

OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

May 26, 2011
Pike County Government Center
Waverly, Ohio

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

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Roger Rhonemus, OVRDC Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order (Bob Proud, OVRDC Chairman was not in attendance). Mr. Rhonemus stated that a quorum was present and he welcomed everyone to the Pike County Government Center. Mr. Rhonemus on behalf of Ohio Valley Regional Development commission extended condolences to the family of Seth Blevins, a soldier from Brown County who died serving his country in Afghanistan. Mr. Rhonemus then asked Tim Ross, Clermont County Private Sector Representative to lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Afterward, Mr. Rhonemus asked those present to introduce themselves.

Executive Committee Members:

	Attended	Proxy	
Roger Rhonemus, Adams County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Dane Clark, Adams County Private Sector	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tim Ross, Clermont County Private Sector	<input checked="" 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"/>	_____
Joe Foster, Gallia County Commissioner	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Jacobs
Les Boggs, Lawrence County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lonnie Best
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Joseph Sulzer, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
David Malone, Mayor of Portsmouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Don Hadsell, 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
Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director
Juanita Bragg, OVRDC Finance Director
Sharon Clark, Administrative Assistant
Jessica Purdon, Economic Development Specialist

Guests Present:

Gary Abernathy, Representative, Senator Rob Portman
Mike Elliott, ODOT District 6
Maggi Horst, Representative, Congressman Mike Turner
Tom Horst, Highland County Commissioner
David Locke, Representative, Congressman Bill Johnson
Danielle Nameth, Representative, Senator Sherrod Brown
Fred River, ODOT District 9
Rebecca Steele, Community Development, City of Portsmouth
Lynn Stevens, USDA Rural Development

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rhonemus stated that a draft of the April 28, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes was mailed to members, along with the meeting notice and he asked for any corrections or additions. Mr. Rhonemus asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

IT WAS MOVED BY RAY BECRAFT AND SECONDED BY KATY FARBER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED.

3. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Rhonemus introduced Juanita Bragg, OVRDC Finance Director (Doug Corcoran, OVRDC Treasurer was not in attendance). Ms. Bragg referred to Tab #3 in the packet which included the Balance Sheet for March 31, 2011 and advised Total Assets of \$1,065,457.39, Total Liabilities of \$72,167.21, Total Equity of \$993, 290.18 and a zero balance. Ms. Bragg asked if there were any questions. Being none, Mr. Rhonemus asked for a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JERRY ZINN AND SECONDED BY MIKE CRABTREE TO ADOPT THE FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rhonemus introduced John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director and Mr. Hemmings referred to the Director's Report under Tab #4 and highlighted the various sections. Mr. Hemmings advised on April 13th he met with Alex Kohls of the ODOD Global Markets Division to discuss his office pursuing funds through the new Global Appalachia Initiative and advised the four Ohio LDDs will in principle support the State of Ohio in pursuing this funding.

Mr. Hemmings advised on April 6th, Kim Reynolds and Shannon Nichols attended the meeting of the District 15 Executive Committee. The meeting was to prioritize the Clean Ohio Revitalization Brownfield Applications that were received. The priority was given to City of Ironton-Ironton Riverfront Development project and 2nd priority to Lawrence County-Former Alpha Portland Cement project. During the meeting the committee also reviewed and approved the OPWC District 15 Selection Methodology and rating sheets to be used for Round 26.

Mr. Hemmings advised Jason Gillow, OVRDC Research/Planning Specialist, acquired new free FEMA DFIRM GIS data through "National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Database.

Mr. Hemmings also advised on April 27th Jessica Purdon, OVRDC Economic Development Specialist met with Meagan Barnes and Christie Welch of the Ohio State University South Centers to begin planning a training in conjunction with OSU concerning farmer's markets in small communities.

5. OLD BUSINESS

(a) ARC/EDA FY 2011 Update

Mr. Rhonemus introduced Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director. Mrs. Throckmorton referred to Tab #5a and discussed the FY 2011 Priority Project Package updates. She advised under "Area Development"- Woodland Centers Electronic Health Records Project (Gallia County) was approved and Village of Coalton Water Distribution System Renovations (Jackson County) was approved. Under "Distressed County Projects"- Village of Piketon Water System Improvements (Pike County) has been forwarded to GOA and Fairview, Hutt, and Benson Road Waterlines project (Vinton County) has been approved. Under "Economic Development Administration"- The Point Industrial Park Intermodal Rail Improvements (Lawrence County) has been determined by EDA to be competitive and will proceed through the new EDA project process.

(b) Economic Recovery Coordinator Update

Mr. Hemmings advised that at the April 2011 Executive Committee meeting, he was given the approval to enter into contract with Mr. James Raussen as the new Tri-County Economic Recovery Coordinator pending approval by EDA of a grant extension for the Tri-County Economic Recovery Strategy project. Mr. Hemmings advised he has received a 2nd letter from EDA again denying our extension request. It was the consensus of the committee that no motion was necessary regarding a formal withdrawal of the offer to Mr. Raussen for the Coordinator position since it was contingent on approval of the extension from EDA and that will not be occurring. Mr. Hemmings advised he is in the process of contacting the counties involved and will proceed with completing the final progress and financial reports in order to close out the project.

(c) Update on Marcellus Shale

Mr. Hemmings advised he attended an Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) Ohio Shale Development Core Group meeting in Walnut Creek, Ohio on April 29th with ODNR Director David Mustine and Ohio EPA Director Scott Nally. The four Ohio Local Development Districts have been asked to sit on this Ohio Shale Development Core Group. Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #5c which included maps of the most significant Marcellus and Utica Shale potential in Ohio, and a summary of workshops that the Ohio Local Development Districts will possibly be coordinating with the Ohio Farm Bureau concerning shale development in the Ohio Appalachia region. The workshops will focus on (1) Leasing/How to structure (2) Impact on local governments, and (3) Workforce/Getting Ohio people trained to do the jobs required. Mr. Hemmings asked the Executive Committee members to consider where meetings should be held and to consider the possibility of combining several counties into one meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Finance Committee Recommendations

Mr. Rhonemus introduced Juanita Bragg, OVRDC Finance Director. Ms. Bragg advised the Finance/Audit Committee met on May 13, 2011 at the OVRDC Office. The members of the committee are: Bob Proud (who was unable to attend), Roger Rhonemus, Doug Corcoran, John Hemmings and Juanita Bragg. Attending the audit portion of the meeting was Kathy Lambert from the audit firm of Whited Seigneur Sams & Rahe, LLP (WSSR):

- **2012 General Fund Budget**

The Finance Committee has recommended the distribution of the per capita to be based on the 2010 Census for the fiscal year 2012 General Fund resolutions. The Committee recommended retaining

the present per capita rate amount of .17 cents per person per county. Ms. Bragg referred to Tab #6a, containing a chart showing the 2011 and 2012 per capita amounts and asked for the approval of the Finance Committee's recommendation concerning the general fund amount increasing by \$1,845.00 (from \$112,004 in 2011 to \$113,849 in 2012). She stated that the resolutions will be given to the counties present today and also emailed to all 12 county clerks.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY HARRY RIDER TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2012 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO RETAIN THE PER CAPITA RATE AT 17 CENTS USING THE 2010 POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR EACH COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- Audit Report of OVRDC's Financial Statements for the Year Ended 12/31/10

Ms. Bragg advised OVRDC has received the draft audit report of the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2010 with the material weakness from period ending December 31, 2009 partially corrected and no findings or questioned cost on any of our federal programs. The audit is to be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse and to the Auditor of State for their review. Once the audit is approved, the Auditor of State will post OVRDC's Financial Statements on the Auditor of State's website. When OVRDC is notified of this posting, we will include the link to view the audit on the Auditor's website in our E-newsletter. The Finance/Audit Committee approved the report and recommended it to be submitted to OVRDC's Executive Committee for approval.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SHANE WILKIN AND SECONDED BY KATY FARBER TO APPROVE THE DRAFT AUDIT REPORT AND ADVANCE IT ALONG WITH THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE FOR REVIEW. THE MOTION CARRIED.

(b) HB 153

Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #6b which included an excerpt from HB 153. Mr. Hemmings advised that the Ohio House passed HB 153 with 3 of the 4 ODOB Appalachia Development budget line items zeroed out for FY 2013 of the biennium budget. However, he indicated that language was added stating "It is the intent of the General Assembly is to appropriate for fiscal year 2013 the same amount appropriated for fiscal year 2012 for appropriation items #195416-Governor's Office of Appalachia; #195501-Appalachian Local Development District; and #195502-Appalachian Regional Commission Dues." This is an improvement to the budget bill but it would have been better to have gotten the budget figures restored for FY 2013. Mr. Hemmings stated he will work with our members of the Ohio Senate regarding this.

(c) Ohio Local Development District Application-Draft Resolution #2011/05-03

Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #6c which included a draft copy of the annual State Local Development District (LDD) application Resolution #2011/05-03 for review and approval, indicating this was for OVRDC's annual State LDD grant support.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY MIKE CRABTREE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION #2011/05-03 AUTHORIZING JOHN HEMMINGS, 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 \$130,494 (ONE-THIRD OF AMOUNT PENDING APPROVAL IN THE OHIO BIENNIUM BUDGET FY 2012), THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(d) OVRDC Supports USEC Loan Guarantee – Draft Resolution #2011/05-04

Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #6d and asked for approval of Draft Resolution #2011/05-04 supporting USEC's application for a federal loan guarantee by June 30, 2011.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY MIKE CRABTREE TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION #2011/05-04 STATING THE OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION URGES THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO DIRECT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE URANIUM ENRICHMENT WORK BEING DEVELOPED BY USEC, INC., AT ITS PIKETON, OHIO PLANT BY GRANTING USEC'S APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL LOAN GUARANTEE BY JUNE 30, 2011. THE MOTION CARRIED.

(e) Donation of Land to OVRDC for building/Carpeting

Mr. Hemmings advised he spoke with the Executive Director of the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative, (SODI) regarding future space for OVRDC. OVRDC presently leases space from Wausau Homes and the building we lease is up for sale and OVRDC needs to be planning for future office space. Mr. Hemmings said the SODI board met and approved the donation of two acres of land at the Zahn's Corner Industrial Park (in Pike County) to OVRDC contingent on plans being in place to build a building. Land in the industrial park is being priced at \$25,000 per acre. SODI would require right of first refusal if the building/property was ever sold by OVRDC. Mr. Hemmings distributed photos of the donated land to the committee for review and said he was not asking for approval at this meeting since the donation is not official until plans for a building are in place; he just wanted to advise the board of this donation and that he is working on ideas for the development of a building. He thanked SODI for working with OVRDC on this issue. A question and answer session followed and Mr. Hemmings again advised he would keep the board informed on his progress, but no official plan of action on a building has been developed yet.

Mr. Hemmings brought up an issue concerning the start time of the Executive Committee meetings. Both Gallia and Lawrence County Boards of Commissioners meet on Thursdays and find it difficult to make the meetings. Mr. Hemmings asked if the Committee would mind moving the meetings back to 2:00 pm from 1:30 pm to better allow Gallia and Lawrence County to make the meetings. The Executive Committee was fine with the concept and left it to the discretion of Mr. Hemmings to decide.

7. OVRDC MEETINGS

Mr. Rhonemus advised the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on June 30th at the Pike County Government Center in Waverly, Ohio at 1:30 pm or 2:00 pm based on the Executive Director's decision.

Mr. Rhonemus advised the OVRDC Personnel Committee will meet June 30th at 11:00 am at the OVRDC Office in Waverly.

8. ADJOURN

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY BECRAFT AND SECONDED BY KATY FARBER TO ADJOURN THE MAY 26TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

John W. Hemmings III, Executive Director & Commission Secretary

APPROVED:

Roger Rhonemus, Vice-Chairman