



FRIDAY MAILING

3/28/97

INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING ARE:

- Fernald Community Reuse Organization Minutes from April 1, 1997 Meeting
- Newsclippings

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- FRESH MEETING:** FRESH will hold their next meeting on Thursday, May 22, 1997, at Venice Presbyterian Church on Layhigh Road in Ross. All are welcome to attend.
- WORKSHOP ON OU2 AND OU5 (*Confirmed*):** There is a workshop scheduled to discuss OU2 and OU5 on Tuesday, May 27, 1997 at the Plantation (9660 Dry Fork Road in Harrison, OH.) Topics to be covered include: Soil Certification Program Status, On-Site Disposal Facility construction schedule, parking lot/road closure/road realignment plans, and other issues as needed.

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QUESTIONS:

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**Fernald
Community
Reuse
Organization**

**April 1, 1997
Meeting Minutes**

OVERVIEW

The Fernald Community Reuse Organization (CRO) met on Tuesday, April 1, 1997, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Ross High School, 3425 Hamilton-Cleves Road. The meeting was open to the public.

Eighteen people attended the meeting, including CRO members and representatives from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Fluor Daniel Fernald, and the Hamilton County Economic Development Company.

CRO Members Present:

- Sharon Cornwell
- Lou Doll
- Ralph Hennard
- Maury Hornbach
- Darryl Huff
- Linda Krekeler
- Dan Lawler
- David McWilliams
- Tom Renck
- Alisa Rhodes
- Bob Tabor
- Don Thiem
- Joe Neyer, ex officio member

CRO Members Excused:

- Lisa Crawford
- Bill Hinkle
- Ken Moore
- Gary Storer
- Larry Thinnes

CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair David McWilliams opened the meeting at 7 p.m. McWilliams asked for comments on the March 4 meeting minutes. Dan Lawler requested a modification on page 2 to state that the Nomination Committee will contact CRO Convener Maria Kreppel to collect names of others who applied for CRO membership. Members concurred with the change. Don Thiem motioned to approve the minutes as modified; Lou Doll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Julie Loerch, Fluor Daniel Fernald, announced that the Department of Energy will hold a Community Meeting on April 15, 7 p.m. at the Plantation in Harrison. The focus of the meeting will be the GAO Report, the Silos Project and cleanup progress. DOE invited David McWilliams to provide a brief update on the CRO at the meeting.

Path Forward

Marty Stevens, Miami University, recommended that the CRO reconsider how it should handle crisis communications -- regardless of whether an event directly involves the CRO -- because of the potential "spill over affect" on the group.

Tom Renck suggested that the group review and update the Path Forward every six months or year. Bob Tabor suggested that since it was a living document, the CRO can review it at any time, with a formal review once per year.

Sharon Cornwell noted that her suggestion to delete "in the event of an actual crisis or emergency" from Section 6.4 in the Path Forward was not changed. Stevens agreed to make this change. Lou Doll motioned to approve the Path Forward with the change to 6.4 and the understanding that the CRO would conduct periodic reviews. Maury Hornbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Incorporation

McWilliams reported that Cincinnati attorney Greg Luke (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease Law Firm) will draft the articles for incorporation and submit them to the CRO for review the week of April 7. He explained that he and Cornwell have drafted accounting, procurement, travel and personnel policies and procedures for the CRO and plan to submit them to DOE for review on April 2.

Nomination Committee

Dan Lawler said the Nomination Committee contacted the Morgan Township Trustees and Maria Kreppel for names of potential candidates to replace Bob Copeland. He said the same names continue to surface: Frank Birkenhauer from Colerain Township and Karl Dillhoff from Morgan Township. Lawler said that since the CRO favors replacing Copeland with another Morgan Township person, then the Nomination Committee recommends that the group extend an invitation to Dillhoff. Darryl Huff commented that Dillhoff was a good candidate because he has several years of experience as a Morgan Township Trustee. Don Thiem motioned that the CRO extend an invitation to Dillhoff to fulfill the remainder of Copeland's 3-year term; Huff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The CRO later observed that, according to its charter, DOE must appoint all new members. Therefore, Lawler moved to amend the motion to state that the CRO will extend an invitation to Dillhoff to complete Copeland's term, as recommended by the nomination committee, with the approval of DOE. Joe Neyer seconded the amendment; the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Assignments

McWilliams discussed possible committees for each of the strategies defined in the Path Forward. He suggested eight committees to start: 1.) the Executive Committee (Board of Directors); 2.) an Administrative/Evaluation Committee; 3.) a Land Reuse Committee; 4.) an Equipment/Materials Reuse Committee; 5.) an Economic Development Committee; 6.) a Worker Transition Committee; 7.) a Public Involvement Committee; and 8.) a Communication Committee.

He recommended that the Executive Committee should be responsible for all of the strategies under "Organizational Structure" and "Financial," and that many of these actions should be completed before the focus area committees are convened. The group agreed with this proposal.

Neyer suggested that the Public Involvement and Communication committees should develop a strawman and report back to the rest of the group. Tom Renck suggested that the function of public involvement could later be governed by the Executive Committee. This issue was tabled for future discussion.

Members discussed the Administrative/Evaluation Committee structure, such as whether there should be one committee to standardize timelines and benchmarks for each committee, or whether each independent committee should be allowed to develop its own administrative/evaluation systems. Lawler suggested that the chairs of the focus areas serve on the Administrative/Evaluation Committee. This issue was tabled for future discussion.

McWilliams asked members to indicate the top three committees in which they would like to serve. He explained this is just an exercise to identify members' interests -- assignments would be made at a later date.

Waste Reduction Technologies

Alisa Rhodes's presentation was postponed for a future meeting.

MEETING FEEDBACK

Loerch mentioned that Ralph Hennard and Lou Doll would be attending the Office of Worker and Community Transition workshop in Oakland, Calif., the week of April 7, and would have the opportunity to interact with other CRO executive directors and chairs.

ADJOURNMENT

McWilliams adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

The Fernald CRO approved the April 1, 1997, meeting minutes at the May 6, 1997, CRO meeting.

I agree that the minutes are an accurate account of the April 1, 1997, Community Reuse Organization meeting.

David McWilliams, Chair
Fernald Community Reuse Organization

Date

Gary Stegner, DOE Designated Federal Official

Date

May 10, 1997

Journal News

Local, A3

"Health officials discuss Fernald contract sites"

Reporter: Nicholas G. Jonson

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Health officials discuss Fernald contract sites

By Nicholas G. Jonson
Journal-News

HARRISON TOWNSHIP

Officials from the federal Centers for Disease Control met with the Fernald Health Effects Subcommittee this week amid concern that inadequate attention has been given to the effects of radiation exposure on former Fernald workers.

The effect of radiation on residents who lived or worked near three machine shops that did contract work for Fernald was a concern to some committee members.

The three facilities, called "Fusrap" sites, were Hamilton Safe Co., formerly known as the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Co., on Grand Avenue, now in Fairfield; the former Associate Aircraft Tool & Manufacturing Co., also in Fairfield; and the Alba Craft Laboratory, formerly in Oxford.

Graham Mitchell, an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency official, said the shops produced parts and uranium-bearing components for the U.S. atomic weapons arsenal at the time of the Manhattan Project in the mid-1940s and into the 1950s.

The U.S. Department of Energy designated seven Fusrap sites in Ohio by 1993, Mitchell said. DOE cleaned up five by June 1996 with help from OEPA, including the three in Fairfield and Hamilton, he said.

Subcontractors were brought to the sites beginning in 1974 to vacuum ceilings, walls and overhanging structures, to decontaminate the floors and soil surrounding the site and to remove all floor drains and expansion joints in the concrete.

Mitchell said all pathways leading from the shops were examined to determine the

amount of radioactive material that might have been left at the sites.

Although workers were exposed to significant radiation, it was unknown whether the exposure was life-threatening or killed any workers, Mitchell said.

Subcommittee member Jim Colleli of the Ohio Department of Health said most workers at the Alba Craft Laboratory had been medically tested following the plant's closing in 1957. He said tests revealed no significant changes in health of the workers, some of whom had been miners.

Mitchell said most of the shops had discontinued their contract work for Fernald by the late 1950s.

CDC officials briefed subcommittee members about possible indoor exposure to radon gas, a naturally occurring chemical in the soil that develops from the natural breakdown of uranium.

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