

OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

September 29, 2011
Scioto County Career Technical Center
Lucasville, Ohio

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

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Bob Proud, OVRDC Chairman and Clermont County Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Mr. Proud stated that a quorum was present and he welcomed everyone to the Scioto County Career Technical Center in Lucasville, Ohio. Mr. Proud asked Mike Crabtree, Scioto County Commissioner to lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Proud then asked for 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 checked="" 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 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"/>	_____
Les Boggs, Lawrence County Commissioner	<input 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 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 checked="" 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
Juanita Bragg, OVRDC Finance Director
Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director
Sharon Clark, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Blaine Beekman, Pike County Commissioner
United States Senator Sherrod Brown
Misty Casto, Executive Director, Buckeye Hills HVRDD
Dan Dean, Fayette County Commissioner
Nick Gatz, Representative, Governor Kasich
Jeff Griffin, Representative, Congressman Bill Johnson
Larry Kidd, JobsOhio, Jackson County
Andrew Machles, Personal Aide, Senator Rob Portman
Danielle Nameth, Representative, Senator Sherrod Brown
Lynn Stevens, Area Director, USDA Rural Development
Ted West, Pike County Commissioner

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Proud stated that a draft of the August 25, 2011 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 RANDY HEATH AND SECONDED BY RALPH JENNINGS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED.

3. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Proud asked Juanita Bragg, OVRDC Finance Director to give the Finance Report since Doug Corcoran, OVRDC Treasurer was not in attendance. Ms. Bragg referred to Tab #3 in the packet which included the Balance Sheet for July 31, 2011 and advised the Total Assets were \$1,103,542.93, Total Liabilities were \$39,475.21 and Total Equity \$1,064,067.72 and a zero balance. Ms. Bragg 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 HARRY RIDER AND SECONDED BY RALPH JENNINGS TO ADOPT THE FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Proud introduced John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director. Mr. Hemmings referred to the Director's Report located under Tab #4. He stated in the interest of time, he would not provide an oral summary of the report rather let the Executive Committee members and guests review it at their leisure.

5. OLD BUSINESS

(a) **OVRDC Office Building**

Mr. Hemmings advised the Wausau Homes building OVRDC presently leases in Waverly, Ohio is now under contract to be sold with closing expected by November of 2011. Mr. Hemmings advised the future new owner plans to operate a chemical company in the manufacturing area of the building and expects to

create 30 jobs in Pike County. He also advised the prospective buyers advised him they will need our office space by November 2012 and discussed possibly building an office for OVRDC on the present property. Mr. Hemmings then referred to the 2-acre property donated to OVRDC by the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative Board of Directors which was discussed at the May and August 2011 Executive Committee Meetings stating many decisions need to be made quickly and he will be sharing his ideas with the OVRDC Officers soon in order to proceed as necessary with finding new office space.

(b) JobsOhio/Appalachian Business Council

Mr. Proud introduced Larry Kidd, from Jackson County. Mr. Kidd is the CEO of Reliable Staffing Services and RSS Professional, LLC, independently-owned staffing companies in Jackson. Mr. Kidd is the ninth member appointed to the JobsOhio Board. His term runs from September 2, 2011 until July 5, 2015. Mr. Hemmings then advised that the State of Ohio had awarded funds to the six JobsOhio Regional Partner Organizations including the Ohio Appalachian Business Council, which will be serving 25 of the 32 Appalachia Ohio counties. Mr. Hemmings also provided a brief summary about the JobsOhio kickoff meeting that was held in Chillicothe, Ohio on September 8, 2011. Roughly 200 people were in attendance from across the region served by the Ohio Appalachian Business Council.

(c) Marcellus & Utica Shale Update

Mr. Hemmings advised under Tab #5c is information regarding a Marcellus & Utica Shale Educational Workshop to be held October 6 in Jackson, Ohio. The event is cosponsored by OVRDC and the Ohio Farm Bureau. The presenter is Dale Arnold, Director, Energy of Services for Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

(d) ARC 2012 Proposed Project Package Amendment

Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director, advised that at the August 25, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting the FY'2012 ARC/EDA Project Package was approved. Since then the Village of Georgetown brought forth the Home Street Extension Access Road project to be added under the FY'2012 Access Road project package. Michele informed the committee that the only other project listed under the access road program is the Hobart/Carl Smith Drive Access Road which is to be approved and funded in FY'2011.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY RAY BECRAFT TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF HOME STREET EXTENSION ACCESS ROAD PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN TO THE 2012 ARC/EDA PROJECT PACKAGE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) ARC/LDD Application Draft Resolution #2011/09-05

Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #6a, and the Draft Resolution #2011/09-05 which would authorize OVRDC to submit its federal ARC Work Program application for approval for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Mr. Proud requested a motion to adopt Draft Resolution #2011/09-05.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JERRY ZINN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2011/09-05 AUTHORIZING JOHN HEMMINGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING OF AT LEAST \$213,000 TO BE MATCHED BY A MINIMUM OF 25 PERCENT IN NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES (\$71,000). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROGER RHONEMUS AND WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (COPY OF RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED).

(b) EDA/RLF Certification Draft Resolution #2011/09-06

Mr. Hemmings stated the EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Annual Certification Resolution was included for review and approval as Tab #6b. Mr. Proud then requested a motion to adopt Draft Resolution #2011/09-06.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAY BECRAFT TO ADOPT THE EDA-RLF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION #2011/09-06 AS PRESENTED. MIKE CRABTREE SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED. (COPY OF RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED).

(c) Ohio Precious Metals Loan Amendment

Mrs. Throckmorton advised on March 31, 2011, the Executive Committee approved (after recommendation by the Loan Review Committee) a \$200,000 ARC Loan to Ohio Precious Metals, LLC. A stipulation in the commitment letter requested the borrower carry a \$200,000 Life Insurance Policy for the term of the OVRDC loan. The borrower requested that the life insurance stipulation be removed. Mrs. Throckmorton advised she contacted our attorney and ARC Washington staff and they agreed with removing this requirement if the borrower's wife, Susan Stockmeister, agreed to sign a \$200,000 personal loan guarantee. The Loan Review Committee has recommended a revised commitment letter be sent for signature by the borrower including the \$200,000 personal loan guarantee from Susan Stockmeister, if the Executive Committee approves. Ms. Throckmorton requested such approval from the Executive Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY RANDY HEATH TO APPROVE AMENDING THE LOAN AGREEMENT TO OHIO PRECIOUS METALS TO INCLUDE A \$200,000 PERSONAL LOAN GUARANTEE BY THE SPOUSE OF THE BORROWER, SUSAN STOCKMEISTER, AND REMOVING THE STIPULATION OF THE BORROWER TO CARRY A \$200,000 LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE TERM OF THE OVRDC LOAN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

(d) X-Mil, Inc. Release of Collateral

Mr. Hemmings asked that this item be tabled at this time.

Mr. Proud introduced Senator Sherrod Brown and thanked him for attending the OVRDC Executive Committee Meeting and participating in a "listening session". Senator Brown spoke to the audience and then answered several questions from the Executive Committee members and guests.

Mr. Proud and Mr. Hemmings presented the OVRDC Area Leadership Award to Senator Brown for his outstanding service, commitment and advocacy for the OVRDC Region, Southern Ohio and its communities; for his support of the Appalachian Regional Commission, Economic Development Administration, and USDA Rural Development, as well as his continued support of the Ohio Local Development Districts.

7. OVRDC MEETINGS

Mr. Hemmings advised he talked with the Department of Energy to schedule a time for the Executive Committee to tour the Piketon Gaseous Diffusion Plant in October. The tour would be approximately 3 hours and the Executive Committee Meeting would have to begin around 11:30 at the Piketon Plant following clearance by DOE. After discussion, it was decided to postpone the tour of the Piketon Plant and to hold the next Executive Committee Meeting on October 27th at 2:00 pm at the Pike County Government Center in Waverly.

The CEDs Committee will be held at 12 noon on October 27th.

8. **ADJOURN**

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY RAY BECRAFT TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

John W. Hemmings III, Executive Director & Commission Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert Proud, Chairman

Attachments: Resolution #2011/09-05
Resolution #2011/09-06