS. SHIELDS: Diane Shields, Village of  
18 Rantoul.

19 MR. HUNDSUCKER: Bill Hundsucker,  
20 citizen of Rantoul.

21 MR. WACKER: Dave Wacker. I work for  
22 Booze Allen Hamilton.

23 MR. SUELTFUSS: And could you  
24 introduce yourself as well.

1 THE REPORTER: My name is Lori Bernardy  
2 and I am your court reporter.

3 MR. SUELTFUSS: And is there anybody  
4 that's not signed in?

5 (No audible response.)

6 MR. SUELTFUSS: Let me also introduce  
7 someone who is not here, Larisa Dawkins is the  
8 Interim Public Affairs Officer.

9 As you might remember at the last RAB  
10 meeting, Doug Karas came in who was the original  
11 Public Affairs Officer and he announced that he  
12 was taking over some responsibilities at Chanute.

13 Unfortunately for us, fortunately for  
14 Doug, he is as of this very moment packing his  
15 house and is about to move out to Washington,  
16 D.C. and work at the Pentagon on some other  
17 public affairs media relations.

18 So there will be somewhat of a change  
19 there. Miss Dawkins regrets that she was not  
20 able make it to this meeting but does anticipate  
21 coming to RAB meetings at Chanute in the future.

22 Her information is available there and  
23 I can give you additional contact information.

24 So now if we can go ahead and pass out

1 some of these RAB Minutes.

2 We're moving on to the Old Business  
3 Section of our agenda and we have two sets of RAB  
4 Meeting Minutes: one from the October 22, 2003  
5 meeting and one from the February 25, 2004  
6 meeting.

7 These have been provided in the past.  
8 Is there anyone who has comments or changes to  
9 these?

10 Miss Wirges, I know you had noted a  
11 slight change.

12 MS. WIRGES: In paragraph three, second  
13 paragraph of the February Minutes, you say that  
14 occurred behind the former Enlisted Men's Club in  
15 Operable Unit.

16 Were you talking about what we would  
17 call the NCO Club where the Caddyshack is now or  
18 the Enlisted Men's barracks that used to be there  
19 in that area?

20 MR. FOTHERGILL: The new NCO Club, not  
21 the Chandell Club.

22 MS. WIRGES: Over here?

23 MR. FOTHERGILL: Right. Uh-huh.

24 MS. WIRGES: But that wasn't Enlisted



1 Men's Club.

2 MR. FOTHERGILL: Yes, it was. It was  
3 the Enlisted Club.

4 MR. SUELTFENFUSS: Shall we take an  
5 action to just identify the name?

6 MS. WIRGES: I think the enlisted --

7 MR. FOTHERGILL: It was called the  
8 Timbers Club.

9 MS. WIRGES: It was for the lower  
10 ranking, it would be the Enlisted Club.

11 MR. FOTHERGILL: If you want to call it  
12 the former Timbers, the former Timbers Club,  
13 whereas the other one over here was called the  
14 Chandelle.

15 MR. SUELTFENFUSS: So if we made the  
16 change to have that read the former Timbers Club,  
17 would that satisfy things?

18 MS. WIRGES: That's fine, uh-huh.

19 MR. SUELTFENFUSS: Any other changes  
20 that need to be made to either of those two sets  
21 of Minutes?

22 (No audible response.)

23 MR. SUELTFENFUSS: Would you then like  
24 to approve those Minutes?

1                   Is there anybody opposed to approving  
2 those minutes with that one alteration to change  
3 the wording to the former Timbers Club?

4                   MS. WIRGES: I move the Minutes be  
5 approved as corrected.

6                   MR. SUELTFENFUSS: Okay.

7                   MR. FOTHERGILL: I second.

8                   MR. SUELTFENFUSS: We have a motion and  
9 a second.

10                   Any discussion?

11   (No audible response.)

12                   MR. SUELTFENFUSS: And then we'll have a  
13 vote. All those in support of that motion, say  
14 "aye."

15                   RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

16                   MR. SUELTFENFUSS: The motion passes on  
17 voice vote.

18                   Any other discussion on that point or  
19 any other old business that should be taken into  
20 account at this point?

21                   MS. WIRGES: I hate to bring things up,  
22 but last fall or during the summer months we had  
23 asked for a tour for the RAB Members out into the  
24 Landfill areas and the wildflower areas, and to

1 date that hasn't been accomplished.

2 We might just revise that this spring.

3 MR. SUELTFUSS: Okay. All right.

4 If we don't address that before the  
5 end, make sure and remind me. At the end we'll  
6 try to capture action items.

7 MS. WIRGES: All right.

8 MR. SUELTFUSS: I want to make sure  
9 we capture that as well.

10 And with all of this, please feel free  
11 to stop me and interject with any comments or  
12 questions you might have.

13 So the structure of this briefing then  
14 is to first just give an overview and then delve  
15 a little bit more deeply into each of these  
16 aspects.

17 The Overview encompassing the  
18 highlights since the last RAB meeting in  
19 February:

20 In the Landfills category, the Air  
21 Force installed erosion control material and  
22 fencing at Landfill 2, closed five fuel storage  
23 tanks, and collected over 1800 soil samples.

24 In the monitoring category, evaluated

1 over 50 groundwater screening locations.

2           And then some additional community  
3 relations have occurred. LeAnn and I happened to  
4 come up and assist the AFRPA staff in conducting  
5 21 interviews for the update of the Community  
6 Relations Plan. That occurred the end of April,  
7 and we'll talk a little bit more in-depth about  
8 that.

9           Moving on into the Landfill 2 Update.  
10 We have a picture there that shows some of the  
11 activity that occurred. Erosion control  
12 materials were installed and those were designed  
13 of course to stabilize the soil on the steeper  
14 slopes to allow the grass to grow, and then  
15 eventually degrade naturally.

16           Also at Landfill 2 a security fence was  
17 installed and the purpose of that was of course  
18 to protect the integrity of the Landfill cap and  
19 prevent access to the site.

20           MR. BRANDON: What kind of grass are  
21 they planning on planting?

22                   Does that need to be mowed?

23           MR. GUTTMANN: Yes, it will be mowed  
24 probably twice a year after it's established.

1 This year we don't have any mowing plans for it,  
2 for that landfill cap in particular.

3 MR. BRANDON: Who will do that mowing?

4 MR. GUTTMANN: It will be a contractor.

5 MR. BRANDON: Okay.

6 MR. SUELTFUSS: Any other questions  
7 about Landfill 2?

8 (No audible response.)

9 MR. SUELTFUSS: On the Fuel Storage  
10 Tanks Update, out of 260 current or former fuel  
11 storage tanks about 50 percent have been closed.  
12 That's about 128, I believe is the specific  
13 number there. Those tanks were removed and  
14 tested. The soil in the vicinity of those tanks  
15 was tested, and then the Air Force received  
16 regulatory approval to close those tanks.

17 Of the remaining approximate 50 percent  
18 of those 260 current or former fuel storage  
19 tanks, the majority are in the final stages of  
20 closure and almost complete which means that the  
21 field work has been completed, and in general  
22 there's some paper work, some additional  
23 follow-up and those will be completed.

24 A smaller portion of that remaining 50

1 percent are still in the planning field work  
2 phase.

3 Any questions there or additional  
4 information needed?

5 (No audible response.)

6 MR. SUELTFUSS: Okay, so let's talk  
7 Basewide Sampling since March 2004. The sampling  
8 is actually 85 to 90 percent complete, although I  
9 should note that that percentage will probably  
10 remain in place for a while as validation  
11 continues. The latest round of sampling analysis  
12 has been ongoing since June 2003. Of course we  
13 have a picture of the former rifle range  
14 sampling.

15 Also on the basewide sampling topic,  
16 the Air Force has drilled over 200 soil borings  
17 and collected over 1800 soil samples since March.  
18 We have pictures of a couple of activities at the  
19 golf course and near Building 927.

20 Any questions on Basewide Sampling at  
21 this point? Again, just stop me at any time if  
22 you have anything.

23 MR. FOTHERGILL: Are they finding  
24 anything significant during these samples or are

1 they just sending these samples off for lab  
2 analysis?

3 MR. SUELTFUSS: Darren, do you have  
4 anything you want to add to that?

5 MR. GUTTMANN: As far as significance,  
6 what we're doing is sampling to determine the  
7 nature and extent of any contamination.

8 There's a whole list of contaminant  
9 concerns that we have for different sites of the  
10 Base.

11 We use field screening methods to  
12 determine what interval to take the sampling,  
13 soil sampling, but we don't have any real time  
14 data until the data comes back from the  
15 laboratory.

16 MR. FOTHERGILL: So what we're viewing  
17 in the picture is just the diameter of the soil  
18 sample?

19 MR. GUTTMANN: Yes.

20 MR. FOTHERGILL: How far down are we  
21 going for this?

22 MR. GUTTMANN: For the initial round we  
23 went down to 10 feet, and then if we have  
24 something that comes back hot at that interval

1 and we don't have any groundwater data for that  
2 sample location, then we're doing more vertical  
3 delineation; we're going deeper.

4 MR. SUELTFUSS: Any other questions  
5 on that?

6 (No audible response.)

7 MR. SUELTFUSS: The Air Force has  
8 also installed over 20 monitoring wells and  
9 evaluated about 50 groundwater screening  
10 locations since March.

11 This is a good picture here of a well  
12 installation in that former Fuels Training Area.

13 MR. FOTHERGILL: Didn't they do some  
14 well monitoring off-base, south of here?

15 MR. GUTTMANN: Yes, we have residential  
16 wells that we did south of here. We also have a  
17 few background wells south of the Base.

18 MR. FOTHERGILL: Are we still  
19 monitoring those?

20 DR. HARRIS: The residential, we have  
21 completed the sampling rounds there. We have not  
22 detected anything in the residential wells and  
23 those reports actually go back through the State  
24 Department of Public Health, and they issue back



1 to the residents a letter from them.

2 We do monitor also north of the Base,  
3 some off-base sampling wells as just background  
4 wells. So we do have some things off-base that  
5 we continue to look at.

6 MS. WIRGES: The samplings that they're  
7 doing south of the Base, does that include the  
8 homes where we've been furnishing the water for  
9 the last couple of years?

10 DR. HARRIS: Yes, those are the ones.

11 MS. WIRGES: And they're closed now?

12 DR. HARRIS: The sampling of the  
13 residential wells is closed but we'll continue to  
14 supply water to those residents that desire until  
15 we have a Final Decision on that area down there.

16 One of the residents opted not to have  
17 the bottled water anymore. That was their  
18 choice, but we will provide them water.

19 MS. WIRGES: Thank you.

20 MR. SUELTFUSS: At this point the Air  
21 Force is reviewing sampling data. The purpose of  
22 this is of course to determine if any  
23 contamination exists, and if it does, what kind  
24 of contamination it is and how much contamination

1 there is.

2 We'll be validating the data as I  
3 mentioned to make sure that that data is correct.

4 After validation one of a couple  
5 options will be pursued: One is to close the  
6 site if no further cleanup is needed. And then  
7 the second option of course would be to conduct  
8 additional cleanup at the site, and then close  
9 that out.

10 If there are no other questions on that  
11 piece, we can move to the Community Relations  
12 Plan Update.

13 Anything we need to address that we  
14 have not addressed on the previous section?

15 (No audible response.)

16 MR. SUELTFUSS: Okay. Community  
17 Relations Update. We are updating the Community  
18 Relations Plan and we have conducted two rounds  
19 of interviews to accomplish that, to provide  
20 feedback and input for that Community Relations  
21 Plan Update.

22 Eleven individuals were interviewed in  
23 the spring of last year, and then as I mentioned  
24 that last week in April, LeAnn and I and others

1 conducted 21 interviews in the area here. We  
2 spoke with Village and community leaders,  
3 business owners, and regulators, RAB Members, and  
4 of course members of the general public.

5 We are currently drafting the Community  
6 Relations Plan so we don't have that finalized  
7 yet, but we can mention a couple high level  
8 findings, preliminary findings.

9 The Community is most concerned about  
10 conditions of the buildings on the Base. That  
11 resounded as the number one concern, and also  
12 would like to see a timeline for Base cleanup and  
13 transfer.

14 Also the best way to communicate with  
15 the public is by newsletter, personal letters  
16 and/or news articles in the Rantoul Press and  
17 News Gazette.

18 One thing that was also mentioned in  
19 those interviews that we conducted was that the  
20 noon meeting time for the RAB was not all that  
21 convenient for some folks and so that prevented  
22 them from attending.

23 That was mentioned by a few people but  
24 not the entire set of interviewees.

1                   Any questions about that Community  
2 Relations Plan Update?

3   (No audible response.)

4                   MR. SUELTFUSS: If we could talk a  
5 little bit about Restoration Advisory Board  
6 activities.

7                   And, LeAnn, if you could pass out the  
8 Operating Guidelines.

9                   At the last RAB meeting in February, a  
10 set of draft operating guidelines, also referred  
11 to as a draft Charter, was distributed and I  
12 believe was mailed out to those people who were  
13 not able to attend the last meeting.

14                   So at this point if the RAB Members  
15 would like to you can vote to approve those?

16                   Would anybody like to have discussion  
17 about that or would you like to make a motion  
18 related to either approving or rejecting those?

19   (No audible response.)

20                   MR. SUELTFUSS: It's my understanding  
21 that there currently is no Charter or set of  
22 Operating Guidelines for the RAB. These  
23 Operating Guidelines were drafted by the Public  
24 Affairs Officer based on operating guidelines

1 that are used at other Air Force Bases.

2 So again, what action would the RAB  
3 like to take on this?

4 MS. WIRGES: How are you going to  
5 establish terms for the RAB Members?

6 MR. SUELTFUSS: Well, again, that as  
7 all the elements of that are up for discussion.  
8 At many installations, a two-year term is set for  
9 community members and a one-year term for the  
10 Co-Chair; however, that could be at your  
11 discretion as well.

12 So an option would be just to go  
13 through this and either approve it now, or if you  
14 would like to take some more time to look at it  
15 in a bit more detail, we could put that on the  
16 agenda for the next RAB meeting. I see some  
17 heads nodding in that direction.

18 Does that seem to be the consensus?

19 MR. HILL: Personally, I think it would  
20 be a good idea to wait until the next meeting  
21 when we might have some more RAB members here.

22 MR. FOTHERGILL: I kind of looked this  
23 over. I got one in the mail, looked it over.  
24 And this is pretty much what we're doing right

1 now.

2 We have like in Section 2, paragraph  
3 2.6.2, it says: A representative from each of  
4 the United States Department of Defense, United  
5 States Environmental Protective Agency and the  
6 Illinois EPA, and we have those right here. And  
7 we've always had them right here at every  
8 meeting.

9 MR. SUELTFUSS: I think the intent of  
10 this was just to put on paper what you're already  
11 doing.

12 MR. FOTHERGILL: It's a guide. You  
13 know, it's pretty much what we're doing right  
14 now, except it's just defining it on paper.

15 MR. SUELTFUSS: When you did that  
16 review of it, did you find anything that seems  
17 out of place or that you would like to change?

18 MR. FOTHERGILL: Oh, in this paragraph  
19 2.2.7, Removal of Community Members: Community  
20 Board members in attendance may by a 2-thirds  
21 majority vote remove a community member prior to  
22 the expiration of his or her term if that person  
23 is determined to be ineffective or detrimental to  
24 the progress of the Board.

1 I fail to find anywhere prior to this a  
2 definition of a board member's term.

3 Is it three years, is it five years, is  
4 it indefinite or what?

5 DR. HARRIS: The paragraph right above  
6 that are where the terms are.

7 MR. FOTHERGILL: Oh, okay. All right.

8 DR. HARRIS: If I could just speak, my  
9 past experience having been at other locations  
10 has been this is primarily used when people are  
11 voted to be members of the Board and their  
12 attendance, they basically are not attending the  
13 meetings, and then you have a problem getting a  
14 quorum together so that you can actually vote on  
15 an action or something like that.

16 MR. FOTHERGILL: Well, I mean the word  
17 "approximately" 2 years, that is not set in  
18 stone, the actual term. Approximately could be  
19 well four, or well, one.

20 MR. SUELTFUSS: Again, we've had a  
21 suggestion that we actually --

22 MR. FOTHERGILL: I feel that, yes, the  
23 term should be in there because paper is  
24 expensive, you know. And if you're sending this

1 out to a person that doesn't attend the meeting,  
2 you've got an expense that could be eliminated  
3 and that should be in there. I agree.

4 MS. WIRGES: I think it should cover  
5 RAB Members as well as the community members,  
6 because we have people who have not attended for  
7 at least 2 years and then we have someone right  
8 now who is undergoing chemo.

9 So, you know, that's a problem there.  
10 So we have no avenue until we have this where  
11 people can resign if they're unable to continue.  
12 So this determines that portion.

13 MR. SUELTFENFUSS: We have a suggestion  
14 to put this off until the next meeting. As I  
15 mentioned before an option would be to vote on it  
16 now.

17 Which direction would you like to go  
18 with that?

19 MR. FOTHERGILL: Well, at least -- I  
20 think I was the only member last meeting, and  
21 this was provided then. And then I think I  
22 received another copy in the mail. And I don't  
23 think all the members are here. Where's --

24 MS. WIRGES: (Inaudible).



1 MR. FOTHERGILL: And isn't there  
2 another member?

3 MS. WIRGES: She's having chemo, so I  
4 talked to her about not serving anymore and she  
5 said that would be fine.

6 Do you believe that 2 years is long  
7 enough or can they be reappointed at that time?

8 MR. SUELTFUSS: Yes, ma'am, they can  
9 be reappointed at that time.

10 MR. FOTHERGILL: That's another  
11 paragraph.

12 MS. WIRGES: Right. They must notify  
13 the RAB of their intentions to seek reappointment  
14 prior to roll call.

15 MR. FOTHERGILL: I think that was in  
16 triple 2 paragraph.

17 MS. WIRGES: The last paragraph.

18 MR. FOTHERGILL: -- can be reappointed.

19 You know, I've got a question.

20 MR. SUELTFUSS: Okay.

21 MR. FOTHERGILL: If we have this, can  
22 we add to as a supplement or vote on to eliminate  
23 a paragraph?

24 MR. SUELTFUSS: Under Section 2.6.2

1 Amendments, that allows a process by which to  
2 amend the Operating Guidelines.

3 My sense is your feeling was to go  
4 ahead and vote on this now; is that correct?

5 MR. FOTHERGILL: It doesn't matter to  
6 me. How is a quorum defined? I think that was  
7 the problem last time, I was the only one here.

8 MR. SUELTFENFUSS: And that is an issue  
9 now because there isn't a quorum definition right  
10 now; makes it difficult.

11 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, I think -- I don't  
12 know what the point is in having 2 people adopt  
13 it until we get some more attendance up. We  
14 don't need a bunch of rules to resolve  
15 disagreements and move forward. I've served on a  
16 number of different BRAC sites and people serve  
17 for life as long as they show up.

18 What's the difference between RAB  
19 Member and a community member?

20 MR. SUELTFENFUSS: A RAB Member is a  
21 community member who's been appointed to the RAB.

22 MR. BRANDON: How do you become a  
23 community member?

24 MR. SUELTFENFUSS: Actually, it's a very

1 open definition, basically anybody who feels that  
2 they have a stake, that they are stake-holding.

3 What direction would you like to go?

4 MS. WIRGES: Well, how many RAB Members  
5 are supposed to be here?

6 MR. SUELTFUSS: In Section 2.1.1,  
7 Ma'am -- oh, I'm sorry. It's based on your  
8 current membership.

9 MS. WIRGES: There's supposed to be  
10 five local RAB Members, and like I said there's  
11 only 2 of us here.

12 MR. FOTHERGILL: Well, I think you just  
13 said Cathy Marsh(sp) was going to withdraw.

14 MS. WIRGES: She'll withdraw.

15 MR. FOTHERGILL: So that leaves Louis  
16 and Herman that are not here.

17 MS. WIRGES: (Nodded head up and down.)

18 MR. FOTHERGILL: And you're taking the  
19 place of Gary Adams, right?

20 MR. BRANDON: So what am I; am I a RAB  
21 Member?

22 MR. FOTHERGILL: You can be.

23 MS. WIRGES: You would be RAB Co-Chair.

24 DR. HARRIS: The RAB Co-Chair is

1 actually voted on by the RAB Members as to who  
2 they want to serve.

3           It can be anybody. Any one of your  
4 members.

5           MR. KOSKI: Other than the regulators.

6           DR. HARRIS: So the RAB Membership will  
7 decide who they want as their Co-Chair. It is  
8 not an entity.

9           MR. BRANDON: So what is a minimum  
10 number? It says the maximum number is  
11 twenty-five, right?

12           DR. HARRIS: There is no minimum  
13 unfortunately.

14           MR. BRANDON: Then how do you determine  
15 a quorum?

16           MR. SUELTFUSS: I believe it defines  
17 quorum -- I can't identify the specific location,  
18 but it's a proportion of the active members.

19           MS. WIRGES: Generally, if you go by  
20 Robert's Rules, I think that it's 2-thirds of the  
21 membership. And you have Robert's Rules of Order  
22 listed here. It should be Robert's Rules of  
23 Order Revised.

24           MR. SUELTFUSS: Well, what direction

1 would you like to go then?

2                   Would you like to vote on this now or  
3 put it off?

4                   MR. BRANDON: Am I a voting member?

5                   MR. SUELTFUSS: In the absence of a  
6 Charter or Operating Guidelines, I'd say so  
7 (inaudible).

8                   MR. BRANDON: I'm really not prepared  
9 to vote, I guess.

10                   MR. SUELTFUSS: The sense I'm getting  
11 is that there are a number of members who would  
12 like to put this off until the next RAB meeting.

13                   Is anyone opposed to putting this off  
14 to the next RAB meeting?

15                   MS. WIRGES: Let's have a chance to  
16 really study it and take it up at the next  
17 meeting.

18                   MR. BRANDON: What if we have  
19 suggestions that we want to incorporate into  
20 this, how should we go about that prior to the  
21 next meeting?

22                   MR. SUELTFUSS: We will give you a  
23 point of contact. You can either contact Lorisa  
24 Dawkins or Dr. Harris if you want.

1 DR. HARRIS: We will get them to the  
2 right people if you want to just provide them  
3 back to us here locally. That's probably the  
4 easiest for you guys.

5 MS. WIRGES: Right, give them to Diane?

6 DR. HARRIS: Yes. And then we'll  
7 forward all those comments back to the actual  
8 keeper of the electronic file.

9 MR. SUELTFUSS: So the action then on  
10 the Draft Operating Guidelines is for the RAB  
11 Members to review it, provide comments back to  
12 Dianna, and then we will revise those if  
13 necessary and represent at the next RAB meeting.

14 MR. HILL: Is this Dianna Herbert, just  
15 to clarify?

16 MS. WIRGES: Yes.

17 MR. HILL: Okay.

18 MR. SUELTFUSS: So moving on into the  
19 Membership Category of RAB activities.

20 As you all know, the sitting Community  
21 Co-Chair, Mr. Adams, is departing, so the RAB has  
22 the opportunity to appoint a new Community  
23 Co-Chair.

24 As Dr. Harris mentioned, there are

1 actually 2 co-chairs for the Restoration Advisory  
2 Board: one government co-chair and one community  
3 co-chair.

4 The Government Co-Chair is appointed  
5 and that is Dr. Harris. The Community Co-Chair  
6 is elected from the among the sitting community  
7 members.

8 So the recommendation here would be  
9 that at the next RAB meeting, the community RAB  
10 Members elect one of the community RAB Members to  
11 become the Community co-chair.

12 Does anyone object to that or would  
13 like to try a different approach?

14 (No audible response.)

15 MR. SUELTFUSS: And your question,  
16 sir, is valid: How do you know if you're a RAB  
17 Member.

18 And right now the most appropriate way  
19 is just the general consensus of the RAB. At  
20 that point, at the next meeting a Motion could be  
21 made to accept you as a RAB Member, and at that  
22 point then to have an election to identify the  
23 Community Co-Chair.

24 If you were interested, then you could

1 be one of the people vying for that.

2 MR. BRANDON: I don't know if I'll even  
3 be there.

4 MR. SUELTFUSS: Does that sound like  
5 a good way to address that?

6 MS. WIRGES: Scott is sort of filling  
7 in for Gary Adams for the interim and who knows  
8 which way the boot is going to fly.

9 MR. SUELTFUSS: Also at the last RAB  
10 meeting, the February RAB, Mr. Karas mentioned  
11 the possibility of trying to go out and elicit  
12 new members to the RAB.

13 Have you'all had a chance to think  
14 about that, and would you like to pursue some  
15 effort for getting new members onto the RAB?

16 MR. FOTHERGILL: I noticed there was a  
17 real nice announcement in the Rantoul Press that  
18 probably took up a third of the page announcing  
19 this meeting. And you know, that's good.

20 MR. SUELTFUSS: Are there any other  
21 specific activities that you would like to see  
22 directed specifically at soliciting new community  
23 members to the Restoration Advisory Board?

24 MS. WIRGES: Well, I think those of us



1 who are on would have a good feel for selecting  
2 or inviting someone to come and perhaps become a  
3 member.

4 MR. SUELTFUSS: I see. So we could  
5 make the next RAB meeting the "Bring a friend to  
6 the RAB."

7 MS. WIRGES: I think you have to have  
8 someone that's rather knowledgeable of what's  
9 been going on, not necessarily a prior military,  
10 but either a retired military that's living here  
11 or someone who's been around the Base and active  
12 in the community so they understand where we're  
13 coming from and where we're trying to go.

14 Because if you start with someone  
15 that's really fresh to it, you're going to have  
16 to go back and review and review and update and  
17 update more than you would with somebody that's  
18 close to the area.

19 MR. SUELTFUSS: Yes, ma'am.

20 Any other comments on that RAB member  
21 solicitation point?

22 MS. WIRGES: Yes, where's the pizza?

23 MR. HILL: The Village of Rantoul has a  
24 website. I don't know how active it is. I

1 haven't been there in a while, but you know  
2 possibly maybe doing something through them.

3 MS. SHIELDS: It's currently on review,  
4 working on that.

5 MR. HILL: On the page or adding that  
6 in and --

7 MS. SHIELDS: Adding that into our  
8 Homepage and giving the information. Reed would  
9 have an update for you and he hopes to make it  
10 before the end of the meeting.

11 MR. SUELTFUSS: So it sounds like the  
12 consensus is that the sitting RAB Members should  
13 identify individuals who might be interested and  
14 contact them and that the Air Force will  
15 continue, of course, to announce future meetings  
16 and use that as an effort to gain new members.

17 MR. FOTHERGILL: Sounds good.

18 MR. SUELTFUSS: Does that work for  
19 every one?

20 Okay, moving on to the Quarterly  
21 Schedule. RAB meetings generally occur on the  
22 fourth Thursday of the month, except in November,  
23 it will be the third Thursday. The remaining  
24 2004 RABS are August 26 and November 18.

1           At the last RAB meeting, Mr. Karas had  
2 suggested an idea to consider about moving the  
3 time of the RAB meeting from noon until later in  
4 the day to be more accessible to other community  
5 members.

6           Does anybody have any thoughts on that?

7           MS. WIRGES: For me, Noon works best.

8           MR. SUELTFENFUSS: Any other discussion  
9 on that point?

10          MS. WIRGES: I think in a way if you  
11 get new members, you'll have to get their  
12 consensus for a time, too.

13          MR. SUELTFENFUSS: Okay. So is your  
14 suggestion then to leave it at Noon, try to  
15 gather new members in, and get their opinion on  
16 what works best?

17          Does that work for everyone?

18                           (No audible response.)

19          MR. SUELTFENFUSS: Anybody opposed to  
20 that?

21          MS. WIRGES: What about your people who  
22 are coming in from other areas, is it easier for  
23 you to be here at Noon and then be able to leave  
24 when the afternoon is over for you?

1 MR. SUELTFUSS: How about the EPA and  
2 IEPA, does it make a difference to you'all in  
3 terms of your travel schedule?

4 MR. HILL: No, I mean, I'll be here,  
5 you know, no matter what time you have them.

6 MR. THOMPSON: We have lots of other  
7 things to do. I can certainly do a one-day trip.  
8 But if it's in the evening, I would just come  
9 town and spend the night.

10 Sometimes we work this around another  
11 BCT meetings. It's just a matter of taking a  
12 break for the RAB meeting.

13 MR. SUELTFUSS: So Mrs. Wirges'  
14 suggestion is to keep it at Noon for now but then  
15 reassess after some new members join.

16 Anyone opposed to that?

17 (No audible response.)

18 MR. SUELTFUSS: That looks like the  
19 direction we are headed.

20 All right. We have a slot identified  
21 for Mr. Berger to update Reuse Progress.

22 Do you have any comments that you'd  
23 like to make?

24 MS. SHIELDS: Actually, he just had a

1 little conflict with his schedule and he hopes to  
2 be here before the end of the meeting.

3 MR. SUELTFUSS: Perhaps we can hold  
4 off on this and if he does make it back before we  
5 conclude, then he can give us a little update.

6 Unfortunately, we're beginning to  
7 conclude.

8 As I mentioned, the next meeting is  
9 Thursday, August 26 at Noon. And we had some  
10 time allotted, a fair amount of time if there are  
11 other discussions that you'd like to have.

12 I also wanted to ask if this was the  
13 type of information and the format that's most  
14 useful. We kind of made a switch at the last  
15 couple of RABs to try to put some of this  
16 technical information in a little bit more  
17 understandable format.

18 Is this helpful or should we make  
19 changes?

20 (No audible response.)

21 MR. SUELTFUSS: Any changes that  
22 you'all would all make to the type of information  
23 that is presented at these RAB meetings?

24 MS. WIRGES: It's fine.

1 MR. FOTHERGILL: It's great.

2 MR. SUELTFUSS: Any comments from  
3 others?

4 Mr. Hundsucker, do you have anything  
5 that you would like to add?

6 MR. HUNDSUCKER: No, other than you can  
7 cleanup the town.

8 MR. BRANDON: I had one question back  
9 on one of the previous slides, on the fuel  
10 storage tanks.

11 35 percent of them in the final stages  
12 of closure.

13 Any idea the time frame when those will  
14 be completed? Well, I guess the last 50 percent.

15 MR. GUTTMANN: By final stages that  
16 basically means like a Closure Report has been  
17 written or is in the process of being written.  
18 It may be we've submitted the report to the  
19 agencies, the regulatory agencies to have them  
20 review it, or they've reviewed it and supplied  
21 comments to us and we're revising the document.

22 Somehow we're in that phase of the  
23 closure reporting, so they're almost basically,  
24 we think anyway, almost done.

1 MR. BRANDON: But do they -- have any  
2 moved yet?

3 MR. GUTTMANN: It varies. For some of  
4 the sites, they've been checked out to see what's  
5 there. If there's contamination there. If a  
6 tank is like a backup tank for a generator, it  
7 might still be in place. A lot of those have  
8 been replaced by The Village with new tanks.

9 So some of them might still be there.  
10 But like the underground storage tanks for  
11 example, they should be removed and the checking  
12 has been done in the soil to make sure there's  
13 nothing there. And then now that we've got all  
14 the data which should be written up as a report  
15 to close it out.

16 DR. HARRIS: Just to let you know on  
17 the tanks also, we just this last week have  
18 received the funding that should complete the  
19 rest of this work. So we're fully funded with  
20 what we believe it will take us to complete this  
21 work.

22 The normal process would probably be  
23 during the next physical year then or a year from  
24 now, we would hope we would be completed. Part

1 of it is just to go through regulatory review and  
2 once they get the regulatory review, there are  
3 times that Illinois needs legal review which  
4 takes quite a long time sometimes at the Agency  
5 to get into their legal office and back out of  
6 there.

7           So we have recently received funding so  
8 it gives us funding at least to complete this  
9 program.

10           MS. WIRGES: The whole thing?

11           DR. HARRIS: The storage tanks. We  
12 have received additional funding also, so we are  
13 fully funded for this year. So funding wise, we  
14 are doing good.

15           MR. THOMPSON: As far as construction  
16 being complete on tanks that you were expecting  
17 that to be removed, you know, 85 percent is a  
18 pretty good number.

19           MR. SUELTFUSS: Any other questions?

20           DR. HARRIS: We're hoping we won't find  
21 anymore underground tanks. The problem is  
22 because it's from old records and geophysics, all  
23 sorts of things, trenching.

24           Sometimes when you're trenching for



1 something else, you'll find one - it's a 1917  
2 installation - and sometimes you find things that  
3 weren't ever on drawings, period.

4 MR. THOMPSON: In Fort Sheridan they're  
5 still finding one or 2 a year.

6 MR. BRANDON: What are these tanks for?

7 DR. HARRIS: Oh, everything from  
8 heating oil tanks to gasoline tanks for different  
9 things. A lot of heating oil tanks up in this  
10 part of the country, or associated with a  
11 building, and the building has long since been  
12 gone.

13 And the previous practice, you know,  
14 back in the late '30s and early '40s was just  
15 leave it. You take the building down and you  
16 leave everything else.

17 MR. BRANDON: Including what's in it?

18 DR. HARRIS: Normally, it's -- once in  
19 a while you'll find one with something in it. I  
20 wouldn't say that you wouldn't. But the ones  
21 I've been associated with, typically they're  
22 filled with sand. They're inerted.

23 MR. THOMPSON: The ones that leaked  
24 really bad didn't have any fuel in them.

1 DR. HARRIS: Right, it's empty for a  
2 reason.

3 MR. BRANDON: Okay. I was just  
4 stalling for Reed.

5 MR. SUELTFUSS: Any other questions?

6 MS. WIRGES: Does the Co-Chairman sit  
7 in on your meetings that you have when you're in?  
8 Aren't you in for a couple of days,  
9 meetings, you know, with Dr. Harris and other  
10 people and the Co-Chairman sits in on that also?

11 MR. SUELTFUSS: I believe that has  
12 not been the standard practice.

13 DR. HARRIS: Typically, they do not sit  
14 in on those meetings, and part of it is they're  
15 fairly technical and long and drawn out.

16 I would have to ask how that goes, but  
17 I'm not sure, they're considered executive only  
18 meetings. And the idea is we have those meetings  
19 and the outcome of those meetings should be  
20 briefed back to the Restoration Advisory Board.

21 So that information is provided back in  
22 a kind of a condensed version so that you don't  
23 have to look at all the grueling numbers and  
24 slides.

1 MR. HILL: You don't want to sit  
2 through those meetings.

3 DR. HARRIS: There shouldn't be  
4 anything that occurs in those meetings that is  
5 not being passed on to you.

6 MR. HILL: Aren't the meeting Minutes  
7 public record?

8 DR. HARRIS: Yes.

9 MR. HILL: We have meeting Minutes  
10 and --

11 MR. THOMPSON: And there are  
12 transcripts being taken now, you can read every  
13 single word.

14 DR. HARRIS: But half of it's technical  
15 stuff. That's why we have all these consultants  
16 come in and advise us. It's very difficult to be  
17 an expert in all those areas.

18 MS. WIRGES: Right.

19 DR. HARRIS: It's beyond my  
20 capabilities.

21 MR. SUELTFUSS: All right. Anything  
22 else to discuss?

23 I know that you had an action item.  
24 Can you restate that?

1 MS. WIRGES: Early last year - it was  
2 in the Minutes also - the RAB asked that we could  
3 have a tour out on the Landfills, especially  
4 where they put in the wildflowers, and that was  
5 to be arranged and that has not developed.

6 And maybe some time this year we could  
7 do that.

8 MR. SUELTFUSS: Is that something  
9 other members of the RAB would like to do as  
10 well?

11 MR. FOTHERGILL: Yes.

12 DR. HARRIS: And we can do that with no  
13 problem. Probably what we're hoping to do is to  
14 dry out out there a little bit.

15 If you like what we could do is  
16 schedule that associated with the next RAB  
17 meeting.

18 MS. WIRGES: It should be dry then.

19 DR. HARRIS: Yes. It will just be hot.  
20 But, yes, I don't see any problem.

21 What we would probably do is have the  
22 meeting and then at the end of the meeting go on  
23 the tour. Or we can have the tour and then the  
24 meeting, whichever way you would prefer.

1 Do you think it would be best to go out  
2 have a look first and then in case you have  
3 questions or discussion?

4 MS. WIRGES: I don't think so. The  
5 main thing is people just wanted to see it.

6 MR. SUELTFUSS: So is the suggestion  
7 then to have the next RAB meeting at Noon on  
8 August 26 and after that meeting, pending  
9 availability of transportation, head out to take  
10 a quick tour?

11 DR. HARRIS: Is the only thing that  
12 you're interested in touring is the Landfills?  
13 Is there anything else with the Program?

14 MS. WIRGES: If you have anything else  
15 you'd like us to see.

16 DR. HARRIS: Most of it -- there's not  
17 a lot to see, and that's part of the reason I was  
18 asking.

19 MS. WIRGES: Just an overview maybe.

20 DR. HARRIS: We can take you out around  
21 the Heritage Lake area. That whole part of the  
22 Base, there's some things ongoing.

23 But if I knew what our plans are or  
24 what we planned to do, we could clarify our

1 plans. The rest of the installation for the most  
2 part -- I mean, there might be a monitoring well,  
3 but there's not a lot to see.

4 MS. WIRGES: Any beavers in the Creek?

5 DR. HARRIS: I think there are. There  
6 are some dams anyway. They're moving well down  
7 there.

8 MR. BRANDON: Do you have any idea when  
9 those temporary fences will come down out there  
10 in the Heritage Lake area?

11 DR. HARRIS: We are working to finish  
12 the fencing around the Landfills, to get  
13 permanent fencing in place. We have the money to  
14 do that.

15 And as a matter of fact, we just had a  
16 conference call this morning about what we're  
17 going to do as far as what we're going to fence.

18 Now there's some temporary fencing in  
19 addition to that, and I have not talked with the  
20 regulators yet, my understanding the reason that  
21 was put up originally was because there was a  
22 large event here on the installation and there  
23 was a feeling there should be some fencing in  
24 those areas.

1 My personal feelings is there's no  
2 reason to have the fencing now. I don't think it  
3 acts as a real deterrent to anything.

4 MR. BRANDON: Can we take it down?

5 DR. HARRIS: Can we take it down? We  
6 can identify it in a contract and do it. I  
7 wouldn't tell you it would done in the next three  
8 months, but we can put it in a contract to do it.

9 MR. BRANDON: It's just kind of  
10 unsightly, and also we have to maintain and mow  
11 around it on both sides of it.

12 DR. HARRIS: We are planning to take  
13 down as much of the temporary fences, especially  
14 around the Landfills. You know, Heritage Lake,  
15 there's some that's close there. We'll get the  
16 other fence in, the permanent fence and also  
17 finish the access roads. So it eventually all  
18 will be gone.

19 MR. BRANDON: So maybe later this  
20 summer?

21 DR. HARRIS: I don't think it will be  
22 later this summer.

23 MR. GUTTMANN: If you give me a  
24 contract.

1 DR. HARRIS: They're working that right  
2 now and what I heard this morning was the  
3 earliest for award would probably be the end of  
4 July because of the contract mechanism that we  
5 have to use.

6 We have to do it on a competitive  
7 basis. So the end of July -- so by the time  
8 they're actually there that would probably be  
9 September time frame when they're actually  
10 working.

11 MR. GUTTMANN: We took enough fence  
12 down around Heritage Lake so that you can drive  
13 all the way around the lake now.

14 MR. BRANDON: Oh.

15 DR. HARRIS: We try to get access back  
16 to the people, so we're trying to improve that.

17 MR. BRANDON: It's still up along  
18 Perimeter Road, right?

19 MR. GUTTMAN: Yes.

20 DR. HARRIS: Hopefully, we'll be able  
21 to remove that late fall. That would be the  
22 earliest that we could do that.

23 MR. BRANDON: Okay.

24 MR. SUELTFUSS: Any other topics to



1 discuss?

2 MR. FOTHERGILL: I move that we  
3 adjourn.

4 MR. SUELTFUSS: We have a Motion and  
5 I would be surprised if we don't hear a second.

6 MS. WIRGES: Second.

7 MR. SUELTFUSS: Thank you all for  
8 coming.

9 (Whereupon the next  
10 scheduled RAB meeting is  
11 August 26, 2004 at Noon.)

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