

OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

September 23, 2010
US Grant Career Center
Bethel, Ohio

Chairman: Bob Proud
Vice-Chairman: Roger Rhonemus
Treasurer: Doug Corcoran

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Bob Proud, OVRDC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm and stated that a quorum was present and welcomed everyone to the US Grant Career Center in Bethel, Ohio. Mr. Proud then asked, Ken Morrison, Superintendent of the US Grant Career Center to lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Executive Committee Members:

	Attended	Proxy	
Roger Rhonemus, Adams County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Debra Plymail, Adams County Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Margery Paeltz, Brown County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Ben Houser, Brown County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Ken Morrison, Clermont County Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Jack DeWeese, Fayette County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Doug Marine, Fayette County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Joe Foster, Gallia County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Justin Fallon, Gallia County Commissioner</u>
Lori Neal, Gallia County Member-at-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Gary Heaton, Highland County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Charles Stevens, Highland County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tom Walton, Jackson County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Rick McNelly, Jackson County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Les Boggs, Lawrence County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Rick Griffith, Lawrence County Private Sector Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Harry Rider, Pike County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Roger Kemper, Pike County Member-at-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Joseph Sulzer, Mayor of Chillicothe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tom White, Ross County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mike Crabtree, Scioto County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Steve Carter, Scioto County Economic Development Director</u>
Jane Murray, Mayor of Portsmouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Gary Coleman, Scioto County Member-at-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Eugene Collins, Sr., Scioto County Minority Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tom Morgan, Vinton County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Rick Reynolds, Vinton County Member-at-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

OVRDC Staff Present:

John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director
Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director
Juanita Bragg, OVRDC Finance Director
Sharon Clark, OVRDC Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Melissa Clark, Gallia County Economic Development
Cindy Cunningham, Representative for Congressman Zack Space
Brooke Eiselstein, Reid Consulting Group
Tom Reid, Reid Consulting Group
Chris Shaffer, Interim Director, Governor's Office of Appalachia
Joe Sharp, Chillicothe City Council
Lois Snyder, Gallia County Commissioner

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Proud stated that a draft of the August 19, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes was mailed to members, along with the meeting notice and he asked for any corrections or additions. Mr. Proud asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

IT WAS MOVED BY GARY HEATON AND SECONDED BY EUGENE COLLINS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED.

3. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Proud introduced Doug Corcoran, OVRDC Treasurer. Mr. Corcoran referred to Tab #3 in the packet which included the Balance Sheet for July 31, 2010. Mr. Corcoran stated the balance sheet reflected the total assets of \$786,820.08; total liabilities of \$37,073.73 and total equities of \$749,746.35 and a balance of \$0.00. Mr. Corcoran asked if there were any questions. Being none, Mr. Proud asked for a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE CARTER AND SECONDED BY ROGER RHONEMUS TO ADOPT THE FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director was introduced by Mr. Proud. Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #4 and highlighted the various sections.

On August 6, Mr. Hemmings advised he and Juanita Bragg, OVRDC Finance Director met with Kelly Lewis of WesBanco Insurance to discuss the upcoming renewal on the OVRDC health insurance for 2011. The board will be advised when a quote is received.

Mr. Hemmings advised during the month of August, Jason Gillow developed a 911 survey for the OVRDC counties per a request from the Governor's Office of Appalachia. The purpose of the survey is to check on the status of OVRDC counties' 911 systems to see if there are needs that exist.

Mr. Hemmings stated Jason Gillow attended an OGRIP Forum Meeting held at ODOT Central Office in Columbus, Ohio. Topics included: (1) the Location Based Response System (LBRS) administered by the State of Ohio has secured funding for next year. Funds are available to counties that have not completed a LBRS project. Three counties remain for the OVRDC District which includes Clermont, Scioto and Vinton; and (2) the

State of Ohio GIS Support Center is still looking for funding, partners, and support for a next possible Ohio Statewide Imagery Program II.

Mr. Hemmings advised during the month of August, Michele Throckmorton and Jessica Hollis scheduled introductory meetings with communities to discuss the Rural Community Development Initiative Grant funded by USDA Rural Development to provide entrepreneurship assistance and training. Communities scheduled and visited in August were Coalton, Jackson, Wellston, Hamden, McArthur, Zaleski, Beaver, Piketon, Crown City, Gallipolis and Wilkesville.

Mr. Hemmings advised that the New EDA FY 2011 Project Process was discussed during the August Executive Committee meeting and is included again with a correction to the criteria "How the project supports Public/Private Partnerships". Originally it had been stated that EDA would count this criteria as 15% of rating but it is actually 10%.

Mr. Hemmings also advised that the Heartland Corridor is now open. The Heartland Corridor is the Norfolk and Southern line between the Port of Virginia and Columbus, Ohio. Double-stacked trains are now able to run the entire stretch of the rail thus bringing more goods and more business to Ohio and the Midwest.

5. OLD BUSINESS

(a) ARC/EDA FY 2010 Project Update

Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director referred to Tab #5-a. Mrs. Throckmorton advised since her last report to the board, the following projects were approved: Under Area Development, Pike Manufacturing Center Sewer Line Extension (Pike) has been approved, Coalton Village and Coal Township Wastewater Improvements (Jackson) has been approved, and Holzer Regional Medical Imaging System (Gallia) has also been approved.

Under Distressed County Projects, Richland/Jackson Townships Waterline Extension (Vinton) has been approved, Pike Hospital Diagnostic/Medical Equipment Project (Pike) has been approved and Hamden Sledge Handling Project (Vinton) is approved.

Under Regional Initiative Projects, Appalachian Environmental Infrastructure Energy Efficiency Initiative (RCAP) was approved.

(b) Connecting Appalachia O & A

Mr. Proud introduced Tom Reid of Reid Consulting Group. Mr. Reid presented a brief summary of the Connecting Appalachia Ohio Broadband application which was recently funded and advised a full presentation would be given at the Full Commission Meeting to follow. Mr. Reid fielded questions from attendees.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) ARC/LDD Application - Draft Resolution #2010/09-05

Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #6-a, and the Draft Resolution #2010/09-05 which would authorize OVRDC to submit its ARC Work Program application for approval for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. Mr. Proud requested a motion to adopt Draft Resolution #2010/09-05.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY HEATON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2010/09-05 AUTHORIZING JOHN HEMMINGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$213,000 TO BE MATCHED BY A MINIMUM OF 25 PERCENT IN NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES (\$71,000). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEBORA PLYMAIL AND WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (COPY OF RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED).

(b) EDA/RLF Certification – Draft Resolution #2010/09-06

Mr. Hemmings stated the EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Annual Certification Resolution was included for review and approval as Tab #6-b. Mr. Hemmings also included under Tab #6-b a statistical summary of the OVRDC EDA Revolving Loan Fund for review. Mr. Proud then requested a motion to adopt Draft Resolution #2010/09-06.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG CORCORAN TO ADOPT THE EDA-RLF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION #2010/09-06 AS PRESENTED. JUSTIN FALLON SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (COPY OF RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED).

(c) New RPO Legislation

Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #6-c which included information regarding recent NADO-supported legislation (S. 3743) introduced by members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee that would establish and give federal recognition to Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) for areas outside the boundaries of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The new Senate bill is the counterpart to HR 2782 introduced by Reps. Tim Walz and John Duncan along with a group of 27 co-sponsors in the House. The goal is to incorporate language from both bills into the multi-year SAFETEA-LU reauthorization for federal surface transportation programs. For more information, download the NADO Legislative Fact Sheet at www.nado.org/uploaded_files/rpo2010.pdf.

(d) Census 2010 – Proposed Urban Area Criteria

Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #6-d and advised the Census Bureau announced publication of the “Proposed Urban Area Criteria for the 2010 Census” in the Federal Register of August 24, 2010, available on the Federal Register’s website at www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/. The Census Bureau is seeking public comment on these proposed criteria. Comments, suggestions, or recommendations regarding the criteria should be submitted in writing, no later than November 22, 2010, to Timothy Trainor, Chief, Geography Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-7400.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Proud referred to the September 2010 Announcements section.

Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director advised there is money available for qualified applicants in the OVRDC low interest, gap financing, Revolving Loan Fund Programs for private-for-profit businesses which are located or willing to locate and operate within the geographic boundaries of Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto or Vinton Counties. Mr. Hemmings and Ms. Throckmorton will be meeting with area banks to market the loan program.

8. OVRDC MEETINGS

Mr. Proud advised of the following meetings:

Economic Development Meeting, Thursday, October 21, 9:00 am, OSU Endeavor Center, Piketon, Ohio
OVRDC CEDS Meeting, Thursday, October 21, 12 noon – OVRDC Office, Waverly, Ohio

9. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mr. Proud asked for a motion to adjourn.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORA PLYMAIL AND SECONDED BY GARY HEATON TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

John W. Hemmings III, Executive Director & Commission Secretary

APPROVED:

Bob Proud, Chairman

Attachments: Resolution #2010/09-05
Resolution #2010/09-06