

MINUTES
April 7, 1998 Meeting

Opening Remarks and Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman McWilliams at 6:35.
- Bob Tabor moved, and Bill Hinkle seconded, the February minutes be approved. Discussion followed. Tom Renck requested that the minutes be mailed out sooner. Curt Paddock stated that would be done. Tom Renck also requested clarification on where to call for information. Sharon Cornwell gave out the CRO voice mail number, 648-4268. Requests can also be directed to Curt Paddock at 527-3150. Minutes were approved.

Bill Hinkle pointed out that the January minutes had not been approved. Bob Tabor moved, and Bill Hinkle seconded, the January minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- CRO Treasurer Sharon Cornwell presented the Treasurer's Report and clarified the time period in the report represented activity beginning January 1, 1998.

DOE Report

- Gary Stegner referenced Secretary Pena's resignation. He commented on a secretarial successor in Betsy Moeller. The department does not expect any dramatic changes resulting from Pena's resignation. There will be a clean up meeting on May 12th and June 9th. The May meeting will be a tour. Sue Walpole has forms. The June meeting will be a status report on CRO and CAB. The current status of the planning grant application is that it is going well through the EBA review for technical content. Tom Renck asked for a clarification on why the form is still necessary for the tour. Gary responded that the site is still considered a contaminated area.

Economic Development Consultant's Report

- Curt Paddock reported that several CRO members attended a recent CUED conference held in Cincinnati. The program focused on lessons learned by other CRO organizations and some planning exercises. The information shared regarding Idaho Falls was particularly relevant. Two key areas of information were the justification of funding as it relates to worker transition and the reality that most CRO organizational activities are occurring outside the fence. Sharon Cornwell also commented that there was not a real opportunity to network with other attendees, unlike other conferences.

Curt also met with the NTS Development Corporation in Las Vegas, where the Nevada Test Site is located. One of the topics covered related to future funding that will be available for implementation grants. As the number of new groups continues to increase, the pot continues to grow smaller. It will be very important to submit the grant application by November, which will require an intensive, compressed schedule over the next few months. It was originally thought that \$5M should be requested for a three year period. It now seems more realistic to request \$2M annually over a three year period for a total of \$6M.

Curt also mentioned that a video of a recent Ch. 12 program feature a panel of Jack Craig, Lisa Crawford and Curt Paddock would be shown following the meeting.

Committee Reports

A. *Public Participation and Communications*

- The committee met in March and has proposed changes to the draft plan. Action will occur on this item later in the agenda.

B. *Land Reuse and Equipment*

- A letter that is generally supportive of the concept of in-ground curation of unidentifiable Native American remains will be acted on later in the agenda.

C. *Membership and Nominations*

- A report with a set of guidelines developed by the committee was distributed for review. The guidelines included: reappointing members at the annual meeting in October; keeping the membership level at 15-19; reconvening the committee during the year if the level drops below 15; maintaining two year staggered terms; broadening the membership to include more regional participation while maintaining a majority local representation. Dr. McWilliams is assuming that all current members whose terms are expiring want to continue unless they contact him. He will be in touch with anyone who was not at the meeting. The committee would prepare a list of nominees to be presented at the August meeting. Discussion followed. The members up for renomination are:

Lisa Crawford
 Lou Doll
 Ralph Hennard
 Maury Hornbach
 Darryl Huff
 Alisa Rhodes
 Don Lawler
 Bob Tabor
 Randy Welker

There are currently 17 members on the Board with Joe Neyer serving ex officio. Don Thiem suggested that alternates be identified and added to the list in case

anyone should leave before completing their term. Dr. McWilliams will add alternates to the process.

Curt Paddock was asked to elaborate on the issue of broadening the board membership. He stated that it will provide the opportunity for more direct participation from other organizations and potentially leverage additional funds. Tom Renck asked for a clarification on the worker transition plan. Bob Tabor mentioned the potential for current personnel to become entrepreneurs. Randy Welker commented that 2,000 jobs have an economic impact. Lou Doll stated that there are many variables to consider, including the uncertainty of the budget and outside groups can bring assistance. The consensus of the group was to give the nominating committee latitude in pursuing nominees.

Old Business

A. Approval of Revised Public Participation Plan

Bill Hinkle moved approval, Tom Renck seconded, motion carried.

B. Approval of Support Letter for In Ground Curation

Lisa Crawford moved and Lou Doll seconded approval. Sharon Cornwell confirmed with Lisa that the intent of the letter was consistent with wording in other correspondence. Motion carried.

C. Status of Recently awarded Ohio DOD Entrepreneurship Grant

Curt Paddock indicated that the grant was approved on March 15th for a period of one year. All \$50,000 goes to the start up firm grants. Sharon Cornwell asked for clarification on how money is received. Curt clarified that it operates on a reimbursement basis. Once the award is made, the CRO submits an invoice to the state.

D. Report on CUED Conference

Already covered.

New Business

A. Review and Approval of Scope of Services for Commercial/Industrial Assessment

Curt Paddock presented the RFP Scope of Services for review. The market study of the 23 acre site showed focus on future demand. Bill Hinkle asked for a clarification of the selection process. Curt clarified that the mailing would go to a variety of real estate firms. In addition, he would personally contact firms. The response period will be 30 days.

Bob Tabor asked how the firms would be qualified. Curt responded that the

proposal will have to demonstrate that the rationale provided for re-use is substantive.

Tom Renck was concerned about government and recreational uses. Discussion followed. It was agreed that this RFP is an opportunity to determine if there is a potential economic reuse that could include light industry and warehousing. If the response does not demonstrate this need, the alternate position can be for uses by the community.

Lisa Crawford commented that the on-site disposal issue needs to be clear in the description.

Randy Welker moved that the RFP be approved with changes. Bill Hinkle seconded. Motion carried.

B. *Cleanup Process Briefings*

CRO will be on June Agenda

C. *Permission to Execute Option for Consultant's Contract*

Randy Welker moved, and Lisa Crawford seconded, that the RFP committee is authorized to execute. Motion carried.

Meeting Dates Established

A. *Committee Meetings*

The Economic development Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 5, 1998.

B. *Next CRO Meeting*

The next meeting is June 2, 1998

Lisa Crawford suggested that e-mail addresses for everyone who has one be added to the directory of board members.

Public Participation

Dr. Cooren from UC mentioned that they are beginning research on the workforce transition.

Elvira Yocum briefed everyone on the Living History Project.

Adjournment

Bob Tabor moved to adjourn. Joe Neyer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.