

**Community Reuse Organization (CRO)
February 16, 1999
Meeting Summary**

- Bill Hinkle chaired the meeting for Dave McWilliams, who was ill.
- The CRO motioned to approve the November 1998 and December 1998 meeting minutes with no changes.

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer Sharon Cornwell reported that two payments were made from December 1998 through February 1999 to Paddock Management Services totaling \$11,757.40.

DOE Report

- Gary Stegner said that Department of Energy Secretary Richardson will visit Fernald on March 22 to attend a brief ceremony recognizing the completion of Fernald's Safe Shutdown Program. This is the first time a Secretary has visited Fernald. Richardson may request to speak to several stakeholders during his brief visit.
- DOE will request \$30 million for the FY2000 Worker and Community Transition budget. The budget must be approved by Congress.
- DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald have endorsed the concept of privatization and are currently looking at options.
- DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald are finalizing comments with the Natural Resource Trustees and should have a responsiveness document available to the public in March.

Consultant Report

- Curt Paddock commented that the \$30 million budget request for FY2000 may be weighted more towards community transition. The program is still in jeopardy despite the removal of the Sunset provision last year. To get the attention of U.S. Congress and Senate, CRO executive directors have developed a brochure "CRO A Partnership for Prosperity." Paddock suggested that each CRO member write a personal letter to local congressmen requesting continued support of the program. Dave McWilliams will be sending a letter to each member suggesting points to emphasize.

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Old Business

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- Nothing to report.

New Business

- Hinkle opened the floor for comments on the draft Community Transition Plan. Dan Lawler and Don Theme commented on several sections of the plan.
- Lawler motioned that the CRO release the draft plan for a 30-day public review period. Gary Storer asked Stegner whether there were any other Fernald documents out for public review during the same period. Stegner said no. Randy Welker seconded the motion. The CRO approved the motion to release the document for review, with comments due by March 23.
- Lawler asked Paddock about sending the document to businesses. Paddock said he would provide copies to local/regional economic development agencies.

Future Meetings

- The next CRO meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Ross High School.

Public Comments

- Hanover Township Fire Department Chief Phil Clark and Butler County EMA Director William Turner requested that Fernald brief Hanover Township on the WPRAP rail shipments. Gary Stegner and Julie Loerch will arrange a briefing to discuss rail shipment plans with Hanover Township in the near future.
- UC professor Maria Kreppel, who was the convener for the CRO during its formation, attended the meeting with several university students studying Fernald. Kreppel asked members to meet with her students after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned around 7:30 p.m.