

**NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 16, 2009
MINUTES**

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on April 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vermillion County Economic Development Commission office at 2250 North Main Street in Clinton, IN.

Members Present:

Jack Fenoglio
Albert Clark
Tom Milligan
Bob Rendaci

Visitors:

John Davis
Amanda Bailey
Leonard Akers
Lewis Peery
Jim Spence
Phil Cox

Joe Beardsley, VCEDC Attorney

Staff: Susie Jones, VCEDC Office Manager

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Albert Clark moved with a second by Tom Milligan to approve as written. Motion carried. The March special meeting minutes were reviewed and Albert Clark moved to approve them. Tom Milligan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Fenoglio reported that he had previously asked Susie to write a letter to those that sent in resumes for the director position who did not get hired. The letter was reviewed and will be sent to all who did not get the position except for Tom Rumora and Bruce Steadman. Jack has already contacted them by phone.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Laubernds Contract:

Joe Beardsley went over the contract that Bill Laubernds left at his office. Joe will rewrite the contract and clarify some of the wording. He will expand on the duties of the executive director.

NEW BUSINESS

Depot & Website Name:

Jack Fenoglio reported the Newport Chemical Depot website is up and running. The web address is: www.necdra.com A suggestion was made to add a link to the Vermillion County Economic Development Council website. Another suggestion was to have other sites such as the Clinton Public Library, Vermillion County Community Foundation, LIFT etc. to add a link to their site to the NeCDRA website. A suggestion was made to place news releases on CMA website. They should also be sent to Gerry Dick of Inside Indiana.

Focus Group Meetings:

At the economic development focus group meeting, Merv Nolatt of West Central Indiana Economic Development District said he would be willing to initiate an EDA grant to do a study for the water system upgrade and getting the rail back on the depot.

Response to Legislators on Pending Legislation:

Lynn Boese sent Jack a copy of a bill that is going before Congress. It is the Defense Community Assistance Act of 2009. If this bill passes the government can give a BRAC installation to the community by economic development conveyance. Bob Rendaci sent the information to Lane Ralph and he said he would track the bill through Lugar's office. A suggestion was made to send a letter to Ellsworth's office in support of the bill.

Revision of 20-month OEA Grant Budget:

Lynn Boese and Bill Laubernds will work on revising the 20-month OEA grant when Bill arrives.

Future OEA Grant for Water and Rail:

Jack Fenoglio will call Bill Laubernds and ask him if we should pursue the infrastructure grant for water and rail.

Bob Rendaci moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Tom Milligan.

Meeting adjourned.