

MINUTES

January 6, 1998 Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Sharon Cornwell	David McWilliams
Lisa Crawford	Tom Renck
Karl Dillhoff	Alisa Rhodes
Lou Doll	Gary Storer
Ralph Hennard	Bob Tabor
Bill Hinkle	Don Thiem
Darryl Huff	Randy Welker
Dan Lawler	Joe Neyer, ex-officio

Members Absent:

Maury Hornbach	Larry Thinnes
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Also in Attendance:

Mike Jacobs, DOE	Larry Stebbins, FDF/Resident
Eric Woods, FDF	Pat Bisese, EI Reviews & Co, Inc.
D. Benedict, FDF	Laura Hafer, OEPA

Opening Remarks and Approval of November and December Meeting Minutes

- David McWilliams convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Darryl Huff said he attended the November meeting but was not listed in the November meeting minutes. Another member noted that a sentence was missing from the December meeting minutes on page 2, under Old Business. Randy Welker motioned to approve the minutes as modified; Ralph Hennard seconded the motion. The CRO unanimously approved the meeting minutes for November and December 1997.

Treasurer's Report

- CRO Treasurer Sharon Cornwell reported that there were no expenditures since the December meeting. She said payment to Curt Paddock for services during November are due, as well as the next quarterly report. Cornwell plans to request about \$35,000 for next quarter.

DOE Report

- Mike Jacobs, DOE-Fernald Public Affairs, announced upcoming public meetings during

January, reconfirmed DOE's support of the CRO, and discussed the white metal box leaks which were discovered in December while Fernald low-level wastes were being transported to the Nevada Test Site for disposition. Jacobs said all waste shipments have been suspended until DOE completes a Type B investigation of the incident. The investigation is expected to be complete in late January.

Economic Development Consultant's Report

- Paddock met with Hamilton County representatives to discuss the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Overall Economic Development Plan. Randy Welker reinforced the significance of being listed in the plan, particularly when it comes time to distribute funds. Welker commented that if you're not in the plan, then you won't receive funding. He said it also helps expedite DOE's review since DOE relies on EDA to review grant proposals. Larry Stebbins, Fluor Daniel Fernald employee, asked whether there is a similar EDA organization in Butler County. Paddock responded that there was, and said that the CRO plans to pursue a similar arrangement with Butler County.
- Paddock distributed copies of CRO 1997 highlights and a general fact sheet on the organization for members to use within the community.

Old Business

- ***A. Status of recommendations to NRTs***
Paddock discussed DOE's letter to the CRO giving unqualified support for an assessment to determine the commercial viability of 23 acres of Fernald property for potential reuse. DOE also requested that any recreational uses considered under the CRO's second proposed assessment be "low impact". The Land Reuse Committee will work with the Economic Development Committee to prepare the scope of work and initiate the subcontract for the first assessment, which will be conducted from start to finish over a three-month period. The second assessment will be conducted over an eight-month period.
- ***B. Status of Planning Grant Application***
Paddock submitted the CRO's planning grant application package to the DOE Ohio Field Office (OFO) on Dec. 20. Paddock said that DOE OFO plans to forward it to DOE Headquarters (HQ) for review and approval by Jan. 24. To expedite the review process, Paddock said he has attempted to keep the grant moving through EDA and provided an advance copy of the grant to DOE HQ.
- ***C. Status of Ohio Department of Development Grant Application***
Paddock also sent the CRO's grant application package to the Ohio Department of Development in December. Paddock plans to meet with Kathryn Lester on Jan. 20 to discuss the grant application in more detail. If approved, the grant may be awarded in March.

New Business

- Paddock reviewed the CRO's draft public participation plan. Cornwell motioned to place the draft plan in the Public Environmental Information Center for one month (until the Feb. 3 CRO meeting) to give interested stakeholders an opportunity to review the document. Dan Lawler seconded the motion. CRO members unanimously approved

the motion.

- McWilliams said the Executive Committee, which met prior to the CRO meeting, recommends extending the one-year option period to Paddock, which is included in Paddock's contract with the CRO. The option period would begin in May 1998 and end in April 1999. Cornwell said that a typical month reflected on Paddock's invoices is 110-120 hours at \$85/hour, with reimbursement for mileage and travel. If extended, Paddock can submit a different hourly rate. Don Thiem motioned to extend the option period to Paddock; Karl Dillhoff seconded the motion. The CRO unanimously approved the motion. Bill Hinkle, Cornwell and McWilliams will draft a scope of work for this period to discuss with CRO members at the February meeting.
- McWilliams mentioned the CUED-sponsored workshop on Feb. 19 and 20. Each member should receive an invitation to attend. Anyone interested in attending the workshop should contact Paddock. Depending on how many members want to attend, priority will be given to the Economic Development Committee members.

Meeting Dates Established

- The Equipment and Land Reuse Committee will meet on Jan. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the Economic Development Committee will meet the same evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the JAMTEK Building.
- McWilliams said he discussed membership with Larry Thinnes since he has not attended CRO meetings for many months. The resolution was that unless Thinnes attended the January CRO meeting, McWilliams will request his formal resignation.
- Paddock said he will attend a CUED training workshop in Arizona on Jan. 26 and 27.
- The next CRO meeting is on Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m in the Ross High School Media Center.

Public Participation

- Several members requested an updated committee roster to reflect current membership. Stebbins asked for clarification on the CRO's policy regarding stakeholders' (who are non-CRO members) membership on working committees. McWilliams said the CRO fully welcomes stakeholders' participation as members on CRO committees, and said the CRO will make sure everyone who attends a committee meeting is notified and invited to future meetings. Paddock said he will update the committee rosters to reflect current membership.

- Bob Tabor motioned to adjourn the meeting; Darryl Huff seconded the motion. The CRO unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.