

**Final Draft**  
**Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes**  
**Former Kelly Air Force Base, TX**  
**Kennedy High School**

**January 20, 2004**

**Attendees:**

Mr. Ruben Peña, RAB Community Co-Chair  
Mr. Daniel Gonzales, RAB Community Representative  
Mr. Rodrigo Garcia, RAB Community Representative  
Mr. George Rice, RAB Community Representative  
Mr. Nazarite Perez, RAB Community Representative  
Mr. Robert Silvas, RAB Community Representative  
Mr. Mike DeNuccio, RAB Community Representative  
Mr. Sam Murrah, RAB Community Representative  
Mr. Adam Antwine, RAB Government Co-Chair, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA)  
Mr. William Ryan, AFRPA  
Mr. Douglas Karas, AFRPA  
Mr. John Glass, AFRPA  
Ms. Larisa Dawkins, AFRPA  
Ms. Norma Landez, AFRPA  
Ms. Leslie Brown, AFRPA  
Mr. Gary Martin, Greater Kelly Development Authority (GKDA)  
Ms. Kyle Cunningham, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health)  
Ms. Linda Kaufman, Metro Health  
Mr. Gary Miller, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Mr. Mark Weegar, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)  
Ms. Abigail Power, TCEQ  
Ms. Robyn Thompson, Booz Allen Hamilton (Booz Allen)  
Mr. Scott Courtney, Booz Allen  
Mr. Troy Gonzales, Booz Allen  
Ms. Audrie Medina, Booz Allen  
Ms. Megan Mabee, Booz Allen  
Ms. Susan Hook, Booz Allen  
Ms. Stephanie Trevino, Booz Allen  
Dr. David Smith, Smith/Associates  
Ms. Brittany Watts, Smith/Associates  
Mr. Jerry Needham, San Antonio Express-News  
Mr. David Hurtsfield  
Ms. Esmeralda Galvan  
Mr. Fred Magee  
Mr. Pat Cuellar  
Mr. Jim Clary  
Mr. Don Barker  
Mr. David Perez  
Ms. Bernadette Peña  
Mr. Juan Gonzales  
Mr. Hector Morales, Office of Congressman Ciro Rodriguez

Ms. Blanca Hernandez  
Ms. Gloria Ramos-Cortes  
Mr. Victor Arriofre  
Ms. Irma Perez  
Ms. Mary Jessie Roque  
Ms. Yolanda Johnson  
Mr. Steve Galan  
Ms. Rita Moreno Martinez  
Ms. Cynthia Moreno  
Mr. Gilbert Ramos  
Ms. Rose Ramos  
Mr. Peter Muzquiz  
Mr. Bert Koch  
Ms. Elodin Koch  
Mr. Rick Rogus  
Ms. Veronica Arriola  
Mr. Michael Sheneman  
Mr. Greg Lyssy  
Ms. Sylvia Rodriguez  
Mr. James Wittmer  
Mr. Oscar Lopez  
Mr. Ruben Luna  
Mr. Leroy Johnson  
Mr. Oscar Ora  
Ms. Juanita Orta  
Mr. Bruce Wrethen  
Mr. Jeff HATHENBAL  
Mr. Burt Good

The meeting began at 6:40 p.m.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Mr. Ruben Peña**

Mr. Ruben Peña welcomed all the RAB members and meeting attendees. He explained that this meeting would focus on the election of new board members. He said there are nine positions to fill, and a one year term to replace Mr. Gene Lene's vacancy due to resignation. There are seven community members remaining on the board who are allowed to vote in the appointment process. He added that five members are present, and this constitutes a quorum to hold elections. The meeting attendees recited the pledge of allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

### **Review and Vote on Previous Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Peña asked that everyone take a moment to review the October meeting minutes for approval. He made a motion to accept them with no changes. Mr. Dan Gonzales agreed first, and Mr. Rodrigo Garcia seconded. The RAB members voted to approve the minutes.

### **Meeting Agenda, Goals, Notifications**

Dr. David Smith reviewed the meeting goals and contents of the supplemental materials packet. He mentioned that the packet included a letter from Dr. Gene Lene, who resigned on January 8, 2004; this added another position to be filled on the board at this meeting.

## **Community Comments**

No comments were received.

## **Explanation of Appointment Process**

### **Dr. David Smith**

Dr. Smith explained that the RAB community member appointment process would occur in three phases: the first round would be a vote on individuals who live within the affected community; there were two slots available in this category. He said anyone who is not elected in the first round automatically moves to the second round, which includes individuals who may or may not live in the affected community. In round two, seven people will be elected. It requires four votes to be elected. In the third round, of the remaining candidates, someone will be appointed to fill the remaining year of Dr. Lene's term.

New member applications were previously submitted to AFRPA, and previous members had the opportunity to notify Ms. Watts of their interest in being re-elected for another term. RAB applicants will have the opportunity to speak for up to three minutes about themselves and their candidacy. He added that the executive committee worked to make the election process equitable; they drew names from a hat for the order of names listed on the ballot for candidates to present themselves. The 13 names were drawn in the following order in round 1: Sandra Converse, Carol Vaquera, Mike DeNuccio, Nazarite Perez, Henry Galindo, Peter Muzquiz, Paul Person, Kyle Blakeney, and Martina Bohler. The names were drawn in the following order for round 2: George Rice, Martina Bohler, Paul Person, Adolfo Hernandez, Michael Sheneman, Kyle Blakeney, Sandra Converse, Marcia Wilmot, Henry Galindo, Mike DeNuccio, Nazarite Perez, Peter Muzquiz, and Carol Vaquera.

## **Applicant Oral Presentations**

### **RAB Candidates**

Mr. George Rice said he has been a member of the RAB since November 1994, and would like to be reconsidered for appointment. He is a groundwater hydrologist and likes to look at work the Air Force has done to see if it makes sense from a technical point of view. As a previous member, he worked to get the Air Force to release information to the public and ensure the RAB kept its doors as wide open as possible to the community.

Ms. Martina Bohler, Mr. Paul Person, and Mr. Adolfo Hernandez were not present and were not represented by an alternate.

Mr. Michael Sheneman said he grew up on the San Marcos River and noticed recently that the river is still contaminated. He saw a notice in the paper and wanted to see if he could get involved in the RAB and see what he could offer. He is currently into natural health and serves on faculty at Palo Alto College where he teaches chemistry.

Mr. Kyle Blakeney, Ms. Sandra Converse, and Ms. Marcia Wilmot were not present and were not represented by an alternate.

Mr. Mike DeNuccio said he was the executive assistant to Councilman Enrique Barrera, District six. He has been on the Board since January 2002 and acts as a de facto liaison to the San Antonio City Council. He wants to remain involved in the RAB and help move the RAB board forward to address issues currently taking place at Kelly. One of his interests is to encourage the cleanup process and aid in the transformation of Kelly property as an industrial business park.

Mr. Nazarite Perez said he is a previous RAB member, but prefers for a new member to be elected in his place to give other community members the opportunity to serve. He said he would serve as a stand-by in case there were not enough applicants. Mr. Perez stated he went to A&M University and studied engineering and CO2. He was in the Army before that and received education in oils and petroleum. He worked for John Deere, and General Motors and reports to San Antonio City Council frequently. He wants to push the San Antonio City Council to get more involved in the cleanup at Kelly.

Mr. Peter Muzquiz said he became involved in pacifist activities after college in the 1990s. He has lived on the south side of San Antonio in the affected area since 1996, and wanted to get involved before now, but did not have the time or the opportunity due to business travel. He was inspired by City Councilman Richard Perez, a college classmate, who encouraged him to get involved. He is now self-employed and has time to be active in the RAB.

Ms. Carol Vaquera and Mr. Henry Galindo were not present and were not represented by an alternate.

Ms. Esmeralda Galvan, a previous RAB member in 2003, intervened and wanted to know if another person could be up for election. Mr. Peña explained that the application process was over and that she should have notified one of the co-chairs of this before the meeting. He said they must stick to rules to be fair to everyone.

## **Voting, Results, and Appointment of New Members**

### **Dr. David Smith**

Dr. Smith reiterated that members were to vote for two people from the affected community. Mr. Nazarite Perez and Mr. Peter Muzquiz were elected in first round. The remaining applicants proceeded to round two. Dr. Smith reminded the board that they were to select seven names remaining on the ballot in round two.

Mr. Peña interjected to say that while the votes were being tallied, he wanted the board and the audience to consider amending the agenda to allow another community comment time after the new members had been confirmed, as he felt there were still community members who wanted to speak. Then the board could take their scheduled ten minute break.

Dr. Smith stated that Ms. Converse, Ms. Vaquera, Mr. DeNuccio, Mr. Person, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Sheneman was elected in the second round. He said there was one seat remaining and the staff would hand out another ballot for the voting members to fill out to fill the remaining slot. The voting distribution reflected that the seat had not been filled and the voting members would have to vote again.

Mr. Peña recognized that community members wanted to clarify whether an applicant has to be present or have a designated alternate present to represent them to be considered for election. Mr. Peña read from the Kelly RAB Charter that an applicant “should be present or represented by an alternate at the meeting at which his or her membership is considered. If an applicant is unable to attend the election meeting, he or she may be considered if he or she informs one of the co-chairs that he or she cannot attend.” Mr. Peña said that Ms. Converse called him to notify him she would be out of town on January 20, but wanted to be considered. He stated that this issue clearly states there is a problem, and it is not his judgment call to say whether the process should move forward or be reconsidered. He recommended that they only elect those that were

present at the meeting tonight, and then hold another process at a special future meeting to fill the remaining seats.

At that point in the meeting, Ms. Abigail Power received a phone call from Mr. Person who was on a train in Utah and said he had informed Ms. Brittany Watts of his inability to attend. Mr. Peña spoke with Mr. Person and told him that the board was reviewing the charter and that the executive committee would have to decide on how to handle this situation, and he would get back with him.

Mr. Peña suggested that the RAB hold another meeting to redo the elections. Mr. Gonzales asked that the present applicants who were elected tonight be recognized. Mr. Gonzales moved that first round of voting be considered valid as those applicants that were present met the Charter requirements and should not have to attend another meeting to be considered. Mr. Robert Silvas seconded. All members were in favor, and the motion was passed to elect Mr. Perez and Mr. Muzquiz to serve on the Kelly RAB board.

Mr. Gonzales then moved that the applicants present tonight from the second round also be considered duly elected, and a future vote on remaining vacancies be considered at a later time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sam Murrah. Mr. Mark Weegar said he wanted clarification on who was considered present. Mr. Peña said Ms. Converse, Mr. DeNuccio, Mr. Rice, Mr. Person, and Mr. Sheneman were duly elected. He said there are two vacancies to fill at the next RAB meeting elections. Mr. Silvas asked whether Mr. Person should be considered since his election status is unclear. Mr. Gonzales asked if Mr. Person's phone call during the meeting served as his notification to a chair that he could not attend. Mr. Peña then clarified that Mr. Person's phone call was not made in a timely fashion, and that Mr. Person could not be elected at this time. Mr. Peña rescinded his earlier comment and stated that Ms. Converse, Mr. DeNuccio, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Sheneman were duly elected in round two and that the motion was passed to elect these individuals; Mr. Person was not elected.

Mr. Peña stated that he wants to hold a special RAB meeting next month to finalize the RAB appointments. There are four seats remaining to fill. The schedule was discussed among the board members. Mr. Peña suggested the meeting agenda would only reflect elections and be a short meeting. He wants to have the seats filled before the next scheduled meeting in March. He will contact the board members to follow up and apologized to the board and the audience for any confusion.

Mr. Peña then stated they were going to have a community comment time, take their ten minute break, and then recognize new members and invite them to the table.

### **Community Comments**

Ms. Galvan stated that she was a previous RAB member and was terminated from the RAB, but had not been told. She said she called Mr. Antwine and Mr. Peña today to discuss the issue. Mr. Peña stated that she called and he returned her call, but she never specified why she was calling. Ms. Watts made a comment that she had tried numerous times to contact Ms. Galvan regarding her term ending and the opportunity to re-submit an application, but all contact information was not current. Ms. Galvan stated that she hoped new people would be involved, and she would let them have the opportunity to be appointed.

Ms. Galvan said she had a question for Ms. Cunningham from the October meeting. She wanted to know if the fruit and nut study had been conducted to test for all the contaminants in the

plume, because she heard that not all of the contaminants were tested on the fruits and nuts. Her concern was whether these items were safe for the community to eat. Ms. Cunningham replied that Southwest Research ran the test, and the results will be available in the final report. She knows at this point that no volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were found. She stated that the toxicologist will finalize his report, and the public would be notified when this happens. Ms. Galvan asked how one could have fruit independently tested. Ms. Cunningham said the best thing to do would be to address the question to the scientist who did the testing. Dr. C.K. Tan is the researcher who did the test. Ms. Cunningham said when the report is final, she will ask Dr. Tan if he would be willing to come and give the RAB a report. Ms. Galvan said she wants to know more about soil vapor testing. Ms. Cunningham said the Air Force did the testing on the sub-slab sampling, and that Metro Health is currently awaiting the release of the results from the Air Force. Ms. Galvan stated that she wants to know whether there are chemicals still affecting people around Kelly.

Mr. Burt Cook addressed the community by saying that this is the first time he has attended a RAB meeting. He said he came because he received a postcard in the mail and wanted to be educated on Kelly issues. He said he did not realize that the board members would “conduct their own show.” Mr. Cook stated that this will be the last time he attends if future meetings proceed in this manner. Mr. Peña thanked him for coming and said he assured him that future meetings would not be handled in this manner. He added that if no one else in the community had comments they would proceed with a ten minute break.

### **Community Co-chair Welcomes New Members**

#### **Mr. Ruben Peña**

Mr. Peña reconvened the meeting and called the new RAB board members to come to the table. Mr. Peña stated that Mr. Rice, Mr. Perez, and Mr. DeNuccio were already at the table, and welcomed Mr. Muzquiz, Ms. Converse, and Mr. Sheneman to come forward and take their seats at the table. He said Ms. Watts was passing out new member’s packets and copies of Robert’s Rules of Order for their reference.

### **34th Street Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) Update**

#### **Mr. John Glass**

Mr. Glass introduced himself as a Project Manager for AFRPA, and welcomed new members. He said one of the projects he works on is the PRB that is going in just north of Kelly Air Force Base on 34<sup>th</sup> Street. He said he previously briefed the TRS on the 34th street PRB, and at that meeting, the members made a motion to provide updates on the project at future meetings of the RAB and TRS. He stated that the PRB was designed to treat the contaminant plume of PCE that is originating from just north of the base, and may have commingled with contaminants coming from Kelly Air Force Base. The PRB will separate those two plumes prior to where they have mingled. He pointed out the location on the map provided. He said AFRPA went in early 2003 and found an area of increased solvents that needed to be addressed in a 540-foot-long area. They contracted a company to build a PRB for this area. During the investigation period, they went to install the monitoring wells to monitor the PRB once installed, and discovered an abandoned pipe water main that is outside the scope of the current project contract. This required AFRPA to seek additional funding to cover the additional costs and scope of the pipe removal. If the project can conform to the revised schedule, construction should begin in March. They will remove the pipes in the way, backfill behind that, and then trench in the PRB. He stated that during the fill mobilization, a segment of about 600 feet of 34<sup>th</sup> Street to part of Growdon Road will be closed to through traffic. The PRB will be approximately 30 inches wide

and 35 feet deep. It will consist of a sand and iron mixture to cause a chemical reaction to reduce the chlorinated solvents into non-toxic constituents.

Mr. Peña asked about the anticipated time of street closures on 34<sup>th</sup> Street, and designated detours. Mr. Glass said the street closures will remain from the beginning of construction to the end of construction. He said the cross-street between 34th and 35th street will be an alternate route. The area where the PRB is to be installed is a local dumping ground. The city comes in during the week and moves the garbage. By the weekend, the garbage is back. Most of the local residents avoid the road due to the trash. There are only a few houses near where the PRB is going to be installed.

Mr. Robert Silvas asked if there are any daycares or schools in the near area. Mr. Glass responded in the negative. He said the area to the west is large commercial type lots. Alamo Aircraft owns one and there are some smaller manufacturing businesses there as well. There is a residential area, and the nearest school is Kennedy High. Mr. Silvas asked Mr. Glass if AFRPA were communicating with businesses and residents. Mr. Glass replied in the affirmative that letters and bulletins informing the community about the project have been distributed. Mr. Glass pointed out that he gave a briefing on the project at the last TRS. Mr. Silvas asked him to define the plume area he was discussing. Mr. Glass responded that it was Plume B, for Zone 5.

Mr. Peña asked that acronyms be explained by the presenters for the board members and the audience. Mr. Glass defined the term PRB and explained the clean up system. Mr. Silvas asked how long it would take to cleanup this contamination. Mr. Glass responded that the groundwater modeling suggests 25 years, but it is difficult to evaluate the off-base source as it is on private property. Mr. Silvas asked if the source could be traced. Mr. Glass responded that this question is probably better directed to the Navy. He stated that the Air Force has done what it can to identify that there is a source out there that is not the Air Forces. Mr. Silvas stated that it defeats the purpose of cleaning up something if the source still exists and cannot be addressed. Mr. Glass added that Congress authorizes money for certain purposes only, and TCEQ should to address this question.

Mr. Weegar said investigations indicate that the contamination may be a non-Air Force source comingling with an Air Force source. He said they do not know who is responsible for the source. The only current option would be to send letters to every property owner and tell them to conduct evaluations at their own expense. Mr. Silvas said that defeats the purpose when it is the Air Force's problem. He said that the Air Force is not doing enough. Mr. Weegar said he disagrees. The Air Force is putting in a PRB to remediate what they can. He said the alternative may bring up issues of individuals not wanting to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to investigate their own property, which could also offer litigation issues. Mr. Silvas said he wants a copy of the map. Mr. Peña asked those who want copies of map to notify Mr. Glass.

Mr. Rice stated that the Air Force has installed one or more PRBs on base. He asked Mr. Glass to explain how well they are working, and discuss any produced reports. Mr. Glass replied that the Air Force did conduct sampling on a PRB installed 2002. He said the data have come back but have not been published yet. He said there are some portions working as expected, and the contamination has improved over two rounds of sampling. He said two rounds is not enough data to form a conclusion. There are two other PRBs that were installed and that data has not come back from the lab yet. PRBs are passive systems that take time to show improvement. Mr. Rice said he would like to see the data. Mr. Glass explained that he would have to speak to management about releasing it before publication, but typically the data does become available.

Mr. Rodrigo Garcia asked the depth of the PRB. Mr. Glass said they are 35 feet deep. Mr. Garcia asked which contaminants will be treated. Mr. Glass said mainly PCE and daughter compounds, like TCE. Mr. Garcia asked what the project will cost. Mr. Glass said about \$1.4 million. He added that the pipe modification to the contract will add an additional \$100,000 in costs. Mr. Garcia asked if anyone had investigated Alamo Aircraft as a source of contamination problems. Mr. Glass said he did not have an answer to his question. Mr. Weegar said it is a complicated legal process to gain access to private property, and identify a source. TCEQ is going to have to ask for volunteers to test their property. Mr. Silvas asked if someone considered where the non-Air Force source could be. Mr. Weegar replied yes that it has been a lengthy discussion with the Air Force for the past two years. He stated that part of the contamination is the Air Force's responsibility. He said he wants the Air Force to exhaust their investigation efforts first. He said they just finished this phase, and are now looking for other sources. Mr. Silvas requested additional updates on the 34th Street project to be provided at subsequent meetings.

### **Palm Heights PRB Update**

#### **Mr. Scott Courtney**

Mr. Courtney introduced himself as a consultant with Booz Allen. He said he is involved in the Zone 4 cleanup process. He stated he came to give an update on the Zone 4 Corrective Measures Investigation (CMI). He said the Air Force is installing a PRB south of Malone Street along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The PRB will contain the plume from off-base source areas. There are two PRBs to be installed using injection, 500 ft. and 1,000 ft. long, respectively. He stated that with this technology, there is no excavation, minimum site disturbance, and little disruption to the surrounding community. He said the draft design is currently under Air Force review, and they are working access agreements with UPRR. Once they get the injection permit from TCEQ, construction can begin. They estimate it will be in the first quarter of 2004 and completed by the end of summer. He explained that the wall will not be visible once installed.

Mr. Rice asked if members of the RAB could watch the construction. Mr. Courtney replied in the affirmative. Mr. Rice asked how the Air Force would know that there were no gaps in the wall. Mr. Courtney said emplacement verification would be performed using surface geophysics techniques such as electrical resistivity surveys. A series of electrodes is placed below and above ground adjacent to the PRB. The iron filings in the PRB are energized while it is being put into place. The electrodes allow the placement of the filings to be monitored and directed during injection. In addition, the contractors will perform hydraulic pulse interference tests in order to monitor up and down gradient, to ensure the electrode system is working correctly. Mr. Garcia asked if any off-base sources had been identified. Mr. Courtney responded they have tested where they have access, and are working with the state and EPA to identify potential source areas. Mr. Garcia said he wants the draft design data as he is interested in new technology. Mr. Courtney said he will continue to update the RAB, and will submit the work plan to the state for approval and then to the public for comment.

Mr. Silvas said he wants a list of all Booz Allen employees. Mr. Courtney replied that he does not have an answer to that. Ms. Rose Ramos asked where the PRBs will be located. Mr. Courtney responded that they are near Culberson Street.

### **Announcements**

#### **Community update**

Nothing.

## **Technical Review Subcommittee (TRS) Update**

### **Mr. Ruben Peña**

Mr. Peña said he is giving the TRS update in the absence of a TRS chair. He said that the Executive Committee has met and is looking for a process on defining the role of the TRS as it relates to the RAB. He stated that they are also planning a time for the RAB board to meet and review and revise the RAB Charter. He said once the guidelines have been defined, they will see who should serve on the TRS board. Mr. DeNuccio said he wanted to clarify that the RAB should be looking at the Addendum to the Charter, which is the most recent document in addition to the charter.

## **BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) Update**

### **Mr. William Ryan**

Mr. Ryan stated that in addition to 34th Street and the UPRR PRB updates, the BCT is discussing TCEQ's comments on the Zone 3 RFI. They will then look at the CMS to evaluate alternatives for cleanup of these sites and will submit it to the state and the EPA in March. He said that if it is approved, they will work on installing remedies this year.

Mr. Silvas asked why there are not any spill summaries reported at the RAB. Mr. Ryan said they are reported at the TRS. Mr. Rice asked if the RAB received copies of the BCT minutes. Ms. Watts replied that they were in the materials packets mailed out two weeks ago for review before the meeting. She added that this is standard.

## **GKDA Update**

### **Mr. Gary Martin**

Mr. Martin said there are plans for a steel plant at KellyUSA which should be breaking ground this month. He said it is a state-of-the-art facility which will be located near Growdon Road. He said that 90 percent of leasable square footage has been leased. They are working on a project to develop a 15-acre site for small businesses needing warehouse space. Mr. Silvas asked if there were a background check conducted for operation. Mr. Martin replied in the affirmative. Mr. Silvas said he wants an update on the litigation. Mr. Martin replied that while it is under litigation, public discussion is not permitted. Mr. Silvas asked if GKDA or Boeing received the employee test results. Mr. Martin responded that the results are back, but are confidential due to privacy issues. He said they may be able to summarize and release the results at a later date. Mr. Silvas asked if there were any test results taken after the pipe was removed from Building 361. Mr. Martin replied yes, they took soil samples. Mr. Silvas asked if the soil results were available. Mr. Martin said they will have a report at the end of the month. Mr. Silvas asked if they plan to do any further testing. Mr. Ryan replied that they collected soil samples and did a screening survey of the floor in the building. He stated that their next step will be to determine if any work remains to be done, then they will secure the building so work can continue. Mr. Silvas asked if the missing soil from Building 361 had been found. Mr. Martin replied yes. It was taken to landfills, and Boeing's contractor did a survey, and no radioactive material was found.

## **Metro Health Update**

### **Ms. Kyle Cunningham**

Ms. Cunningham said they are still doing environmental health surveys.

## **AFRPA Update**

### **Mr. Adam Antwine**

Mr. Antwine welcomed new RAB members and welcomed re-elected RAB members back. He offered an invitation for them to come out and visit AFRPA at their convenience. He gave an update on project funding status stating that for the first quarter the Air Force received \$17 million of which \$12 million has already been contracted for projects to include many that were previously mentioned in the meeting. He said that things are going well this year, and hopes this progress will continue.

## **Meeting Wrap-Up**

### **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

- AFRPA will provide response to TAPP Review of Zone 3
- AFRPA will refer air report requests from Mr. Garcia to the Executive Committee
- AFRPA will provide a report on the Building 361 radium issue to the RAB

All listed action items were met.

### **Action Items from Present Meeting**

- Air Force will provide copies of maps from 34th Street PRB to interested RAB members upon request
- Air Force will provide preliminary PRB data to Mr. Rice
- TCEQ will provide updates on information discovered about off-base sources

Mr. Weegar said as the process goes on they will keep the RAB informed. He said any correspondence that goes out from TCEQ will be updated at the RAB meetings. He added that the individual property owner's information is far down the road and will be reported when they know something.

Mr. Silvas made a motion for an option to be added to the sign-in sheet. He said he wanted a mailing list column added for people interested in learning more about the cleanup. Mr. Garcia approved, and Mr. Rice seconded. Mr. Silvas motioned for a better way to take meeting minutes. The motioned was seconded. Mr. Peña asked him to clarify his request. Mr. Silvas said he had made previous requests to have a court stenographer take notes instead of a person taking computer notes. Mr. Gonzales responded that RAB members are provided the opportunity to review the minutes and make corrections, and that it would be a duplicative effort to bring in another party. Mr. Silvas then said he wanted to videotape the meetings. Mr. Weegar asked what the purpose of videotaping would be. Mr. Weegar stated that taping is usually done for litigation purposes. Mr. Silvas said it has been brought up before, but his concern is that the board needs more accurate meeting minutes. Mr. Rice stated that they had a stenographer for first few years of the RAB, and that it was very expensive. He added that now the meetings are audiotaped. Mr. Peña made a motion to accept Mr. Silvas' requests. No one was in favor of Mr. Silvas' motions and they failed.

Mr. Rice made a motion for the Air Force to notify the RAB when the construction starts on the PRB so they can have the opportunity to view the site. The motion was passed.

Mr. Silvas said that he turned in a document to the Air Force about Special Agent Mai Hung, and wanted a review of it by the Air Force duly noted as a motion. Mr. Weegar asked if the report regarding the dioxins he is referring to was given to the RAB. Mr. Gonzales made a motion to

reconsider this motion, a majority was in favor. Mr. Weegar asked Mr. Silvas what it is that TCEQ is being asked to do. Mr. Silvas responded that he wants TCEQ to write a statement regarding the investigation of special agent Mai Hung. Mr. Weegar said he had no idea of what Mr. Silvas was referring to. Mr. Silvas said he would discuss it with Mr. Weegar later. Mr. Peña said he is concerned that no one has access to the information regarding the Agent Orange issue. Mr. Gary Miller said it was probably classified and they could not even get it. Mr. Peña said he wants to understand the issue so as to make an educated vote on the motion. Mr. Silvas said it was a criminal investigation that could be linked to contamination. Mr. Peña responded that this issue was not part of the board's role and the motion failed.

### **Additional Comments**

Dr. David Smith asked the board to fill out the orientation form and the alternate designation form provided in the packets and return to Ms. Watts. Mr. Peña reminded re-elected and new members that membership to a board is a commitment. He asked everyone to attend the orientation, even current board members.

Mr. Garcia said he wants Mr. Cook who said he came to learn, to read the posters, and interact with the staff. He said the board does get into technical discussions, and stated that the Air Force spends a lot of money to share with the community what is going on. He added that people who criticize should sit through the entire meeting, as the Board takes its work seriously.

Mr. Silvas said he did not think the minutes had been approved. Mr. Peña replied that they had, stating that the minutes were approved at beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Peña adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.