

**NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2009
MINUTES**

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on May 21, 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
Robert Rendaci
Tom Milligan

Visitors:

Tom Wilkey
Mack Adams
Phil Cox

Bill Laubernds, Executive Director NeCDRA

Susie Jones, VCEDC Office Manager

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Tom Milligan moved with a second from Bob Rendaci to approve them. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Laubernds Contract:

Bill Laubernds contract was reviewed. Bob Rendaci moved with a second from Tom Milligan to approve the contract. Motion carried.

Office Relocation:

Susie Jones gave an update on the office move. She reported that she is going through things to see what needs to be kept and what can be thrown away. Susie spoke with the auditor's office and found out that anything with a value of less than \$1000 can be disposed of as long as a record is kept regarding where they went. The office has two monitors, a keyboard and a set of speakers that are no longer needed. Mike's Technology Group has indicated that they can take these items and donate them to a church, not-for-profit group or a needy family. Susie also reported that she had talked with Tabco from Terre Haute regarding moving VCEDC's current sign to the new location and making some new directional signs for the interior of the building. A new sign for Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority will also be needed. Susie will work with Mike Phelps the county IT coordinator to get the phones lines transferred and computer network etc. up and running.

OEA Budget Revision:

Bill Laubernds gave the RA a suggestion to hire by contract an accounting person to give monthly financial report on expenditures etc. A possible suggestion was Lou Bonomo of Kemper CPA Group. Bill and Susie will be working on an amendment to the 20-month budget from OEA. Bill intends to have a draft budget ready for the RA in June. Bill also suggested hiring a part time person to go over the personal property at the depot and suggest what should be kept and what won't be needed. This person would also help index and organize reports. Tom Wilkey suggested contacting Ron Bauman for that position. He is a retired person from the depot and has worked with the personal property on the base and would be helpful in this area.

NEW BUSINESS

ADC Conference:

Bill noted that funding is available for all RA members to go the ADC conference in August if they are available to go. The deadline for registration for the early bird discount is tomorrow. Bob Rendaci, Jack Fenoglio and Tom Milligan have indicated they would like to attend. Bob Rendaci moved with a second by Tom Milligan to spend \$2480 for the early bird registration. Motion carried. Bill also mentioned that David Knisely would like to meet with the RA to discuss conveyance strategy etc. Bill reported that the OEA will be hosting another conference sometime in November.

Prospect Management:

Bill mentioned organizing a procedure to deal with prospects showing interest in the base property. He said we would keep prospects updated monthly on where NeCDRA stands in the process. Bill is currently working with a company to identify buildings they can use. This prospect is interested in an interim lease. Bill reported that he had followed up with Jeff Wagoner of CSX on a possible megasite. Bill is going to put together a workshop to work with CSX, Duke Energy and others on this possibility.

Planning Update:

A workshop will be held on the rail and utilities. Redevelopment alternatives will be available late summer along with the preferred alternative. A detailed business plan will be developed later this year or early next year. Bill suggested forming a TIF District to help fund the operations of the facility. Bill mentioned a congressional bill that will allow the economic development conveyance of the property. Bill encouraged the RA members to contact their representatives in support of this bill.

June 2 BRAC Representatives Meeting:

A meeting will be held at the depot on June 2 with BRAC representatives. Bill is preparing a powerpoint presentation for the RA portion of this meeting. The RA wants to lay out the case for an economic development conveyance at this meeting. Need to stress that we have a well functioning RA and want to move quickly for job replacement etc.