

**Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2000**

Members in Attendance:

Sharon Cornwell
Dan Lawler
Dave McWilliams
Gary Storer
Bob Tabor
Don Thiem
Todd Trammell
Curt Paddock, Consultant
Gary Stegner, DOE

Opening Remarks & Approval of November 1999 Meeting Minutes

- CRO Chair Dave McWilliams opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., and asked whether there were comments on the November minutes. Dan Lawler said the following statement in the November draft meeting minutes was incorrect: "Welker motioned to move forward and fill the executive director position; Bob Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed."

Lawler thought the minutes should be modified to reflect that the CRO only motioned to look into hiring an executive director, rather than "fill" the position. Board members agreed with this modification. Lawler motioned to approve the November minutes with this change; Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- McWilliams announced that Karl Dillhoff had heart surgery in December.

Treasurer's Report

- CRO Treasurer Sharon Cornwell issued a payment of \$68,863 to Paddock Management Services for October and November services. The current account balances are: \$15,000 in checking and \$38,000 in savings.

DOE Report

- Gary Stegner said Terri Binau, DOE contracts, has been working with Curt Paddock on the details of the implementation grant request.
- DOE plans to issue the draft request for proposal (RFP) for Fernald's closure contract by the end of January. A copy of the RFP will be available on the DOE Ohio Field Office Web site or in the Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC).

- Fluor Fernald has reorganized and added the new Site Closure division under the direction and leadership of Terry Hagen. Stegner recommended that Hagen attend a future CRO meeting to meet the board and discuss this new division.

Economic Development Consultant's Report

- Curt Paddock said he would provide his report later in the meeting.

Old Business

DOE Ohio Field Office (OFO) Review of Community Transition Plan

- The OFO has comments on several of the economic development programs; however, Paddock recommended to the OFO that it was premature to discuss the programmatic issues until after funding issues are resolved.

Status of \$325,000 Initial Advance on First Year Implementation Grant

- DOE will award the \$325,000 first installment of the grant by the end of January so there should be no break in continuity of funding. Don Thiem asked about prioritizing the programs to reflect changes in funding. Paddock said the CRO reprioritized programs based on the initial \$325,000 installment and will probably have to prioritize again when it finds out the total funding from the DOE implementation grant.
- DOE plans to award the implementation grant in the third or fourth quarter of the fiscal year (July – September).
- Todd Trammell asked whether the CRO has been in contact with other CROs to determine whether DOE Office of Worker and Community Transition (OWCT) is using different criteria during the review process. Sharon Cornwell said that the Economic Development Agency's review might make the process more complex. Paddock said he has no reason to believe there has been a refinement to the grant review process. Paddock said he was surprised that the CRO would have to write a whole new grant proposal to the OFO after the main proposal was sent to the OWCT. McWilliams asked Paddock to continue to keep in close contact with CRO counterparts from around the complex.
- Trammell suggested that the CRO develop a strategy to communicate with legislators/ elected officials over the next few months to try and influence the grant award and ultimately receive the most funding possible from DOE. McWilliams said it is important that the CRO cultivates these relationships with local elected officials and that it keeps them informed about what it is doing. Thiem agreed it was a good idea to pursue this but cautioned that the CRO must also be careful not to "burn bridges."

New Business

23 Acre Reserve and Results of Borrow Study

- Trammell discussed a new draft report "On-site Disposal Facility Borrow Area Strategy Report," which DOE issued to regulators in December. In general, the report states that Fernald will most likely obtain borrow material to complete the On-site Disposal Facility from the area east of the South Access Road (not the 23-acre area). Trammell recommended that the CRO begin to consider how this 23-acre parcel is used. As stated in DOE's response to public comments on the

Environmental Assessment for final land use, DOE will reevaluate the 23-acre tract in 2004, after it determines whether the area will be needed for borrow and whether there is interest in development of the land.

- Larry Stebbins, local resident and Fluor Fernald employee, recommended that the CRO pursue constructing a facility that would be useful to the site while cleanup continues but could later be used by the community for other purposes. Stebbins said the CRO may be able to receive a congressional line item for this purpose.
- Paddock asked Stegner whether there were any other groups charged with coming up with the use of the 23 acres. Stegner said no.
- McWilliams asked Paddock to convene the Land Reuse Committee to continue dialogue on this topic.

Other Business

- George Kephart, Fluor Fernald employee, asked what Fernald will do with the excavated areas from the borrow areas. Julie Loerch said she would work with Eric Woods to respond to this question.
- Paddock mentioned that Kephart is working on a proposal with other Fernald employees that might fall under Employee Owned Businesses or other economic development programs the CRO plans to implement under the implementation grant.
- Cornwell said the issue of building on the 23-acre area is not part of the CRO's grant proposal to DOE. She recommended that the CRO set aside funding for this issue now as a contingency.

Meeting Dates

- The next full board CRO meeting is March 7, 6:30 p.m. at Ross High School.
- Paddock will convene the following CRO meetings in February: Land Reuse Committee, Revolving Loan Fund Committee and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will discuss communications and networking with elected officials.
- Cornwell recommended that Paddock send postcard announcements for the committee meetings to the stakeholder mailing list.

Public Participation

- Kephart said he appreciates any help and direction the CRO will provide.
- Loerch said that Public Affairs can help communicate information about the availability of the programs to Fernald employees once the implementation grant is approved.

The meeting adjourned.