

OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

September 27, 2012
Pike County Government Center
Waverly, Ohio

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

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Doug Corcoran, OVRDC Treasurer and Ross County Commissioner called the meeting to order, since Bob Proud, Chairman is in route from another meeting. Mr. Corcoran stated that a quorum was present.

Executive Committee Members:

	Attended	Proxy	
Roger Rhonemus, Adams County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Dane Clark, Adams County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Ralph Jennings, Brown County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Ray Becraft, Brown County Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Vacant, Clermont County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Jack DeWeese, Fayette County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Faye Williamson, Fayette County Member-at-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Jay Cremeans, Gallipolis City Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Bryan Long, Gallia County Private Sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Shane Wilkin, Highland County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Katy Farber, Highland County Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Jerry Hall, Jackson County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Randy Heath, Jackson County Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Doug Cade, Lawrence County Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Bill Dingus, Lawrence County Member-at-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Harry Rider, Pike County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Bob Matthey, Pike County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Jack Everson, Mayor of Chillicothe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Joyce Atwood, Ross County Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mike Crabtree, Scioto County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
David Malone, Mayor of Portsmouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Kara Willis, Scioto County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Eugene Collins, Sr., Scioto County Minority Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Jerry Zinn, Vinton County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Ralph Neal, Vinton County Private Sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

OVRDC Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Lonnie Best, Lawrence County 911
Randy Finney, City Manager, City of Gallipolis
Earl Gohl, Federal Co-Chairman, Appalachian Regional Commission
Teddy L. West, Pike County Commissioner

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Corcoran stated that a draft of the August 23, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes was mailed to members, along with the meeting notice and he asked for any corrections or additions. Being none, Mr. Corcoran asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

IT WAS MOVED BY DOUG CADE AND SECONDED BY RANDY HEATH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED.

3. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Corcoran, OVRDC Treasurer, referred to Tab #3 which included the Balance Sheet for the period ending July 31, 2012. Mr. Corcoran asked if there were any questions, being none, he asked for a motion to approve the report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JERRY HALL AND SECONDED BY RALPH JENNINGS TO ADOPT THE FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Proud took over the meeting and welcomed Earl Gohl, ARC Federal Co-Chair.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bob Proud, OVRDC Chairman then introduced John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director. Mr. Hemmings referred to the Director's Report located in the packet and asked that attendees review at their leisure.

Mr. Hemmings advised included with the Director's Report was an updated summary of current activities for the American Centrifuge Research, Development, and Demonstration Program dated September 2012.

Mr. Hemmings also advised Melody Thompson, Secretary/Bookkeeper for OVRDC turned in her resignation and has accepted a position as Deputy Auditor for Waverly as of October 1, 2012. He wished Mrs. Thompson well in her new endeavor and said she would be missed. Mr. Hemmings indicated a job search to fill this vacant position will be conducted by the first of the year.

5. OLD BUSINESS

(a) **OVRDC Office Building**

Mr. Hemmings advised advertisement for bid for the building will be printed in OVRDC county newspapers next week. The construction estimate for the project is \$700,000. The pre-bid meeting will be October 18 and the bid opening is scheduled for October 25, 2012 at 10:00 am at the WAI location on Shyville Road in Piketon, Ohio. The results of the October 25th bid opening will be brought to the October 25, 2012 Executive Committee meeting for discussion and approval/rejection.

Mr. Hemmings included in the packet a budget showing expenditures and future anticipated costs for the building for review. He stated that the budget was preliminary and would be refined and discussed further at the next Executive Committee meeting on October 25, 2012.

(b) **Memo of Understanding with SODI**

Mr. Corcoran advised Mr. Hemmings attended the September SODI Board Meeting and asked the board to consider increasing the amount of the OVRDC building loan to \$300,000 from \$250,000. This increase was approved by the board. Mr. Corcoran indicated the SODI Executive Director and Mr. Hemmings will work on a Memo of Understanding.

(c) **OVRDC Temporary Contact Information**

Mr. Corcoran referred to the new temporary OVRDC Staff contact information sheet included in the packet.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) **ARC/LDD Application-Draft Resolution #2012/09-03**

Mr. Hemmings referred to Draft Resolution #2012/09-03 authorizing OVRDC to submit its ARC Work Program application for approval for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Mr. Hemmings requested a motion to adopt Draft Resolution #2012/09-03.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY RANDY HEATH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2012/09-03 AUTHORIZING JOHN HEMMINGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$217,000 TO BE MATCHED BY A MINIMUM OF 25 PERCENT IN NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES (\$73,000) AND ACCEPT ANY SUBSEQUENT GRANT CONTRACT.

(b) **EDA/RLF Certification-Draft Resolution #2012/09-04**

Mr. Hemmings stated the EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Annual Certification Resolution was included in the packet for review and approval. Mr. Proud requested a motion to adopt Draft Resolution #2012/09-04).

MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG CADE TO ADOPT THE EDA-RLF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION #2012/09-04 AS PRESENTED. RAY BECRAFT SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED.

(c) **Surface Transportation Bill-Draft Resolution #2012/09-05**

Mr. Hemmings referred to the Surface Transportation Bill-Draft Resolution #2012/09-05. The resolution supports the designation by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) of OVRDC as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RPTO) for its rural member counties, with such designation providing a regional rural voice for local communities in the OVRDC region in the distribution of federal and state highway funds.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG CORCORAN AND SECONDED BY RANDY HEATH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2012/09-05 SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION BY THE OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) OF OVRDC AS A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPTO) FOR ITS RURAL MEMBER COUNTIES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

(d) Ohio Local Development District Application-Amended Draft Resolution #2012/05-02

Mr. Hemmings referred to the amended draft copy of the Annual State Local Development District (LDD) Application Draft Resolution #2012/05-02 included in the packet. Mr. Hemmings advised the original resolution was approved at the May 24, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting for \$130,194. Mr. Hemmings advised we were notified by the Ohio Department of Development that they were increasing the amount to \$135,000 and asked that OVRDC resubmit a new application and forms to reflect the increased amount. The amended resolution is included for review and approval for OVRDC's annual State LDD grant support.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY BECRAFT AND SECONDED BY DOUG CADE TO ADOPT DRAFT AMENDED RESOLUTION#2012/05-02 AUTHORIZING JOHN HEMMINGS, OVRDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET, TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF AT LEAST \$135,000 (ONE-THIRD OF AMOUNT APPROVED IN THE OHIO BIENNIUM BUDGET FOR FY 2013). THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(e) Accept Resignation of Executive Committee Member

Mr. Corcoran referred to the email included in the packet from Katy Farber, Highland County Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Farber is resigning from the Executive Committee as the Highland County Private Sector Representative to take a position with Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY HEATH AND SECONDED BY RALPH JENNINGS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KATY FARBER, WHO PRESENTLY SERVES AS THE HIGHLAND COUNTY PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 28, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Corcoran thanked Mrs. Farber for her dedication and service to our region and wished her well in her new endeavor.

(f) Community Resolution Regarding the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant

Mr. Hemmings advised Kim Reynolds attended a meeting at the Pike County Chamber of Commerce on September 18, 2012. A draft letter was developed as a result of that meeting with the title "Community Resolution Regarding Waste Disposition and Future Land Use at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The letter indicated that the US Department of Energy was considering creating a waste cell on the DOE reservation at Piketon to permanently contain contaminated waste that cannot be removed from the site. Area residents would like for the site to be deemed safe for future use and are concerned that waste may be brought to this site from other areas of the country. The letter identifies OVRDC as a "Representative Community Organization" of the letter. A discussion was held and the agenda item was tabled until the October 25, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting.

7.OVRDC MEETINGS

Mr. Proud announced that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Pike County Government Center in Waverly, Ohio. Mr. Proud also advised the OVRDC Community and Economic Development Conference will be held Thursday, October 11, 2012 at Shawnee Lodge and Conference Center, S.R. 125 in Friendship, Ohio with registration beginning at 8:00 am.

8. ADJOURN

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY RANDY HEATH TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

John W. Hemmings III, Executive Director & Commission Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert L. Proud, OVRDC Chairman