

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

***Minutes***

*February 20, 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 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 Commission to lead the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Mr. Proud asked for attendees to introduce themselves since several new people were in attendance.

**Executive Committee Members:**

	Attended	Proxy	
Brian Baldrige, Adams County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Paul Worley, Adams Co. Commissioner</u>
Russ Brewer, Adams County Private Sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tony Applegate, Brown County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Barry Woodruff, Brown Co. Commissioner</u>
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"/>	_____
Jay Cremeans, Gallipolis City Commission, Caucus Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Randy Finney, City of Gallipolis</u>
Vacant, Gallia County Private Sector	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Lynn Stevens, Highland County</u>
Jerry Hall, Jackson County Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Rick McNelly, Jackson County Private Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Randy Heath, Jackson County</u>
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 checked="" 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 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"/>	_____
Wayne Kempf, 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"/>	_____
Clyde Hall, Vinton County Member-at-Large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**OVRDC Staff Present:**

*John Hemmings, Executive Director*  
*Juanita Bragg, Finance Director*  
*Kara Willis, Development Director*  
*Kim Reynolds, Community Development Coordinator*  
*Sharon Clark, Administrative Assistant*

**Guests Present:**

*Marilyn Ashcraft, Office of Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor*  
*Rick Greene, Restoration Services, Inc*  
*Will Henderson, Waverly, Ohio*  
*Kevin Hoggatt, Senator Portman's Office*  
*Jennifer Jacobs, Jackson County Economic Development*  
*Kevin Johnson, City of Portsmouth*  
*Greg Simonton, Department of Energy*  
*Juli Stephens, Rep. Congressman Bill Johnson's Office*  
*Kathleen Young, Rep. Governor Kasich's Office*

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Proud stated that a draft of the January 23, 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 DOUG CORCORAN AND SECONDED BY EUGENE COLLINS TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 23, 2014 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED.**

**3. FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Proud introduced Blaine Beekman, OVRDC Treasurer and Pike County Commissioner who presented the Finance Report. Mr. Beekman referred to the balance sheet for December 31, 2013 which 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 RANDY HEATH AND SECONDED BY RUSS BREWER TO ADOPT THE FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. SPEAKER: GREG SIMONTON - DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Mr. Proud introduced Greg Simonton, of the Department of Energy. Mr. Simonton gave a power point presentation regarding an overview of the infrastructure of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

**5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hemmings referred to the newly formatted OVRDC Director's Report included in the packet which was designed by Kara Willis, the OVRDC Development Director. Mrs. Willis incorporated the work programs in blue with the outcomes completed by the staff each month. These outcomes will remain on the list and updated each month.

Mr. Hemmings advised the First Round County Caucus meetings have been completed and the pre-application is now on our website.

Mr. Hemmings also advised if anyone needs to call or text him, the number to use is 740-357-5366, since he no longer uses a company phone.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **(a) OVRDC Office Building**

Mr. Hemmings advised the snow guards and window shades have been installed. He indicated remaining projects will be to have the Television mounted on the wall in the conference room for power point presentations and to complete the work on adding vents in the data room for cooling.

### **(b) Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Mr. Proud introduced Kara Willis, OVRDC Development Director. Mrs. Willis advised the Regional Transportation Planning Public Meetings have been wrapped up and she thanked the counties for hosting the meetings and the county engineers for their help in scheduling the public meetings held in each of our OVRDC counties. Mrs. Willis advised we are now in the process of compiling the data from these meetings and the next step will be to meet with the Transportation Advisory Committee, which is comprised of the OPWC Full Integrating Committee, to set up a process for prioritizing the projects. When this process is completed, the recommendations of the Transportation Advisory Committee will be brought before the Executive Committee for their approval.

Mrs. Willis also advised on April 16, 2014 at 10:00 am, David Walker from the Office of Transit through the Ohio Department of Transportation will hold a meeting in our area to secure input to make their services more efficient and effective. Mrs. Willis advised she would be sending out information regarding the meeting and any county organizations dealing with mobility issues or transit need to attend.

### **(c) ARC/EDA FY 2014 Project Update**

Kara Willis referred to the FY 2014 Priority Project Package included in the packet and advised updates are bolded. Under the Federal Area Development Projects, Gallipolis Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements (Gallia County) has been forwarded to ARC, McCarty Lane Area sanitary Sewer Improvements (Jackson County) has been forwarded to ARC. Under Distressed County Projects, Zaleski Sanitary Sewer Improvements (Vinton County) has been approved. Under State Rapid Response Projects, Ironton Gateway Commercial Redevelopment Project (Lawrence County) has been approved.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **(a) Ohio Severance Tax, Draft Resolution #2014/02-01**

Mr. Hemmings referred to Draft Resolution #2014/02-01 stating the OVRDC Executive Committee supports dedicating a portion of overall severance tax revenue (if passed) directly to the impacted region to address the challenges that natural resource extraction present to Ohio's Appalachian communities and citizens.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG CORCORAN AND SECONDED BY EUGENE COLLINS TO APPROVE DRAFT RESOLUTION #2014/02-01 APPROVING OVRDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTING DEDICATING A PORTION OF OVERALL SEVERANCE TAX REVENUE (IF PASSED) DIRECTLY TO THE IMPACTED REGION TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT NATURAL RESOURCE EXTRACTION PRESENT TO OHIO'S APPALACHIAN COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS.**

### **(b) District 15 - Round 28 Update**

Mr. Proud introduced Kim Reynolds, OVRDC Community Development Coordinator and asked for an update on the District 15, Round 28 OPWC Projects. Mrs. Reynolds distributed spreadsheets for the District Fund, the LTIP Fund and the Small Governments Fund. She stated that the District 15 Executive, Full Integrating, and Small Government Committees met on January 15, 2014 to review and approve the

project package. Mrs. Reynolds stated the applications will be delivered to Ohio Public Works Commission the week of February 24, 2014. In the District Fund (SCIP), the top 14 projects will be submitted for funding consideration, and in the LTIP Fund, the top 7 projects will be submitted. For Small Governments 7 applications will be delivered with the top 5 being reviewed and ranked competitive with the remaining districts in Ohio for funding.

#### **8.OVRDC MEETINGS**

Full Commission Banquet & Election of Officers will be held Friday, March 21, 2014 at the REDBARN Convention Center, 2223 Russellville Road, Winchester, Ohio (Adams County). Registration 10:30 am, Meeting 11:00 am, Lunch 12:00 Noon. An Executive Committee Meeting will follow, if needed.

#### **9.ADJOURN**

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

**MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY HEATH AND SECONDED BY DOUG CORCORAN TO  
ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 20, 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

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John W. Hemmings III, Executive Director & Commission Secretary

APPROVED:

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Robert Proud, Chairman