

MINUTES

June 2, 1998

- Dave McWilliams convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of April 1998 Meeting Minutes

- Dan Lawler said his name was spelled incorrectly in the April meeting minutes. Karl Dillhoff motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the correction; Bob Tabor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- CRO Treasurer Sharon Cornwell reported that she wrote two checks during the period to Curt Paddock. The CRO currently has about \$8,621 in checking and \$22,270 in savings.
- Cornwell reported that DOE Ohio Field Office Contracts Manager Mike Detmer and Dave McWilliams signed the planning grant on June 1. The grant period is through May 30, 1999. With the \$78,503 carryover from the start-up grant, the total planning grant award was \$261,821. Detmer said that if the CRO needs additional funding to support new work, it can request the funding but it must be before the end of the 1998 fiscal year in September. Paddock said the CRO can also request implementation funding during the planning phase.

DOE Report

- Gary Stegner announced that DOE will initiate a public involvement process this summer on future land use of the Fernald site. Around September, DOE will hold a public meeting for all interested parties, including the CRO, to comment on an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will outline DOE's proposed action for final land use. The EA will be available for public comment later this summer.

In April, the Natural Resource Trustees announced a proposed settlement to resolve DOE's liability for natural resource injuries to the site, including the State of Ohio's 1986 claim against DOE. DOE tentatively accepted the proposed settlement, but

will complete the public involvement process before the settlement is finalized.

- Stegner announced that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed Waste Control Specialists (WCS) lawsuit against DOE and lifted the injunction, allowing DOE to award a contract to a commercial disposal facility. Fernald will send waste materials from the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project to the commercial disposal facility.
- The June 9 Cleanup Progress Briefing will feature special presentations by the CRO and the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board. Paddock encouraged members to attend.

Economic Development Consultant's Report

- In May, Paddock made a presentation at the Ohio Field Office Business Forum. Attendees included potential vendors and subcontractors interested in work at DOE facilities, including Fernald. Bob DeGrasse, DOE Office of Worker and Community Transition (OWCT), also spoke during Paddock's session.
- Paddock distributed news clips on the CRO since January.

Committee Reports

- The Economic Development and Worker Transition Committee reviewed the guidelines for the Entrepreneur Program "Project ADEPT". Randy Welker explained that the committee will work with five Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) in Butler and Hamilton counties. He recommended that the CRO board approve the guidelines.

Old Business

- Paddock said that the planning grant proposal outlined the priority projects to address worker transition, community adjustment, and reuse of Fernald resources. He explained that DOE's pool of funds will be limited at some point, and recommended that the CRO be prepared to submit priorities for the CRO's implementation funding to DOE by December.
- Paddock said that he has not received many responses or calls of interest for the Site Market Potential Analysis, and will take a more direct approach to attract interest by the next Land Re-Use Committee meeting in July.

New Business

- Dave McWilliams said Paddock's contract has been revised to reflect 2,080 hours at a total cost of \$166,000. His hourly rate was reduced by \$5.
- Bob Tabor motioned to approve Paddock's contract; Bill Hinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Welker motioned to approved Project ADEPT guidelines and to authorize Paddock to

work directly with the committee and SBDCs to initiate the project by the end of June. Lisa Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Paddock said the OWCT National Stakeholders' Workshop would be the week of June 15 in Washington D.C. CRO members Ralph Hennard, Lou Doll, Bob Tabor, and Sharon Cornwell will attend. Crawford said the CRO should confirm the procedure for CRO members who are Fernald employees attending functions during business hours. Cornwell explained that there is a provision in the CRO's contract that the time should not exceed more than 40 hours per week (during business hours).

Meeting Dates Established

- On July 7, the CRO Economic Development and Worker Transition Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Land Reuse and Equipment Committee at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at Ross High School in the Media Center. The next full CRO board meeting is Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m., Ross High School. The JAMTEK Building is no longer available for meetings. CRO office files have been moved to Paddock's office.
- McWilliams said he will meet with Dan Lawler and Darryl Huff prior to the next CRO meeting about new membership issues.
- Lou Doll asked about the status of discussions with Fernald on property reuse issues. Paddock said he has met with Mike Townsend, Fluor Daniel Fernald, and toured the Fernald warehouse to view the excess equipment. He will also invite Townsend to the next Land Reuse and Equipment Committee meeting to discuss establishing a procedure for getting updated property lists and for labeling equipment which may be set aside for future community development.
- Cornwell mentioned that Fernald will have meetings with employees during the week of June 1 on Work Force Restructuring to discuss downsized job categories. Paddock will attend one of these sessions.
- Crawford asked whether any CRO members had been invited to the National Dialogue meeting in Chicago at the end of June. FRESH is boycotting the meeting. She asked that the CRO not support the meeting.
- The meeting adjourned.