

**NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
February 4, 2010**

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its regular monthly meeting on February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vermillion County Economic Development Commission office at 259 Vine Street in Clinton.

Members Present:

Tom Milligan
Arden Kilgore
Bob Rendaci
Jack Fenoglio
Joe Beardsley, Attorney
Bill Laubernds, Executive Director
Yale Yager, Property Manager
Susie Jones, Office Manager

Visitors:

Mack Adams
Jim Gerbracht
John Cheesewright
Phil Cox
Leonard Akers
Dave Wedell
Jim Bailey
Wilbur Crouch
Derrick Davis

The minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Bob Rendaci moved to approve them. Arden Kilgore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding:

The final copy of the memorandum of understanding between Clean Coal Refining Corporation and the Reuse Authority was presented to the board for approval. Once operational there would be 500 jobs. During construction there would be up to 2000 jobs. Over the next 18 months the Reuse Authority will be working on site plan, utilities, power, rail, drainage, gas etc. The Reuse Authority will work with the state on certifications etc. After discussion Tom Milligan moved to approve the memorandum of understanding. Bob Rendaci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Status of Contractual Services:

Protocol has been set up for contractual services and the requests for proposals have been issued. The proposals are due back on February 15th. The commissioners' room in our office will be used to organize submittals and the Reuse Authority members will be able to come in to review them. The RFP's will be scored on: scope of proposal – 25 points, consultant qualifications and experience – 50 points, work plan – 15 points and costs – 10 points.

Bill stated that the positions of deputy director and property manager will be advertised soon. The ads will be placed in the local paper, on the AD 360 newsletter and Workone.

Senate Bill 249:

Senate Bill 249 only applies to closed military bases and reuse authorities. The bill would allow TIF funds to be used for operating expenses and allow the Reuse Authority to do necessary improvements to provide for benefits to the local population. It also provides that the Reuse Authority could acquire water/sewage utilities. Bill Laubernds testified before the senate committee and the bill passed the committee 100%. Dale Grubb will sponsor the bill in the house of representatives.

Reuse Plan:

Bill informed the members of the Reuse Authority that the reuse plan has been delivered to all agencies. The Vermillion County Area Plan Commission has approved it and the County Commissioners approved the plan as well. The County Commissioners also approved the area and to start setting it up as a TIF District. The Reuse Authority will have to hold another hearing for state requirements and make a final resolution.