

**Meeting Minutes
October 19, 1999**

Approval of September 1999 Meeting Minutes

Sharon Cornwell chaired the meeting in the absence of CRO Chair Dave McWilliams and Vice Chair Bill Hinkle. The board motioned to approve the September meeting minutes with no changes. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

CRO Treasurer Sharon Cornwell reported expenditures of \$12,454 since the last report. The CRO has a balance of \$6,000. She will need to request the next quarterly draw down from DOE soon.

DOE Report

Gary Stegner announced that CSXT is now routing Fernald's unit trains through central Indiana to Envirocare of Utah, rather than through Cincinnati and southern Indiana.

Gary King has replaced Bob DeGrasse as director of the DOE Office of Worker and Community Transition (OWCT). King has visited the Fernald site, and knows DOE Fernald Director Jack Craig and Fluor Daniel Fernald President and CEO John Bradburne. Craig has drafted a letter to King on behalf of the CRO's implementation funding requesting, and plans to visit King while in Washington D.C. in a few weeks. Bradburne is also planning to visit King.

Stegner recommended the CRO send a letter to King introducing the CRO, and send a package about CRO initiatives to the Ohio congressional delegation.

The OWCT budget for FY2000 is 24.5 million, approximately \$6 million less than OWCT requested.

The Economic Development Administration's (EDA) review of the CRO's Community Transition Plan (CTP) and implementation grant request should be complete the week of October 18.

Economic Development Consultant's Report Old Business

Status of Implementation Grant Review

Curt Paddock restated the EDA's review of the CTP should be complete soon. If the EDA has no major comments, then DOE will act quickly and approve the plan. If clarification is needed on major issues, then Paddock will schedule a telephone conference call with DOE-Fernald, OWCT and the CRO to try and resolve comments quickly.

The CRO will exhaust the \$78,000 startup grant carryover funds in January 2000. The CRO has asked DOE for permission to use this carryover.

DOE Response to CRO re: Subcontracting with CRO for Transition-Related Functions

The CRO sent a letter to DOE requesting that DOE explore using the CRO for services traditionally performed by the contractor. Glenn Griffiths, DOE-Fernald, told Paddock that DOE would consider this request during the formation of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Fernald contract. Griffiths said the DOE RFP Committee may contact the CRO for clarification. If DOE agrees with the CRO's request, Paddock explained this could lead to additional sources of revenue for the CRO.

Stegner announced DOE's tentative schedule for issuing the RFP:

Issue Draft RFP: December 1999

Site Tour: December 1999

Issue Final RFP: February 2000

Receive Proposals: April 2000

Award Contract: Sept 2000

Report on Development of Revolving Loan Fund Policies

Paddock said he was still working on completing the policies, and recommended postponing this topic until next month.

New Business

Report of Nominating Committee

Paddock spoke for the Nominating Committee in Dan Lawler's absence. He distributed a list of members' terms, and reported that Fluor Daniel Fernald employee, Todd Trammel, has expressed interest in joining the CRO.

Tom Renck commented that he has committed to one more year, not two.

Cornwell asked whether there were any other nominations. No additional nominations were expressed.

Don Thiem

asked whether the CRO was trying to keep the same balance of workers, local community members, and Greater Cincinnati professionals. Paddock said yes, he thought this was the intention of the Nominating Committee.

Election of Trustees

Because there weren't enough members to constitute a quorum, the members present decided to indicate their approval of the Nominating Committee's recommendations to the rest of the membership next month.

Bob Tabor motioned to approve the nominations for the CRO membership as recommended by the Nominating Committee; Tom Renck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Theme motioned to approve the Executive Committee membership as recommended by the Nominating Committee; Tabor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting Dates

The next CRO meeting is Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. at Ross High School. There will be no meeting in December. Paddock will arrange for the Revolving Loan Committee to meet.

Public Participation

No comments from the public.

The meeting adjourned at 7: 15 p.m.