

OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 29, 2012
Southern Hills Career & Technical Center
Georgetown, 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 Southern Hills Career & Technical Center, Georgetown, Ohio. Mr. Proud asked Sharon Carbo, representative from Governor Kasich's Office 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"/>	_____
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"/>	_____
Tim Ross, 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"/>	_____
Joe Foster, Gallia County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
VACANT, Gallia County Private Sector	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	_____
Les Boggs, Lawrence County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____ <u>Lonnie Best, Lawrence County 911</u>
Bill Dingus, Lawrence County Member-at-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____ <u>Viviane Vallance, LEDC</u>
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 checked="" 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"/>	_____
VACANT, 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 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:

Doug Cade, Lawrence County Engineer
Sherri Carbo, Representative Governor Kasich
Linda Ayres-Louiso, USDA Rural Development
Danielle Nameth, Regional Representative for Senator Sherrod Brown

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Proud stated that a draft of the February 23, 2012 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 RALPH JENNINGS AND SECONDED BY MIKE CRABTREE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED.

3. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Proud introduced Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner and OVRDC Treasurer. Mr. Corcoran referred to Tab #3 and reviewed the balance sheet for the period ending January 31, 2012. 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 RAY BECRAFT AND SECONDED BY HARRY RIDER 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 and highlighted the various sections.

Mr. Hemmings advised during the month of February, Jason Gillow worked with the Village of Greenfield, Village of Lynchburg, Village of West Union, regarding GPS mapping services. Jason also worked with the Jackson County Engineer's Office to scan engineering prints of the City of Wellston's infrastructure and he has been collecting data for the Dan Evans Industrial Park in order to GPS map infrastructure at the site.

Mr. Hemmings advised on February 2nd he met with Jerry Schneider of Fluor-B&W Portsmouth LLC and Jim Morgan of InSolves about the Fluor-B&W Community Commitment Plan and the work of their consultants. He was provided with an update on where the strategic plan for each of the four counties stood and discussion was held on how OVRDC could be a part of implementing some of the plan. A follow-up meeting was held with Jerry Schneider, Jim Morgan and Dr. C.R. Canup to discuss the strategic plan further. Mr. Hemmings indicated OVRDC may be able to assist with efforts to market the industrial properties in the counties by providing GIS services to map infrastructure at the locations.

On February 27th, Jason Gillow attended an OGRIP Forum meeting held at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources office in Columbus, Ohio and it was announced the Ohio Statewide Imagery Program (OSIP 2) aerial photography flights and data collection started this month which will include Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties and possibly Adams County for the OVRDC Region.

Mr. Hemmings also referred to an article included in the packet regarding an independent report on the future re-use of the Department of Energy site in Piketon which was released by Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership. The report concluded that the majority of people in the region who were surveyed chose a nuclear power plant or green energy park as their top re-use choices.

5. OLD BUSINESS

(a) ARC/EDA 2012 PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Proud introduced Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director. Mrs. Throckmorton referred to Tab #5a and advised of the following changes in the project package since the last Executive Committee Meeting. She stated under Area Development Projects, OVRDC New Building Construction Project (Multi-County) has been submitted to GOA for review; Village of Crown City Wastewater facility Project (Gallia) has been approved; ACRMC Digital Mammography Equipment Project (Adams) has been submitted to ARC. Under Distressed County Projects, City of Waverly Bridge Street Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project (Pike) submitted to ARC; Vinton Station Waterline Extension Project (Vinton) submitted to GOA. Under EDA Projects, the Point Industrial Park Intermodal Rail Improvements (Lawrence) has been approved.

(b) OVRDC Office Building

Mr. Hemmings advised we are under a tight timeline to move this project forward. He distributed a timeline schedule for the building project, as well as an additional building quote received from Iron Horse Builders in Laurelville, Ohio, which he is presently reviewing.

Mr. Hemmings advised he has continued discussion with Pike County Commissioners to possibly co-locate with the Pike County Community Development Office at the Zahns Corner property. The application for grant assistance with the building to the Governor's Office of Appalachia was submitted in OVRDC's name only in March, due to the need to get approval this state fiscal year. However, the application can be expanded to include the Economic Development Office if the commissioners work out the financial requirements. We should receive a grant agreement/approval by the end of April.

Mr. Hemmings also advised a discussion was held in November about securing an architect for this project. Mr. Hemmings said he talked with Jeremy Clay of Lawrence Economic Development Corporation and was advised architectural services are needed even on a design-build scenario for the building to design at a minimum a site plan, floor plan, electrical plan and elevation plan to bid the project. After discussion it was the consensus of the committee for the OVRDC Executive Director to develop and distribute a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for an architect.

4. NEW BUSINESS

(a) RLF Sardinia Feed and Farm Supply collateral Release

Mrs. Throckmorton asked that this item be tabled at this time until further information can be obtained. This will be discussed at the April 2012 meeting.

(b) Upcoming Ohio Shale Conference

Mr. Hemmings included information in the packet under Tab #6b regarding an Ohio Shale Energy Supply Chain Conference in Cambridge, Ohio on April 11, 2012 ((info@ohioshaleenergy.com) and also included was information for an Ohio Valley Regional Oil & Gas Expo on April 25, 2012 in St. Clairsville, Ohio (info@OhioValleyGasExpo.com or by phone at (304)777-2648).

(c) State Route 32 Corridor Committee

Mr. Hemmings advised Andy Kuchta, Clermont County Economic Development Director, had talked with him regarding the TRAC (Transportation Review Advisory Council) decision to delay the Eastern Corridor Project, which is vital to Clermont County and congestion along State Route 32, until State Fiscal Year 2019. Mr. Hemmings stated that he and Mr. Kuchta discussed a possible reorganization of the State Route 32 Corridor Committee but with a new direction similar to the US 35 Committee that was formed in the late 1980s-early 1990s. The idea would be for all the counties along State Route 32 to work together for the common good of the entire corridor, supporting improvements in each other's counties and foregoing improvements in their own county until a later time. The Executive Committee members thought it would be a good idea for OVRDC to take the lead on this project.

Mr. Hemmings advised Michele Throckmorton has scheduled an Economic Development Directors meeting for April 12. Mr. Hemmings suggested the State Route 32 Corridor Project be brought to the attention of the development directors attending the meeting asking for their support of this project.

(d) Federal Surface Transportation Bill

Mr. Hemmings referred to Tab #6d which included information regarding the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) and federal surface transportation funding reauthorization legislation. The US House of Representatives has offered a bill that maintains funding for the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) as a separate line item in their surface transportation bill. In the US Senate version of the surface transportation bill, the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) funding would be combined with other federal highway items into a "mobility" program, and that each state can determine where that funding is spent. Ohio's Appalachian local development districts are concerned that, once the ADHS funding is combined with other funding and given in a lump sum to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), that those funds may not come to the Appalachian Region.

Mr. Hemmings also included a release from NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) urging senator and representatives to support the House language. Mr. Hemmings asked Executive Committee members to contact Senator Portman and Senator Brown requesting their support of the House version of the surface transportation bill.

Ohio Precious Metals, LLC

Mr. Hemmings advised this item is not on the today's agenda. He received a phone call on Monday from RLF loan client Allen Stockmeister of Jackson, Ohio who is 70% owner of Ohio Precious Metals. Mr. Stockmeister advised his company is planning to merge with Precious Metals Holdings, LLC., and according to his loan agreement with us (\$200,000 loan closed on December 29, 2011) he cannot participate in any mergers, acquisitions, etc. without our consent. Mr. Hemmings said Mr. Stockmeister advised him if we do not agree to the merger, he will send us a check on Monday to pay off the present loan. Mr. Stockmeister will retain 12% ownership in the new company and will continue to offer personal guarantees from himself and his wife.

Mr. Hemmings advised this merger does not change our loan with Ohio Precious Metals. He contacted OVRDC's attorney to review the documents. The attorney prepared an agreement consenting to the merger and Mr. Hemmings asked the Executive Committee for their approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JERRY HALL AND SECONDED BY JACK EVERSON TO ALLOW OVRDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE CONSENT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE MERGER OF OHIO PRECIOUS METALS, LLC AND PRECIOUS METALS, LLC. NO VOTE.

After further discussion, it was determined that OVRDC staff will contact the Loan Review Committee to ask their recommendation on allowing the Executive Director to sign the Consent Agreement with Ohio Precious Metals to allow this merger; therefore,

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JERRY HALL AND SECONDED BY JACK EVERSON TO AMEND PREVIOUS MOTION TO ALLOW THE OVRDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE CONSENT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE MERGER OF OHIO PRECIOUS METALS AND PRECIOUS METALS, LLC CONTINGENT ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE TO DO SO. THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. OVRDC MEETINGS

Mr. Proud announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 2 pm at the Pike County Government Center in Waverly, Ohio.

6. ADJOURN

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE CRABTREE AND SECONDED BY DOUG CORCORAN TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 29, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

John W. Hemmings III, Executive Director & Commission Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert Proud, Chairman