

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Thursday January 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Tom Milligan
Dave Marietta
Joe Ellis
JP Roehm

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Adam Winland
Bill Rennels
Eric Smith, HWC

President Jeff Michalic called meeting to order at 6:12PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with all members present being; Jeff Michalic, Tom Milligan, Dave Marietta, Joe Ellis and JP Roehm.

Election of Officers- Dave Marietta made a motion to retain current officers. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

December 19, 2024 Minutes were emailed to the board previously. Tom Milligan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Dave Marietta second the motion. JP Roehm abstained due to not formally being on the board at the time. Motion passed.

December 2024 Claims were reviewed by the board. Joe Ellis made a motion to accept the Claims for December 2024. Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Trust Indiana Report was distributed to the board. Joe Ellis made a motion to accept the Trust Indiana Report. Dave Marietta second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Financials for November and December 2024 were reviewed. Tom Milligan made a motion to accept the November and December 2024 Financial Reports. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kemper Engagement Letter – Engagement letter from Kemper CPA for 2025 was presented to the board. JP Roehm made a motion to sign the Kemper Engagement Letter. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Water System – Eric Smith with HWC Engineering presented the board with options concerning the Agreed Order with IDEM to bypass the reservoir for the drinking water system. Mr. Smith has had conversations with IDEM about several options. One option would be an automated system from the Ranney Well to the reservoir and also an automated system to the Water Tower. Presently it is a manual system. The objective would be to keep a lower level in the reservoir so the turnover rate is faster. The second option would not have automation. The Ranney Well pumps would need to be started and stopped manually several times in a month's time. Joe Ellis made a motion to proceed with HWC to work with IDEM to see if either option would fulfill the Agreed Order, if so funds would be available to do the project with automation. Tom Milligan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. HWC will return in February with an answer from IDEM and an up to date quote for automation.

Gate House – Settlement Agreement was presented to the board for \$3500.00 for the damage to the gate. Dave Marietta made a motion to accept the \$3500.00 settlement. Tom Milligan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jeff Michalic also signed the Notice to Proceed for the gate installation. Gate completion is projected for the end of February.

Excavator Removal – Contractor contacted Scott Pet for an extension on moving the excavator. Time was extended until April 2025.

Farm Leases – Farm Leases for 2025 was presented to the board. Joe Ellis made a motion to approve the Farm Leases. Tom Milligan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tractor Repair/Equipment Trade – A tractor at the Rise needs some repair work, given the age and hours on the equipment, the board discussed trading it in for a skid steer. Chad Harris will check about the trade value of existing tractor and purchase price of skid steer.

Roads – Intersection at Scott Pet and Preferred Tire has damage due to amount of truck traffic in the area. HWC will give a quote to repair a section of the road on 10th Street.

PFAS – No update

Clothing Allowance – Tom Milligan made a motion to issue the yearly clothing allowance. JP Roehm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director – No update

Strategic Plan – No update

Preferred Tire Lease – Preferred Tire Lease is up for renewal. Lou Britton will draft a letter to be sent with lease invoice for February until a new lease is signed.

Rocky Mountain – No update

Mega Watts – No update

Operation Milk – No update

Project Meat – No update

Epimoni – No update

GAI – No update

Other Prospects – No update

There was no other business.

No Public Comment

Next meeting will be February 27, 2025 at 6:00PM

Dave Marietta made a motion to adjourn. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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February 27, 2025

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Board:

Tom Milligan
Dave Marietta
Joe Ellis

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Adam Winland
Mike Hamilton
Eric Smith, HWC
Chris Novotney, Westside Tractor

Vice president Tom Milligan called the meeting to order at 6:16PM.

Roll Call was taken by Vice President Tom Milligan with members present being; Tom Milligan, Dave Marietta, Joe Ellis. Jeff Michalic was absent due to illness. JP Roehm was absent due to out of town on business.

January 2025 minutes were distributed to the board and had previously been emailed. Dave Marietta made a motion to accept the January 2025 minutes as written, Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

January 2025 Claims was presented to the board. Dave Marietta made a motion to accept the January 2025 Claims, Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

January 2025 Financials and Trust Indiana Report were received by the board. Joe Ellis made a motion to accept January 2025 Financials. Dave Marietta second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

HWC- Eric Smith, HWC updated the board on the Agreed Order from IDEM. IDEM agreed if the proposed projects were completed, Vermillion Rise would no longer have an Agreed Order and the UV system would no longer be needed after testing requirements. The board agreed to have HWC proceed to get proposals. Eric Smith will also review what is needed for the road on 10th Street.

7700 – Chad Harris will provide a Scope of Work for cleanup at Building 7700 after a water leak.

Gates – Chad Harris asked the board for additional funding to finish the North Gate project. The Gate House has been finished. The gates and electronics are in process. An additional \$13,000.00 was requested. Dave Marietta made a motion for an additional \$13,000.00 be allotted for the Gate House project. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tractor/Equipment trade – Chris Novotney from Westside Tractor gave an overview of the different types of skid steers and accessories. Mr. Novotney would be willing to bring equipment to the Rise for a demonstration.

Tim Yocum – Tim Yocum addressed the board about his new position as 42nd District Representative. Mr. Yocum asked if there was anything he could help with concerning the Rise. The board stated they would like the ability to apply for grants to upgrade the property. Mr. Yocum also discussed the Duke Energy project.

PFAS – No updates

Executive Director – Tom Milligan stated the board would advertise for an Executive Director on Indeed website.

PTR Lease/Purchase/Infrastructure – Lou Britton will work on Lease/Purchase Agreement.

Preferred Tire would like a fire hydrant at their facility. Chad Harris will get quotes for the fire hydrant. There would need to be more discussion on ownership and cost.

Rocky Mountain – No Update

Mega Watts – No Update

Operation Milk – No Update

Epimoni – No Update

GAI – No Update

Other Business – Discussions on the new law to stream or record meetings. Lou Britton will investigate further but his interpretation is that the Rise can record meetings. Mr. Britton will get more information and advise the board.

Next meeting Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6PM

Joe Ellis made a motion to adjourn, second by Dave Marietta. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Thursday March 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Chad Harris
Dave Marietta
Joe Ellis

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Penny Carpenter
Scott Carpenter
Adam Winland
RJ Dunavan, Verm. County Commissioner

President Jeff Michalic called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, Tom Milligan, Dave Marietta, and Joe Ellis. JP Roehm was absent.

February 2025 minutes were distributed to the board and had previously been emailed. Dave Marietta made a motion to accept the February 2025 minutes as written, Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

February 2025 Claims, Financial Report, and Trust Indiana Statement was presented to the board. Dave Marietta made a motion to accept the February 2025 Claims, Financial Report, and Trust Indiana Statement, Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Questions were asked about repair to fire hydrant a truck driver hit. Chad Harris to contact company on possible reimbursement.

HWC- Water System – Roads – HWC is preparing plans.

Penny Carpenter representing Newport American Legion requesting to schedule another "Ride the Rise" event on August 16, 2025. There was confusion during last year's event with insurance. Ms. Carpenter stated this would be taken care of. Chad Harris to forward an application for the event. No further action was taken.

Vermillion County Commissioner RJ Dunavan addressed the board about the upcoming Mushroom Hunt. This year it will be sponsored by the Vermillion County Reserve Deputies. Event would be Saturday and Sunday starting on April 12-13 and ending May 3-4, 2025. Rob Farley would be the contact person.

Tire Recycling Event – Will be May 10, 2025 from 8AM – 12PM. Application and application fee has already been received.

Tom Milligan made a motion to approve the Mushroom Hunt and Tire Recycle Day. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Repair on Well – No action taken

7700 – Two quotes were received to repair water damage at Building 7700. Jim Davis Restoration quote was \$65,772.00. Trade Master quote was \$32,700.00. Dave Marietta made a motion to move forward with Trade Master performing the work at Bldg. 7700. Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed with Joe Ellis voting No to the motion.

Gates – Gates are almost finished, waiting on additional electronics.

Oriden – Oriden is requesting office space in Bldg. 7700. Small group walked the property on Monday. Chad Harris sent their questions to the board.

Executive Director – Jeff Michalic is communicating with an individual about the Executive Director position. President Michalic will send the individual an updated job description to potential applicant.

Strategic Plan – No action taken

PTR – Lou Britton to draft a Lease/Purchase Agreement for property requested by Preferred Tire.

Candlewood – Need further discussions

Mega Watt – After short discussion. Joe Ellis made a motion to except the Lease/Purchase Agreement with demo content for Mega Watt, with Jeff Michalic having ability to sign the document. Dave Marietta second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chad Harris to get quotes to tear down Bldg. 733K, Surety and Guard Headquarters

Shell Building – No updates

Jon Myers – No update

Avenue Development – Lou Britton will communicate with prospect.

DNR – Joe Ellis will communicate with the DNR on their proposal.

Other Prospects – No Update

Other Business – There was no other business

Leonard Akers suggested starting Executive Sessions earlier.

Next Meeting April 17, 2025 at 6PM.

Dave Marietta made a motion to adjourn, Tom Milligan second. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING Special Meeting

April 4, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Friday April 4, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Chad Harris
Dave Marietta
Joe Ellis
JP Roehm

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney, virtual

Visitors:

President Jeff Michalic called the meeting to order at 4:10PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, Tom Milligan, Dave Marietta, Joe Ellis and JP Roehm.

Executive Director – No action taken

PTR Lease/Purchase/Infrastructure – Preferred Tire requested the purchase of land around existing business. Preferred Tire would be responsible for any costs associated with the purchase. Tom Milligan made a motion for Lou Britton to prepare Lease/Purchase Agreement for the property. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tractor trade for Tracked Loader – Dave Marietta made a motion to purchase the Tracked Loader. Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Energy Prospects – Board discussed hiring an energy consultant. No action taken.

Oriden option was discussed. No action taken.

No public comment.

Next meeting April 17, 2025 at 6PM.

JP Roehm made a motion to adjourn. Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Thursday April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Chad Harris
Dave Marietta
Joe Ellis

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Penny Carpenter
Scott Carpenter
Adam Winland
Steve Remillard

President Jeff Michalic called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, Tom Milligan, Dave Marietta, and Joe Ellis. JP Roehm was absent.

March 2025 minutes were distributed to the board and had previously been emailed. Joe Ellis made correction to minutes regarding DNR, last line page 2 should be taken out. Tom Milligan made a motion to accept the March 2025 minutes with correction, Dave Marietta second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

March 2025 Claims, Financial Report, and Trust Indiana Statement was presented to the board. Tom Milligan made a motion to accept the March 2025 Claims, Financial Report, and Trust Indiana Statement, Dave Marietta second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

HWC- Water System – Roads – HWC will contact Lou Britton for his opinion on contracts for the water project. Final estimate on the roads next week.

Building Demolition – Chad Harris working on the Scope of Work. Quotes should be available by next meeting.

7700 – Remediation is complete from the water damage.
Gates – Waiting on electronic equipment.

Housing Study – Vermillion County Redevelopment approached Vermillion Rise to contribute \$5,000.00 towards the Housing Study for Vermillion County. Vermillion County Redevelopment is contributing \$10,000.00 and Clinton City is contributing \$5,000.00. The study would cost \$20,000.00. Tom Milligan made a motion to contribute \$5,000.00 towards the housing study. Dave Marietta second the motion. Joe Ellis voted No. Motion passed with three votes being Tom Milligan, Dave Marietta, and Jeff Michalic.

Penny Carpenter representing Newport American Legion requesting to schedule another “Ride the Rise” event on August 16, 2025. The application has been received. Certificate of Insurance needs to have NeCDRA as an addition. Clarity on the sponsoring body was also discussed. Tom Milligan made a motion to approve the license agreement with the correct paperwork. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vermillion Trail Alliance would like to schedule another event for next year, tentative date would be April 11, 2026.

Oriden – Steve Remillard from Oriden stated the project is moving forward.

Executive Director – No action taken.

Strategic Plan – No action taken.

Mega Watt/Rufus Guy – Project is moving forward.

Shell Building – Continued interest.

DNR – Joe Ellis will put together information concerning DNR

Public Comment _ Steve Remillard, Oriden expressed interest in expanding energy projects.

Next meeting May 15, 2025

Dave Marietta made a motion to adjourn. Tom Milligan second. Motion passed unanimously

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May 15, 2025

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Jeff Michalic
Chad Harris
Dave Marietta
Joe Ellis
JP Roehm

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Penny Carpenter
Scott Carpenter
Adam Winland
Steve Remillard
Josh Higgins
Bill Rennels

President Jeff Michalic called the meeting to order at 6:08PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, Tom Milligan, Dave Marietta, and Joe Ellis and JP Roehm.

April 2025 minutes were distributed to the board and had previously been emailed. JP Roehm made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

April 2025 Claims, Financial Report, and Trust Indiana Statement was presented to the board. Dave Marietta made a motion to accept the April 2025 Claims, Financial Report, and Trust Indiana Statement, Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TIF Resolution - Joe Ellis made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-1 concerning TIF funding. Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

HWC- Water System – Roads – Staff will set up a Zoom meeting with HWC and board members for clarification to the drinking water system and road upgrades.

Building Demolition – Environmental sampling of potential building that are to be excavated were discussed. Guardian Environmental would complete the assessment for \$4,650.00. JP Roehm made a motion to sign the contract with Guardian Environmental to assess the buildings. Dave Marietta second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gates – Waiting on technician and hardware for the key pad installation.

Penny Carpenter representing Newport American Legion requesting to schedule another “Ride the Rise” event on August 16, 2025, Carpenter presented the board with the application, Certificate of Insurance, and event fee. Tom Milligan made a motion to approve the license agreement. Dave Marietta second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vermillion Trail Alliance would like to schedule another event for next year, tentative date would be April 11, 2026. JP Roehm made a motion to approve the Victory Race for 2026. Joe Elis second the motion. Dave Marietta and Tom Milligan abstaining from vote due to conflict of interest due to being on the Vermillion Trail Alliance board. Motion passed unanimously.

Georgetown American Legion requested access to the Rise for a scheduled event on May 31, 2025. The event would consist of side by side/Jeeps. JP Roehm made a motion to approve the ride pending the proper paperwork and route verification. Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Pet Amendment Waiver – Tom Milligan made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Landlord Waiver for Scott Pet. Dave Marietta second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ag Lease – One farm lease is outstanding. Tenant has made arrangements to work with the board.

Oriden – Lou Britton to review changes to the agreement with Oriden. JP Roehm made a motion for Jeff Michalic to sign agreement with changes after it has been reviewed. Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director – No action taken.

Strategic Plan – No action taken.

Mega Watt/Rufus Guy – Chad Harris and Lou Britton will work on setbacks and easements.

Shell Building – Continued interest.

DNR – No updates

Public Comment – Leonard Akers suggested to the board the future utilities should be taped.

More discussions on tire damage due to debris on the roadways inside the Rise.

Next meeting will be June 19, 2025 at 6PM.

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Shell Building – Continued interest.

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JP Roehm made a motion to adjourn. Tom Milligan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Tuesday June 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Eddie Thompson
Joe Ellis
JP Roehm
Willie Wyres

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Adam Winland
RJ Dunavan, Verm Co Commissioner
Bill Peebles, Verm Co Commissioner
Chase Murray, Kemper CPA
Les Zimmerman
Bill Hartman
Becky Holbert
Phil Cox

President Jeff Michalic called meeting to order at 6:16PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, JP Roehm, Joe Ellis, Eddie Thompson, and Willie Wyres.

The board reviewed the May 15, 2025 minutes. Joe Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes as written. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the May 2025 Financials, Claims and Investment Report. JP Roehm made a motion to accept the Financials for May 2025 in its entirety. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Water System – Upgrades to the existing reservoir were discussed. HWC submitted a contract to provide professional services for the upgrade. JP Roehm made a motion to move forward with HWC on the upgrades. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads – Several options were discussed concerning the roads at Vermillion Rise. Applying for a Community Crossings grant was one option. Vermillion County taking over the roads was discussed, but it would not be able to be gated. Willie Wyres will contact Eric Smith at HWC to inquire about the grant process and other option that may be available.

Building Demolition – Bid packages were initially going out Thursday. The board added more steel structures to the project, which could cause a delay.

Gates – Operational

Event Request – Bill Hartman with Vermillion Trails Alliance gave a short presentation on the past Victory Race. Next year's race would be April 11, 2026. Trails Alliance would need to submit the Event Application and Insurance for board approval. Willie Wyres will be the contact for Trail Alliance. The board unanimously agreed they were in favor of the Victory Race again next year.

Ag Lease – There is one outstanding Ag Lease, staff is working with the farmer.

Oriden – Waiting on final agreement

Payment to the Army – Joe Ellis will write a letter addressing the upcoming payment to the Army. Lou Britton will approve before sending.

PFAS Study – Homeowners close to the rise will have their drinking water sampled for PFAS at no cost. The contractors will also drill some monitoring wells at Vermillion Rise.

Executive Director – Sharing the cost of a Director with the Vermillion County is being discussed.

Lucky Farms LLC – JP Roehm made a motion to approve the survey and share with Lucky Farms LLC. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Data Centers – Ongoing

DNR – Ongoing

Other Business – The board had previously approved \$5,000.00 for housing study through Thrive West Central. The amount requested is \$5,500.00. Joe Ellis made the motion to approve \$5,500.00 for the housing study. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Oriden project will need 100,000 gallons of raw water daily for their solar project. Chad Harris to itemize the cost per gallon since it will not be treated water.

Chase Murray with Kemper CPA, stated the funding from ESCA is almost complete.

Corey Zumwalt is requesting a Coon Hunt event. An event package would need to be submitted.

New Officers – Jeff Michalic stated new officers need to be in place due to new board members. Nominations were open for Vice President. Joe Ellis nominated Eddie Thompson, there were no more nominations. JP Roehm made a motion to close nominations. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Eddie Thompson is the new Vice President.

Nominations for Treasurer were open. Eddie Thompson nominated Joe Ellis for Treasurer, there were no more nominations. JP Roehm made a motion to close nominations. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Joe Ellis is the new Treasurer.

Jeff Michalic announced he will be leaving the board as soon as a replacement is found. Thanking everyone that he had worked with.

Public Comment – Leonard Akers stated it may be more economical for the road improvements if concrete was used. The board agreed.

RJ Dunavan asked if the Hunting Leases could be advertised in a number of outlets so Vermillion County residence would be able to bid on the leases. It was agreed it would be more accessible.

Bill Peebles explained his “no” vote at the Vermillion County Commissioners meeting. It has no reflection on the new board members. Mr. Peebles is looking forward to working with the new board.

Next meeting July 29, 2025

JP Roehm made a motion to adjourn. Second by Joe Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

July 29, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Tuesday July 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Eddie Thompson
Joe Ellis
JP Roehm
Willie Wyres

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Adam Winland
Brian Noggle
Bill Rennels
Brenda Rennels
Mike Hamilton

President Jeff Michalic called meeting to order at 6:10PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, JP Roehm, Joe Ellis, Eddie Thompson, and Willie Wyres.

The board reviewed the June 24, 2025 minutes. JP Roehm made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the June 2025 Financials, Claims and Investment Report. JP Roehm made a motion to accept the Financials for June 2025 in its entirety. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Eddie Thompson tasked the staff to review invoices to eliminate unnecessary or outdated expenses.

Water System – HWC working on proposal

Roads – HWC working on proposal

Building Demolition – President Michalic opened bids for building demolition. The bids were taken under advisement.

Gates – Operational

Event Request – The board is waiting on Victory Run License Agreement. Still waiting on insurance information from Newport American Legion for the August 16, 2025 event.

Ag Lease – No information.

Oriden – Oriden agreement is signed waiting to receive copy.

Payment to the Army – The Army is requesting more financials, more discussion will be needed.

PFAS Study – No updates.

Executive Director – Sharing the cost of a Director with the Vermillion County is being discussed.

Lucky Farms LLC – Ongoing

Shell Building – Two companies have shown interest in the Shell Building.

Data Centers – The board had eight inquiries about data centers.

DNR – Ongoing

Other Business – Eddie Thompson escorted an engineering firm from Crawfordsville to evaluate the property in consideration of developing a campsite and lake in the area of the DNR property. Eddie will send board members the email with estimated cost.

Wagner Engineering was contacted about adjusting the conveyance with the Army and marketing ideas since their firm has experience in these areas. JP Roehm stated it would be beneficial to have a presents in Washington DC.

Chad Harris will email current design standards to the board.

Public Comment – Leonard Akers stated an Executive Director needs to have experience with working with the Army.

Bill Rennels asked the current acreage at the Rise. The current acreage is approximately 7,000 acres.

Adam Winland questioned the flat tire problem at the Rise due to debris on the roads from trucks. A possible solution for passenger cars would be to open Industrial Drive. JP Roehm made a motion to open Industrial Drive to passenger cars pending a bridge inspection from HWC Engineering. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Eddie Thompson asked the board to consider hiring a groundkeeper/maintenance employee.

There was no other business.

Next meeting August 19, 2025

JP Roehm made a motion to adjourn. Joe Ellis second. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2025

MINUTES

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Eddie Thompson
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Staff:

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Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Adam Winland
Phil Cox

President Jeff Michalic called meeting to order at 6:08PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, JP Roehm, Joe Ellis, Eddie Thompson, and Willie Wyres.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 29, 2025 and August 11, 2025 meetings. JP Roehm had a correction on page two of July 29th minutes that presents be changed to presence. Eddie Thompson made a motion to accept the July 29th and August 11th minutes with the change. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financials, Claims, and Trust Indiana Statement for July 2025 was presented to the board. JP Roehm made a motion to pass the July 2025 Claims, Financials, and Trust Indiana Statement. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Water System – No updates on upgrades to the reservoir. A quote from Sycamore Engineering to replace or repair Service Water #2 Pump was presented. Eddie Thompson made a motion to replace the Service Water #2 Pump with a new pump. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Demolition – Chad Harris asked the board if tearing down Building 733K was still the plan. The board agreed the building was to be torn down.

Chad Harris also had a proposal to tear down the old Powerhouse in the TNT area with no cost to the Rise. The board agreed to have the building torn down at no cost after an asbestos study. Asbestos study would be approximately \$2,500.00.

Ag Lease Update – A partial check was received.

PFAS Study – No updates

Mega Watt/Rufus Guy – Ongoing

Ag Leases – The board instructed Chad Harris to receive bids for the Yellow Farm subject to the DNR taking over at some time. The terms of the Red Farm lease will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Other Prospects - No updates

Joe Ellis stated a company that is contemplating purchasing the Shell Building is requesting bids for expansion, this has nothing to do with the Rise.

New Business – Commissioners approached the Rise to share an Economic Development Director, Vermillion County would contribute \$100,000.00 a year for a Director and Secretary. JP Roehm made a motion to sign agreement with Vermillion County to share an Economic Development Director subject to Vermillion County Council approving the funds. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads has been an ongoing problem at the Rise due to pieces of wire on roadways. The board will address the issue with Lou Britton, Board Attorney on options to improve roadways.

Public Comment – Leonard Akers spoke about Adobe and other alternatives. Leonard Akers also had sent board members an 11 minute video of Love Truck Stops. The board believes there is not enough traffic for a truck stop to locate at the Rise.

Next meeting will be September 16, 2025 at 6PM.

JP Roehm made a motion to adjourn. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Tuesday September 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Eddie Thompson
Joe Ellis
JP Roehm
Willie Wyres

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Adam Winland
Bill Rennels
Roger Azar

President Jeff Michalic called meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, JP Roehm, Joe Ellis, Eddie Thompson, and Willie Wyres.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 19, 2025 meetings. JP Roehm made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financials, Claims, and Trust Indiana Statement for August 2025 was presented to the board. Eddie Thompson made a motion to pass the August 2025 Claims, Financials, and Trust Indiana Statement. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Water System – Bid packages will be sent out soon for the reservoir update. Bid opening should be at next meeting.

Roads – Board will discuss with HWC the Community Crossings Grant and submission date.

Building Demo – All buildings are down, Eddie Thompson made a motion to add a change order to tear down the Powerhouse in TNT area for \$0.00 following an environmental sampling of the site. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ag Lease Update – There will be no farm leases renewals this year. In other business, Eddie Thompson made a motion to authorize Lou Britton to pursue legal action on a delinquent farm lease. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Hunting Bids – Hunting bids were opened Willie Wyres made a motion to accept highest bid submitted by Dave Marietta Hunt Area #23 and 24. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Oriden Agreement – JP Roehm made a motion to enter into a Preliminary Agreement with Oriden for 705 acres, which is currently in legal review. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Payment to Army – Ongoing

PFAS Study – Army contracted a company to perform a PFAS study on select areas at the Rise. The company will start drilling monitoring wells at the end of September thru October 2025.

Executive Director – The board is reaching out to an individual for negotiations.

Chad – Full Time Employment – Jeff Michalic will negotiate hours that Chad Harris will work and will keep board members updated on the progress.

Designed Tax Payer – Joe Ellis made a motion for Jeff Michalic to sign documentation for Designed Tax Payer when available. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7700 – The board discussed the condition of Building 7700. Work is needed to the boiler before the winter season. There will only be perimeter heat. Willie Wyres would like to look at building before any decision is made.

Mega Watt – No update

DNR – Roger Azar with DES Engineering presented the board with a proposed RV campground with pond and lodge in the DNR area. There was also discussion for residential housing. Mr. Azar to bring back proposals.

Other Business – Request to board members for Post Prom donation was addressed. Willie Wyres made a motion to donate \$500.00 to North and South Vermillion Post Prom committees. Jeff Michalic second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Donation to Cayuga Fire Department was discussed due to use of building for meetings. JP Roehm made motion to donate \$1,500.00 to Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – Adam Winland addressed the tire problem.

Next meeting October 21, 2025.

JP Roehm made a motion to adjourn. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Tuesday October 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Eddie Thompson
Joe Ellis
JP Roehm
Willie Wyres

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Brian Noggle

President Jeff Michalic called meeting to order at 6:16PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, JP Roehm, Joe Ellis, Eddie Thompson, and Willie Wyres.

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 2025 meeting. JP Roehm made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financials, Claims, and Trust Indiana Statement for September 2025 was presented to the board. JP Roehm made a motion to pass the September 2025 Claims, Financials, and Trust Indiana Statement. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Michalic opened the floor for the Public Hearing for the Designated Tax Payer Resolution. Attorney Lou Britton stated the Designated Tax Payers at Vermillion Rise Mega Park. There were no public comments. Joe Ellis made a motion to close Public Hearing, JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Joe Ellis made a motion to except Resolution 2025-3 Designated Tax Payer Document, Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Water System – Bids were opened for the overflow pipe installation at the reservoir.

Bids were as follows; BT Drainage - \$54,045.00. NoggleX Inc. - \$52,450.00

JP Roehm made a motion to take bids under advisement and have HWC review before awarding, Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads – HWC Engineering did not believe the Rise was eligible for the Community Crossings Grant. Board would forward letter from the State of Indiana stating the Rise was a municipality.

Building Demolition – There were three quotes submitted for foundation removal at 707CC and 723A.

707CC Razmus - 11,940.00 - Noggle X – 7,500.00 - Eric Smith - 4,200.00

723A Razmus - 15,700.00 - NoggleX – 7,500.00 – Eric Smith – 4,200.00

Eddie Thompson made a motion to accept the quote from Eric Smith for a total of \$8,500.00 for both foundations, Second by Willie Wyres. Motion passed unanimously.

TNT Powerhouse has tested positive for asbestos. Razmus will remove building for \$22,300.00 plus time and material. Joe Ellis made a motion for the demolition of the TNT Powerhouse after receiving rate for time and material before starting project. The rate will be passed along to board members. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chad Harris to send ESCA letter for reimbursement for asbestos removal.

Ag Lease – Joe Ellis made a motion, if the balance of the farm lease is not received by November 1, 2025, the current tenant would be unable to lease next year, if the balance is paid the lease will continue with current tenant. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The 2026 lease would need to be paid in full by March 31, 2026.

Hillsdale Holding LLC – Preliminary Sales contract was sent to Attorney Lou Britton for review.

Army – No update.

PFAS Study – Sampling for PFAS should conclude by the end of October 2025.

Executive Director - No update.

Building 7700 – Willie Wyres toured Building 7700 with Jim Hall, and could see potential in reusing the building. Heating and cooling would be the main obstacle. Repairs to the roof would also be needed. Mr. Wyres invited other board members to tour the building before making a firm decision. The board was in agreement to repair the boiler for now.

Mega Watt/Rufus Guy - Waiting on release from Army.

Facebook – Eddie Thompson has access to the Rise Facebook page. It is in need of new material. Posting jobs for tenants and short narrative of tenants was discussed.

Joe Ellis suggested a portable sign for job listings for tenants, no action taken.

Shell Building – Due diligence is ongoing.

Event Application – Yearly Audubon Bird Count – Joe Ellis made a motion to approve the event application for the yearly Audubon Bird Count, second by JP Roehm. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business – Buzzards are perching on the water tower. Chad Harris to contact DNR for solutions. Newport Pallet is in preliminary discussions to connect to the Rise sewer system.

Eddie Thompson suggested signage on Interstate 74, no action taken.

Board discussed cleaning up around the 121 building area for warehouse space. No power or utilities in this area.

Chad Harris mentioned several projects:

Old Substation removal approximate cost \$22,250.00

Powerhouse Silos \$120,000.00

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Concrete Crushing \$48,000.00 - min. 3,000 ton

Reservoir Repair and Painting \$77,000.00

Next meeting November 10, 2025 at 6PM.

Executive Session at 3PM

Willie Wyres made a motion to adjourn, Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Monday November 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Joe Ellis
JP Roehm
Willie Wyres

Staff:

Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Adam Winland
Jerry Acy
Eric Smith, HWC Engineering

Meeting was called to order by Treasurer Joe Ellis, due to the absence of the President Jeff Michalic and Vice President Eddie Thompson, at 6:15PM.

Roll call was taken by Joe Ellis with board members present being; Joe Ellis, JP Roehm, and Willie Wyres.

Minutes – Meeting minutes from October 21, 2025 were distributed to board members. Willie Wyres made a motion to accept the October 2025 minutes as written. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – The Financial Report, Investment Report, and Claims for October 2025 was presented. JP Roehm made a motion to accept all Financials for October 2025. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Water System – Proposals were opened at the October 21st meeting for the placement of a pipe at the reservoir, the proposals were forwarded to HWC Engineering for recommendation. Eric Smith (HWC) recommended to proceed with the low proposal from NoggleX, Inc. JP Roehm made a motion to award the project to NoggleX with Joe Ellis to sign contract, second by Willie Wyres. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads – After extensive research, the Rise is not eligible for Community Crossing at this time.

Sewer – Eric Smith gave several options to extend the sewer system for potential development.

Building Demo – Contractors are still working on the TNT Powerhouse, completion date is January 1, 2026.

Inspection of Ranney® Wells – Chad Harris received a quote from Layne (specializes in Ranney® Wells) to inspect the 3 wells that belong to the Rise for a cost of \$19,380.00. Discussions on having all 6 wells inspected was also discussed. JP Roehm made a motion to have Layne inspect the 3 wells belonging to the Rise and the other 3 wells inspected with permission from the owner. Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gates – Gate 8 received damage due to an unknown car hitting it. Police report was filed. The damage is approximately \$3,000.00. The Ranney® Well #3 lock was also cut with no damage. Trail cameras were discussed, Chad Harris to get a quote for cameras an email the board members.

AG Lease – All Ag leases are current. Next year's leases will need to be paid by March 31, 2026.

Oriden – No updates

Payment to Army – No update due to Government shutdown.

PFAS Study – PFAS study at the Rise is almost finished.

Executive Director – Jerry Acy, Site Strategies Plus LLC, was introduced as the potential Executive Director. The Executive Director would be in charge of day to day operations and development of the facility.

JP Roehm made a motion to hire Jerry Acy as the Executive Director for Vermillion Rise Mega Park, Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Acy gave a brief description of his background and accomplishments at River Ridge Development Authority in Southern Indiana. Staff and board welcomed him to the Rise.

Building 7700 – The repairs to the boiler at Bldg. 7700 have not been finished, an inspection is still needed. Willie Wyres expressed his opinion to keep heat in the building. He also asked Chad Harris to get quotes for a split unit for the CDC conference area and the back meeting room. Water options were also discussed.

County/Rise Agreement – No update.

Rufus Guy – Rufus Guy is working with Indiana Economic Development to develop the site where Bldg. 733K was located.

Shell Building – No update.

Other business – Easements and right of ways were discussed for potential prospects.

Public Comment – Leonard Akers asked about the condition of the Aquifer due to the current drought conditions. The board was confident the Aquifer has not been affected.

JP Roehm made a motion to adjourn, Willie Wyres second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting will be December 15, 2025 6PM. An Executive Session time will be determined.

NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT REUSE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2025

MINUTES

The Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority held its monthly meeting on Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cayuga Community Center - Cayuga, IN.

Board:

Jeff Michalic
Eddie Thompson
Joe Ellis
JP Roehm

Staff:

Jerry Acy
Chad Harris
Cindy Wilson
Lou Britton, Attorney

Visitors:

Leonard Akers
Adam Winland
Bill Rennels
Les Zimmerman
Bill Hartman
Tony Hout

President Jeff Michalic called meeting to order at 6:12PM.

Roll Call was taken by President Michalic with members present being; Jeff Michalic, JP Roehm, Joe Ellis, Eddie Thompson. Willie Wyres was absent.

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 10, 2025 meetings. JP Roehm made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Joe Ellis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financials, Claims, and Trust Indiana Statement for November 2025 was presented to the board. JP Roehm made a motion to pass the November 2025 Claims, Financials, and Trust Indiana Statement. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Salary Schedule 2026 – Joe Ellis made a motion to pass the Salary Schedule for 2026 including clothing allowance and logo apparel. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Water System – Water overflow valve at the reservoir should be completed by late January 2026. Eric Smith, HWC stated once that is complete, they will work with IDEM to close the Agreed Order.

Automation for the drinking water system is all professional services. HWC will invite companies to offer proposals. These proposals will be due in January.

Layne will inspect the Ranney Wells the second or third week of January. Chad Harris is working on the Wellhead Protection plan update.

Commercial Leases – Staff is working on updating current commercial leases. Staff proposes to extend leases for 6 months, and would like adopt new development standards. Joe Ellis made a motion for Vermillion Rise to adopt new Development Standards presented by Jerry Acy. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. JP Roehm also mentioned that a Land Owner Association would be in the future.

Roads – No update

Building Demolition – TNT Powerhouse is down. Non recycle materials should be done within a week.

Ag Lease update – Ag leases effected by the potential transfer of DNR acreage will have language to accommodate the lessee.

Oriden – A breaker was delivered to a secure area at the Rise.

Payment to the Army – The board discussed paying the Army the remaining balance owed. This would enable quicker response time on prospective projects.

PFAS – No update

Shell Building – Potential closing in February if all due diligence is met.

Haviland - May need special meeting, waiting on documents.

Sign – Watch Fire is working on another proposal. Cost for Digital Sign and Flag Poles for North Entrance should be available next meeting.

RJL Engagement – 1700 acres is designated to transfer to the DNR in 2026. This area is detrimental to future development by the Rise. Jerry Acy would like to engage RJL Solutions to help with negotiations. The cost would be \$10,000.00. JP Roehm made a motion to engage RJL Solutions for \$10,000.00. Jeff Michalic second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater license – Joe Ellis made a motion for Cindy Wilson to take classed to upgrade her wastewater license. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Prospects – Joe Ellis made a motion to sign agreement for 125. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed, with Jeff Michalic abstaining from the vote.

Joe Ellis made a motion to sign NDA for potential prospect. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Michalic made a motion to buy back expired contract. JP Roehm second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hartman, Vermillion County Trail Alliance, reminded the board of the upcoming Victory Run on April 11, 2026. Mr. Hartman stated the Trail Alliance needed to identify route and alternate route before March 2nd. Staff will work with the Trail Alliance to get the route complete.

Public Comment – Adam Winland asked about the roads that Oriden would be using. The board stated there was nothing definite.

Les Zimmerman, Vermillion County Trail Alliance, stated when runners come in for the run it is very dark. It was suggested to get with the county to use their portable lights or renting portable lighting to help. Bill Rennells stated the Community Crossings grants have already been awarded. Leonard Akers asked about contact information for Jerry Acy. The website is in the process of being updated.

Next meeting January 28, 2026

JP Roehm made a motion to adjourn. Eddie Thompson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.