

**OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting**

Minutes

*July 24, 2014
OVRDC Office, 73 Progress Drive
Waverly, Ohio*

*Chairman: Bob Proud
Vice-Chairman: Shane Wilkin
Treasurer: Blaine Beekman*

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Bob Proud, OVRDC Chairman called the July 24th Executive Committee Meeting to order. Mr. Proud welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the OVRDC Office, in Waverly, Ohio and stated that a quorum was present. Mr. Proud asked Doug Corcoran Ross County Commissioner to lead the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Executive Committee Members:

| | Attended | Proxy | |
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| Paul Worley, Adams County Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Debora Plymail, Adams County Member-at-Large | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Tony Applegate, Brown County Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Harry Foxworthy, Brown County Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Matthew Van Sant, Clermont County Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Jack DeWeese, Fayette County Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Jim Gusweiler, Fayette County Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Steve Wallis, Gallia County Caucus Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>Randy Finney, City of Gallipolis</u> |
| Michelle Miller, Gallia County Private Sector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Shane Wilkin, Highland County Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Charles Stevens, Highland County Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Jerry Hall, Jackson County Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Rick McNelly, Jackson County Private Sector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Doug Cade, Lawrence County Engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Rick Griffith, Lawrence County Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Blaine Beekman, Pike County Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Ted West, Pike County Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Shirley Bandy, 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"/> | _____ |
| Tom White, Ross County Private Sector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Mal Payne, Ross County Minority Representative | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

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| Mike Crabtree, Scioto County Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Wayne Kempf, Scioto County Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Kevin Johnson, City of Portsmouth | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Jerry Zinn, Vinton County Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Clyde Hall, Vinton County Member-at-Large | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

OVRDC Staff Present:

John Hemmings, Executive Director
Kara Willis, Development Director
Sharon Clark, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Kevin Hogget, Representative for Senator Rob Portman
Harry Rider, Pike County Commissioner
Juli Stephens, Representative for Congressman Bill Johnson
Kathleen Young, Representative for Governor John Kasich

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Proud stated that a draft of the June 26, 2014 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 TED WEST AND SECONDED BY TOM WHITE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 26, 2014, MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED.

3. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Proud introduced Blaine Beekman, OVRDC Treasurer and Pike County Commissioner to present the Finance Report. Mr. Beekman advised the balance sheet for May 31, 2014 was included in the packet for review and asked if there were any questions. Being none, Mr. Proud then asked for a motion to approve the Finance Report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG CORCORAN AND SECONDED BY PAUL WORLEY TO ADOPT THE FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director, referred to the July 2014 Director’s Report and advised the new activities for each section is in red print and the prior accomplishments are in black print in each area.

5. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Mr. Proud introduced OVRDC Development Director, Kara Willis. Mrs. Willis advised the revision of the “current conditions” has been sent to our mentor organization, Ohio-Indiana-Kentucky Council of Governments (OKI) and when we receive their feedback the plan will be sent to our Transportation Committee for their verification of the data.

Mrs. Willis advised the RTPO’s have asked ODOT if the RTPO Program will be supported in the future and was advised there is a line item in the state budget, but continued funding will depend on the results provided from all of the RTPO’s and if the counties support the program.

As a follow-up, Mrs. Willis advised we are continuing the application process for Vinny Wang's H-1B Visa and have responded to additional questions and should be hearing from the government within 15 days.

(b) RLF Application for Financing

Mrs. Willis advised the RLF application for financing was not submitted this month. Mr. Hemmings indicated he and Mrs. Willis will be meeting with another potential loan client in Fayette County tomorrow and since there will be no meeting in August he asked for authorization to notify the Executive Committee by email regarding potential loans that would come up in August for vote.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG CORCORAN AND SECONDED BY RICK MCNELLY TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY EMAIL FOR A VOTE ON AN RLF APPLICATION, CONTINGENT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL BY THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) ARC/EDA FY 2015 Proposed Project Package

Mr. Proud introduced Kara Willis, OVRDC Development Director. Mrs. Willis referred to the FY'2015 OVRDC Project Package included in the packet in order of priority for Appalachia Regional Commission (ARC) and Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding and advised the Project Review Committee met on July 23rd at the OVRDC Office in Waverly. The Project Review Committee approved the FY'2015 Project Packages for ARC Area Development, Distressed County and Access Road Projects and recommended them to the Executive Committee for approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHANE WILKIN AND SECONDED BY TED WEST TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ARC/EDA PROJECT PACKAGE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR '2015. THE MOTION PASSED.

(b) Auditor of State Award

Mr. Hemmings referred to the letter and certificate in the packet from Dave Yost, Auditor of State for Ohio. For the second year in a row OVRDC has received the Auditor of State award for audit year 2013. The Auditor of State Award is given to those entities that file timely financial reports in accordance with GAAP Accounting Standards, as well as receive a "clean" audit report. The "clean" audit report means that our financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, and material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit findings or any questioned costs. Mr. Hemmings and Mr. Proud congratulated Juanita Bragg, OVRDC's Finance Director, Blaine Beekman, OVRDC Treasurer and Stephanie Gilbert, Bookkeeper/Secretary for their work in receiving this outstanding honor two years running.

(c) EDA Short Term Planning Application

Mr. Hemmings asked that this item be tabled until next spring.

(d) Support for Full Funding of D&D at Piketon

Mr. Hemmings gave a Power Point presentation regarding the potential layoffs at the Piketon Plant. He discussed that due to a reduction in financing available for the cleanup of the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Federal Fiscal Year 2015 a layoff of 675 employees may occur at the site. In addition, a pending lawsuit may cause an additional 600+ layoff. Mr. Hemming asked for the authorization to send a letter of support from OVRDC for continued adequate funding to keep all of the present jobs for cleanup of the Piketon plant to the US Department of Energy (DOE) and our federal legislators. After discussion:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM WHITE AND SECONDED BY RANDY FINNEY TO AUTHORIZE THE OVRDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED ADEQUATE FUNDING TO KEEP ALL OF THE PRESENT JOBS FOR CLEANUP OF THE PIKETON PLANT ON BEHALF OF THE OVRDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) AND OUR FEDERAL LEGISLATORS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hemmings advised Kara Willis, OVRDC Development Director submitted her resignation effective August 22, 2014 to take a position with the University of Rio Grande. Mr. Hemmings said she will be missed and wished her well in her new endeavor. He advised OVRDC will be advertising for her replacement.

7. OVRDC MEETINGS

There will be no Executive Committee in August.

Mr. Proud referred to the registration information for the Full Commission Meeting & Picnic to be held Friday, September 19, 2014 in Jackson County at the OSU Extension Office, 17 Standpipe Road, Jackson, Ohio. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, the meeting will be held at 11:00 with lunch to follow.

8. ADJOURN

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG CORCORAN AND SECONDED BY RICK MCNELLY TO ADJOURN THE JULY 24, 2014 OVRDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

John W. Hemmings III, Executive Director & Commission Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert Proud, Chairman