

MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2006

Project: Former Camp Butner Restoration Advisory Board

Date: April 27, 2006, 6:30 – 7:35 p.m.

Place: Butner Town Operations Building

Butner, North Carolina

Attendees: Sam Colella, USACE Wilmington (Co-Chair, Government Representative), Amy Blalock, Granville County Resident (Co-Chair, Community Representative); Barry Baker, Granville County Senior Planner; Kent Cash, Durham City employee, Marti Morgan, NCDENR Engineer, Scott Strickland, Butner Public Safety; Tom McGee, Butner Town Manager; Doug Logan, Granville County Emergency Management; Kent Lucas, RPM,EPA; (John Baden, Bob Keistler, and Raymond Livermore, USACE Wilmington; Robert Nore, USA Environmental).

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Topic: RAB Meeting 7

INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At 6:30 p.m. Co-Chairman Amy Blalock called the meeting to order.

Barry Baker motioned to approve the minutes of January 26, 2006 as presented, seconded by Kent Cash and the motion was unanimously carried.

AREA 1A UPDATE

At this point, Mr. Robert (Bob) Nore with USA Environmental spoke to the RAB regarding update information on Area 1A:

Work Required

- Flamethrower Range (Area 1A) – 20 acres
- Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC)
 - MKII hand grenade based on historic information
- Surface and subsurface clearance
- Detect items as small as hand grenade
- Detection limit – 11 diameters of MEC item

Work Completed

- Site Visit August 2005
- Work Plan December 15, 2005
- Notice to Proceed January 12, 2006
- Mobilized January 17, 2006 (Field activities were completed in 1 month.)
- De-Mobilized February 17, 2006
- Draft After Action Report March 28, 2006

Removal Procedures

- Survey the boundaries (20 acres). Mr. Nore stated that they retained a local firm, Acculine Surveying, to complete the work.
- Lay out grids (Mr. Nore's people laid out 60 x 60 meter grids and cleared them in 5 foot lanes).
- Clear vegetation and surface clutter. (A local firm was retained to clear the vegetation.)
- Mag/dig (1.5 m lanes)
- Dispose of MEC/MD

Notable Actions

- 390' exclusion zone reduced to 200' (The exclusion zone was reduced because they were not finding any unexploded ordnance.)
- Evacuated residents on temporary basis over 3-day period. (This was completed during the day hours, except for one (1) family that they had to relocate in a motel for several days.)
- Employed off-duty police for site security, traffic control, and evacuations. (They also stood by with the one (1) demolition procedure they completed because it was White Phosphorus (WP) Grenade. He noted that when these grenades are detonated you try to get the white phosphorus (WP) up in the air so that it will burn completely, so therefore, the fire department was on site. Mr. Nore stated that this procedure went well.)
- The Fire Department stood by for blow in place of "White Phosphorus" (WP) grenade.

Quality Control / Quality Assurance

Mr. Nore stated that they are required to follow through with a Quality Control process and that USACE follows up with the Quality Assurance process. The process is completed as follows:

QC Process

- UXO QC

- Geophysical Test Strip
- Daily Equipment checks
- QC seed items
- QC Sweep

QA Process – USACE

- OE Safety Specialist Oversight
- QA Sweep

Mr. Nore explained that USA Environmental and the Corps of Engineers are very serious about the work they perform. Mr. Nore related that “they require us to set up a Quality Control process which is spelled out in detail in our work plan. And then they follow through with the Quality Assurance process”. He further stated that “in our process we assign a person to oversee the quality control process, that’s our UXO QC. They also set up a Test Strip to check their equipment on a daily basis”. Mr. Nore stated that “they plant seed items throughout the different grids, attempting to ensure that the work crews are finding what they are suppose to be finding. If they don’t find the seed items then they have to go back and re-clear that grid. The UXO QC personnel will complete a 10 % sweep of a grid to make sure that everything has been cleared. If anything is found at this point, then the grid has to be cleared again”.

Mr. Nore continues to state that at this point, the Corps of Engineers follows through with their process. He stated that “they have a safety specialist that will follow behind them and complete a similar sweep (10 % of a grid). Mr. Nore related that he felt like they completed a high quality job on this project.

Clearance Results

Mr. Nore related that during the *clearance* the following items were found:

- Excavated 6343 anomalies
- Non-MEC items –6266
- Two UXO items
 - M15 smoke grenade (White Phosphorus)
 - M1 anti-vehicular land mine smoke canister
- Munitions Debris (530 lb.)
 - M1 anti-vehicular practice land mines (5)
 - 81-mm practice mortars (42)

Mr. Nore stated that they had expected to find hand grenades, which they did not, but they *did not* expect to find 81-mm practice mortars. He displayed a map, with the grids marked, indicating where the following items were found: (1) Practice land mine (2) WP Grenade (3) M1 Mine Spotting Charge (4) Practice 81 mm Mortar (5) Practice land mine. Mr. Nore also noted the items that were *live* and the others that were *expended*.

At this time, Mr. Nore *showed pictures of the following items found:*

- M15 Smoke Grenade (WP) Live
- M1 Training Land Mine Smoke Canister (live)
- After Detonation (picture)
- 81 mm Practice Mortar
- M1 Training Land Mine

When asked, Mr. Nore related that the news media did come out to the site and interviewed Mr. Livermore and others. He further stated that the process went very well. There was only one (1) detonation and minimum disturbance in the neighborhood.

Next Phase

- Lakeview Subdivision
- Area 4C Complex 2
- Area 4A Complex 1
- Area 4D Complex 1

AREA PRIORITIZATION / SCHEDULE

At this time Mr. Ray Livermore noted to the RAB of Camp Butner's area prioritization/schedule, which is as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
1.	1 A	Completed 02/2006
2.	Lakeview	FY 2006
3.	Area 4C (Will start work mid summer, rights of entry, they have received approximately 50 %.)	FY2006 (working on obtaining
4.	Area 4A (Hope to start working mid summer. This may be a problem with landowners, they are trying to obtain rights of entry – they have received approximately 50 %.)	
		FY2006
5.	Area 4D	FY2006
6.	Part of Area 4 Proper (Area 4G)*	Future
7.	Area 4 B	Future
8.	Area 4 E	Future
9.	Part of Area 4 Proper (Area 4 F)*	Future
10.	Remaining Area 4 Proper	Future
* Potential new areas identified by RAB (October 27, 2005)		

Mr. Bob Keistler explained that in Area 4 A, Mr. Tunstall had asked them to leave his property. He related that Mr. Tunstall had stated that he felt like he was being picked on and that

he did not like the write-up in the paper. Mr. Livermore stated that they could not identify which paper Mr. Tunstall was referring to. It was noted that someone should talk to Mr. Tunstall and try to get him to cooperate.

At this time, Mr. Livermore presented a picture of a *Map showing the location of Lakeview and each Area (ex. Area 4, 4B, 4C, etc.)*.

FUTURE WORK UPDATE

Mr. Livermore continued to explain the following future work update:

- Contract for Lakeview, Area 4C, 4A, and 4D has been awarded to USA Environmental.
- The process of obtaining the rights of entry to conduct the work is currently being performed.
- Fieldwork is tentatively scheduled for mid summer.

UXO INFORMATION SIGN UPDATE

Mr. Livermore updated the RAB on the UXO Sign, as follows:

- NCDOT has decided not to be a part of the contract for the UXO sign installation.
- NCDOT has provided authorization to the USACE to install the UXO signs in the DOT easement.
- USACE is currently preparing a scope of work to identify the contract requirements for the UXO sign installation.

Mr. Livermore presented to the RAB, for their review, one of the UXO signs to be installed in the Camp Butner area. He further noted that NCDOT had informed him that typical installation costs are around \$75.00.

Marti Morgan questioned how the signs would be installed to which Mr. Livermore stated that the signs would most likely be installed with metal post. He further stated that DOT did not recommend two- (2) sided signs because it would be a distraction for motorists.

SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

Doug Logan reported that coloring books and videos were distributed to the Butner Elementary School and the Butner Middle School. He stated that next year they would target the third (3rd) graders. Mr. Logan related that he did not receive any feed back from the parents of the Butner School system.

Kent Cash also reported that he did not receive any feedback from the materials that he had distributed to the Durham and Person County School system.

ORDNANCE DISCOVERY UPDATE

Doug Logan related that “bones of a bazooka round” were both found at Moriah and Uzzle Road. He explained that they were expended. He also related that on Mr. Richard Veazy’s property, located on Range Road, that 7 to 8 “bones of a bazooka round’s” were found.

RAB MEMBERSHIP

Amy Blalock related that the RAB has two (2) vacant membership seats. She explained that two (2) local residents have indicated that they are interested in filling these vacant seats. She presented each member a profile of Mr. Richard Veazey who is interested in filling one (1) of the seats. It was noted that Mr. Veazey is highly qualified to fill the position.

It was noted that Bob Keistler has the application of the second person interested in filling the 2nd vacant seat of the RAB and he stated that he would bring the application to the next scheduled meeting in July.

Kent Cash reminded the Board that he would be vacating his seat in November, which is when his term will expire. He then asked that the Board fill one of the positions with someone in the Granville County School system.

Barry Baker related that the County Commissioners originally recommended Mike Arrington to the RAB. The Board noted that the County Commissioners had no authorization who was appointed on the RAB. Mr. Cash and Mr. McGee stated that the Board has the authorization to appoint the RAB members.

Upon a motion of Kent Cash, seconded by Ken Lucas and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Mr. Richard Veazey as a member of the RAB.

After much discussion, Kent Cash motioned that if a Board Member missed two (2) consecutive meetings without an unexcused absence they would voluntarily resign, it was seconded by Barry Baker and was unanimously carried.

Sam Colella related that LTC Bud Jones, Co-Chairman – Government Representative, would no longer be coming to the meetings and that he would replace this position as co-chairman.

Barry Baker related that Derek Halberg with the Tar River Land Conservancy had agreed to speak at the next RAB meeting. He noted that land conservancy can benefit in regard to protecting land that may have unexploded ordnance.

CLOSING / ACTION ITEMS

Amy Blalock, Co-Chairman, noted the actions for discussion at the next scheduled meeting Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. The items of discussion are as follows:

- Next four areas: Lakeview, areas 4 C, 4 A, and 4 D
- UXO information sign
- Update on school program
- Ordnance discovery update
- RAB membership
- Derek Halberg with the Tar River Land Conservancy

Upon a motion of Amy Blalock, seconded by Kent Cash and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.