Welcome and Introductions:
Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner and OVRDC Chairman, called the meeting to order. He welcomed guests to the Full Commission Meeting and Election of Officers held at the Fayette County Commission on Aging in Washington Court House, Ohio. Mr. Proud asked Roger Blackburn, President of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Jack DeWeese, Fayette County Commissioner welcomed the attendees on behalf of the Fayette County Commissioners.

Roger Rhonemus, Adams County Commissioner and OVRDC Vice-Chairman, gave the invocation and invited everyone to enjoy the dinner prepared by 3-Moms Catering.

OVRDC members, Ex-Officio members, staff and guests attending the dinner and meeting were:

**COMMISSION MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Adams**
- Gladys Johnson, Adams County Minority Representative
- Holly Johnson, Adams County Economic Development Director
- Debora Plymail, Director-Workforce Connections, Adams & Brown Counties
- Roger Rhonemus, Adams County Commissioner (OVRDC Vice-Chairman)

**Brown**
- Ralph Jennings, Brown County Commissioner

**Clermont**
- Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner
- Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner (OVRDC Chairman)

**Fayette**
- Tony Anderson, Fayette County Commissioner
- Roger Blackburn, President, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce
- Dan Dean, Fayette County Commissioner
- Jack DeWeese, Fayette County Commissioner
- James Garland, Concord Township Trustee
- Charles Harris, Fayette County Minority Representative (alternate)

**Gallia**
- Joe Foster, Gallia County Commissioner
- Lois Snyder, Gallia County Commissioner

**Highland**
- Katy Farber, Highland County Chamber of Commerce
- Shane Wilkin, Highland County Commissioner

**Jackson**
- Martha Cosby, Jackson County Minority Representative
- Randy Heath, Mayor, City of Jackson
Lawrence

Pike  Blaine Beekman, Pike County Commissioner
      Sharon Manson, Pike County CVB
      Harry Rider, Pike County Commissioner
      Ted West, Pike County Commissioner

Ross  Joyce Atwood, OU Chillicothe
      James M. Caldwell, Ross County Commissioner
      Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner (OVRDC Treasurer)
      Frank Hirsch, Ross County Commissioner
      Wayne McLaughlin, Ross County Community Action

Scioto Eugene Collins, Scioto County Minority Representative

Vinton Mike Bledsoe, Vinton County Commissioner
       Tim Eberts, Vinton County Commissioner
       Ken Reed, Vinton County Community Development Director
       Jerry Zinn, Vinton County Commissioner

Ex-Officio David Daniels, State Senator 17th District
               Danielle Nameth, Representative Senator Sherrod Brown
               Bob Peterson, State Representative 85th District
               Karen Fabiano, Assistant Director, Governor’s Office of Appalachia

Other Guests Lonnie Best, Lawrence County 911 Supervisor
               Betty Bishop, Greenfield City Manager
               Don Branson, Director, So. Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation
               Melinda Jeffers Brown, Medical Mutual of Ohio
               Doug Cade, Lawrence County Engineer
               Melissa Clark, Gallia County Economic Development Director
               Sylvia Collins, Scioto County
               Carolyn DeWeese, Fayette County
               Kim Gaffney Corriher, Reid Consulting Group
               Adele Evans, Clermont County
               Randy Finney, Gallipolis City Manager
               Cindy Harris, Fayette County
               Betty Jackman, City of Greenfield
               Elma Johnson, Jackson County
               Benjamin Keller, Fayette County
               Steve Luebbe, Fayette County Engineer
               Gwen McLaughlin, Ross County
               Jessie Payne, GEDA
               Mike Pride, Director, Clermont County Job and Family Services
               Tim Ross, Clermont County
               Lynn Stevens, USDA Rural Development
               Barbara Wade, Ross County
               Daniel Wade, Council Member, Village of Frankfort
OVRDC Staff:

- John Hemmings, Executive Director
- Juanita Bragg, Finance Director
- Michele Throckmorton, Development Director
- Kim Reynolds, Community Development Coordinator
- Jason Gillow, Research/Planning Specialist
- Shannon Nichols, Program Secretary
- Sharon Clark, Administrative Assistant
- Jessica Purdon, Economic Development Specialist
- Melody Thompson, Bookkeeper/Secretary

Introduction of the Head Table:
Mr. Proud introduced those seated with him at the head table:
Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner, OVRDC Treasurer; John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director; Roger Rhonemus, Adams County Commissioner, OVRDC Vice Chairman; David Daniels, State Senator, 17th District, Bob Peterson, State Representative, 85th District and Karen Fabiano, Assistant Director, Governor’s Office of Appalachia.

Other Introductions:
Mr. Proud extended a special acknowledgement to the following: Fayette County Commissioners for hosting the March 2011 Full Commission Banquet and thanked the Fayette County Commission on Aging for the use of their beautiful facility. Mr. Proud thanked the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce for providing gift bags to all attendees. Mr. Proud also welcomed Don Branson, Executive Director of Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation, Kim Gaffney-Corriher, Reid Consulting Group, Gary Abernathy, Representative for Senator Rob Portman, Danielle Nameth, Representative for Senator Sherrod Brown, Lynn Stevens, Area Director USDA Rural Development and Nick Gatz, Representative for Governor John Kasich.

Introduction of OVRDC Staff:
Mr. Proud asked John Hemmings to introduce the OVRDC staff. Mr. Hemmings said he was proud to work with such a dedicated staff and asked each member of the staff to stand and remain standing as they were introduced: Juanita Bragg, Finance Director; Sharon Clark, Administrative Assistant; Melody Thompson, Bookkeeper/Secretary; Kim Reynolds, Community Development Coordinator, Michele Throckmorton, Development Director, Jason Gillow, Research/Planning Specialist, Shannon Nichols, Program Secretary and Jessica Purdon, Economic Development Specialist.
Approval of Full Commission and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:
Chairman Proud stated that copies of the draft meeting minutes had been mailed to Full Commission Members. He asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to adopt the minutes as listed on the Full Commission meeting agenda.

A MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES AND TO ADOPT THE FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 AND TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 9/23/10, 11/18/10, 1/27/11 AND 2/24/11 WAS MADE BY FRANK HIRSCH AND SECONDED BY RANDY HEATH. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Report:
Mr. Proud introduced Doug Corcoran, OVRDC Treasurer. Mr. Corcoran welcomed everyone and thanked Juanita Bragg, OVRDC Finance Director for her assistance during the past year.

Mr. Corcoran advised the financial report will be on OVRDC’s 2010 budget compared to the 2009 budget for agency operations. The total budget for 2010 was $597,155 compared to the total budget for 2009 of $774,168 which was due in part the completion of several projects.

He also advised the federal and state funding partnerships for 2011 are with: the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC); the US Department of Commerce under their Economic Development Administration (EDA) Program; the USDA Rural Development under their Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI); the Governor’s Office of Appalachia (GOA); the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD); and the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC).

Mr. Corcoran also advised in April 2011 OVRDC will start our single audit process in compliance with OMB Circular A-133 with our Independent Public Accountant firm, Whited Seigneur Sams & Rahe, LLP. In closing, he thanked the 12 member counties for the continued investments for the operations of OVRDC.

CEDS Committee Appointments:
Mr. Proud advised the following were selected as members of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS) for 2011:

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Executive Director’s Annual Report:
Mr. Proud introduced John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director. Mr. Hemmings advised a copy of the OVRDC 2010 Annual Report was at each table. Mr. Hemmings said the success of OVRDC was directly attributed to the work of its staff, the Executive Committee, other committees, the membership, our state and federal elected officials, and our many partners.

In 2010, Mr. Hemmings indicated OVRDC was a leader in elevating the issue of broadband access to the forefront of the economic development agenda in Appalachia Ohio. In August 2010, Horizon Telecom of Chillicothe, Ohio received a $66.5 million National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) award to build the Connecting Appalachia Ohio Middle Mile Consortium project. Garnering local support for a comprehensive approach to address the broadband needs of 34 counties, OVRDC’s leadership, along with the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District and the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, made it possible for the Appalachia Ohio region to speak with a unified voice.

Bob Proud, OVRDC Chairman and Clermont County Commissioner stated in the Message from the Chairman that teamwork is defined as, the process of working collaboratively with a group of people, in order to achieve a common goal and no organization better exemplifies this than the 12 member counties of OVRDC.

Mr. Hemmings advised during fiscal year 2010, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission provided technical assistance to public and private non-profit organizations resulting in the following outcomes: 56 jobs created, 3,037 jobs retained, 2,008 households served with water and/or sewer, 65,059 people served with up-to-date medical care, and the development of a 700-acre industrial, technological, and commercial site.

Election of Executive Committee:
Mr. Hemmings read from Section 2.04 and 5.01 of the OVRDC By-Laws in reference to the election of the OVRDC Executive Committee. He referred to the list of OVRDC Executive Committee Nominees listed in the program. Those listed were selected during the First Round 2011 County Caucus meetings.

Eugene Collins of Scioto County advised the minority caucus members met March 11th in Portsmouth. During the meeting Mr. Collins was named the representative to the Executive
Committee and Mal Payne of Ross County was named the alternate representative. Mr. Collins asked the members of the minority caucus to stand and be recognized. Martha Cosby, Gladys Johnson, and Mal Payne were in attendance and stood to be recognized.

Mr. Hemmings asked for a motion to approve the Executive Committee Slate.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM CALDWELL TO ELECT THE LIST OF NOMINEES TO SERVE ON THE OVRDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS NOMINATED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CAUCUSES AND AS THEY APPEARED IN THE MARCH 31, 2011 OVRDC FULL COMMISSION AGENDA PROGRAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TONY ANDERSON, AND IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The approved nominees were:

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Election of Officers:
Mr. Hemmings referred to Section 4.01 of the OVRDC By-Laws in reference to the election of officers. Mr. Hemmings asked Jack DeWeese, Nominating Committee Chair, for the Nominating Committee Report. Mr. DeWeese reported that the Nominating Committee met on January 27, 2011 at the OVRDC Office in Waverly. Those attending were Jack DeWeese (Chairman–Fayette), Eugene Collins (Scioto), Debora Plymail (Adams), Harry Rider (Pike), and Michele Throckmorton, OVRDC Development Director. The motion was made, seconded and passed to present the following slate of officers to serve and, if agreeable, be recommended to the Executive Committee as the slate of officers to be presented for consideration to the Full Commission for 2011-2012. The Nominating Committee report was made to the Executive Committee on January 27, 2011, and the slate of officers approved for nomination were:

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

Mr. Hemmings thanked Mr. DeWeese for the Nominating Committee report. Mr. Hemmings asked for any nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations being made, he requested a motion to close nominations.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY HEATH TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. RALPH JENNINGS SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hemmings asked for a motion to elect those nominated as the OVRDC Officers for 2011-2012.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TONY ANDERSON TO ELECT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS RECOMMENDED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AS THE OVRDC OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012. RALPH JENNINGS SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hemmings congratulated the newly elected officers and also thanked them for agreeing to serve.

Special Award:
Mr. Proud presented the Fayette County Commissioners with a certificate in recognition of the county’s assistance in hosting the March 2011 Banquet.

Other Business:
Mr. Proud announced that the September 2011 Full Commission Appreciation Banquet will be held in Scioto County. There being no other business, Mr. Proud adjourned the meeting.
John W. Hemmings III  
OVRDC Executive Director & Commission Secretary

APPROVED:

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Robert Proud  
OVRDC Chairman