

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2009

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its regular monthly meeting on October 15, 2009 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  
Tom Milligan  
Bob Rendaci

Visitors:

Tom Kutz  
Leonard Akers  
Dave Weddle  
Phil Cox

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

The minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup> and the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Albert Clark moved to approve the minutes as written. Tom Milligan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Property Manager Report –

Yale Yager reported he has been going through the property list and is selecting items that would be needed to help with the reuse plan. Yale has toured buildings to see what needs to be retained. He has also helped work on the 2010 Budget.

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Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Plan:

The bill on expediting property transfer has passed through the House and Senate. It will now go to the White House for enactment.

Bill gave the RA copies of the draft reuse plan to look over and make comments.

Bill has met with representatives from Sycamore Trails, Vermillion County Park Board and the Wabash River Heritage Corridor. They will be sending letters of support for the reuse plan.

Bill attended the Area Planning Commission meeting. They will be supportive of the Reuse Authority. A tour of the depot is being planned for them. Bill also attended the West Central Indiana Economic Development District and has asked them for comments and suggestions.

Bill attended the County Commissioners meeting and made a presentation to them. He would like to set up a tour of the depot for them. He also plans to attend a County Council meeting to make a presentation to them as well.

A packet of public comments was presented to the RA members for review. Most of them pertain to the prairie restoration area. There are 461 acres of prairie grass area. Based on the reuse plan 253 acres in agriculture (54%), 137 acres in business and technology (30%), and 69 acres is open space area (15%).

On July 18, 2010 the base will be transferred to the BRAC group and they will provide protection and maintenance services at that time.

#### 2009 Budget Reallocation:

2009 Budget Reallocation was presented to the RA members. Amended budget has been approved by the OEA. Expenses to date were also presented to the RA members.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 2010 Goals and Objectives:

A work plan was developed and scopes of works were developed for job descriptions for 2010 and for contractor services for 2010. Most of the work is finished for the 2010 budget. A few items of information still need to be obtained and will be distributed to the RA when it is complete.

##### Marketing:

Duke Energy will be taking aerial photos of the depot that can be used in marketing materials. Bill has talked to Terry Arthur about putting an insert in the tour book. An insert is also being planned to be sent out in the Clintonian. Bill suggested placing an ad in a trade publication to get the word out that we're open for business. Bill suggested using funds from the Vermillion County Economic Development Council marketing budget to pay for it.

##### Development Update:

Progress is being made on the interim leasing. Taking next steps with discussions with other businesses.

