

**NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2009
MINUTES**

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on June 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vermillion County Economic Development Commission office at 259 Vine Street in Clinton, IN.

Members Present:

Tom Milligan
Jack Fenoglio
Albert Clark

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Tom Wilkey
Lt. Col. Hibner
Phil Cox
Lynn Boese
Susan Meadows
Bill Hartman
Wayne Bivans

Bill Laubernds, Executive Director NeCDRA

Joe Beardsley, Attorney

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Planning Update:

Bill reported that the planning is going well. Expecting to have some of the alternatives done within four weeks and be able to select the preferred alternatives. Electrical service is a concern. Bill spoke with Randy Patchett of Burns and McDonnell. Randy suggested we request the depot retain the switchgear and the transformers where available and the buildings that would be going black we could power from a different direction from the grid. We can then address this issue once the reuse plan is completed. Bill notified Cathy Collins that the RA would like to retain equipment where available.

Bill is recommending a feasibility study for water distribution. Bill suggests OEA funding of \$60,000 to assess the feasibility of supplying water to the surrounding communities. Bill has spoken to state officials and they are interested in participating with this effort. This will be included in the budget revisions.

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority and Matrix will be organizing an industry workshop with representatives from CSX, Duke Energy, other utility providers and developers. Reuse Plan alternatives will be presented and discussed and feedback will be encouraged.

Budget Revision:

The amended budget would go until the end of 2009. Some line items were changed. More money was added for legal services. Some reductions were able to be made. Bill suggested not hiring other staffing until the reuse plan is finished. Office equipment for staff has not been needed. \$60,000 was added for water feasibility study. Overall, approximately \$3000 was added to the budget. Another issue is funding for interim leasing. In kind funds and local funds are available for the match from VCEDC.

\$20,000 has also been added for a part time person for maintaining property info etc. Bill made a suggestion to use Express Personnel Services to hire this person. Tom Milligan moved to approve the amended budget with a second by Albert Clark. Motion carried. Tom Milligan moved to authorize Bill Laubernds to start the process of developing a job description and advertising for the part time person. Albert Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Interim Leasing:

Telic

Agricultural Leases

Bill has been working with Telic for the last couple of months. This company is interested in leasing property on the base. Bob Rendaci, Jack Fenoglio, Tom Milligan and Bill Laubernds have all met with Telic officials. Bill recommends submitting an interim lease proposal. Bill also recommends leasing the agricultural properties. Albert Clark moved with a second by Tom Milligan to pursue the interim leasing process for Telic and the agricultural property leases. Motion carried.