

**NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2010**

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its regular monthly meeting on January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vermillion County Economic Development Commission office at 259 Vine Street in Clinton.

Members Present:

Jack Fenoglio
Albert Clark
Bob Rendaci
Tom Milligan

Joe Beardsley, Attorney
Bill Laubernds, Executive Director
Susie Jones, Office Manager

Visitors:

Lou Britton
Leonard Akers
Larry Southard
David Irvin
Phil Cox
Keith Hollingsworth
Bernie Rabe
Bill Hartman
Tom Swinford

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Albert Clark moved to approve the minutes as written. Tom Milligan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Albert Clark moved with a second from Bob Rendaci to keep the current 2009 officers for 2010. Motion carried.

Tom Swinford – IDNR:

Tom Swinford of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) spoke on ideas for designing multi-use conservation areas with the concentration on the northwest corner of the property. He presented the Reuse Authority with a map. Bill Laubernds mentioned there would be a meeting in February on the Depot with the IDNR.

NeCDRA Update:

Ads have been prepared for the RFP's and will be in the AD360 and Clintonian on Friday, and in the Herald News next Wednesday. The contractors that have sent us info in the past will be sent the RFP's on Monday. Bill also mentioned that the bonds for the Reuse Authority are in place for the new year.

Ice Miller Engagement Letter:

Lou Britton explained that Phil Genetos of Ice Miller is working with Grissom and Ft. Benjamin Harrison on statutes regarding Tax Increment Financing. They have asked the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority to join with them in getting some changes made to the statutes. Bill has submitted forms and has received approval from the OEA as a reimburseable expense. After discussion Tom Milligan moved with a second from Albert Clark to accept the engagement letter received from Ice Miller. Motion carried.

Resolution to Adopt Reuse Plan:

The Reuse Authority was presented with a resolution to adopt the Reuse Plan. The resolution will go to the Area Plan Commission and then to the County Commissions. Lou Britton explained that the steps are nearly the same as adopting a TIF District. Lou recommended adopting both at the same time. After discussion Bob Rendaci moved to adopt the resolution. Albert Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Laubernds noted the Reuse Plan and Homeless Submission has been submitted to the Department of Defense, the Office of Economic Adjustment and HUD.

Army Master Lease and Telic Sub-lease:

The Reuse Authority is working closely with the Army to get the master lease finalized and signed. Telic Corporation has been provided with a sub-lease.

Ag Leases:

Joe Beardsley, Lou Britton and Bill Laubernds will categorize the ag leases and the Reuse Authority will be prepared to take over assignments of the leases.

Budget Amendments:

Bill told the Reuse Authority that approval has been received from the OEA on the 2009 budget amendments and is moving ahead with the 2010 budget. The Reuse Authority will be going forward with contractual services in January and February. Also in February will be working on adding additional staff.

