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**Medina County Port Authority  
Board Meeting  
October 7, 2009**

**Attendance:** Port Authority Board: Bob Kenderes, Bill Frantz, Laurie Price, Jim Gerspacher, Commissioner Steve Hambley, Todd Gerber and Bill Hutson. MCEDC staff: Bethany Dentler and Jodi Robbins.

**Guests:** Karen Wolff, Armstrong; John Oberholtzer, Jeff Saffold, Jeff Bomberger and Chris Jakab, Medina County Administrator.

Mr. Hutson called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.

**Approval of minutes:** Mr. Kenderes made a motion to approve the September 2, 2009 Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) meeting minutes. Mr. Gerber seconded. All were in favor.

**Chairman's Report:** None

**Financials:** Mr. Frantz stated that the financial report for the month of August had been distributed for the board review. Ms. Price made a motion to approve the August 2009 Financial report. Mr. Kenderes seconded. All were in favor.

**Commissioner's Report:** None

**Old Business:**

**Fiber Network Committee Report:** Mr. Hutson reported that the fiber committee is refining the financial model for the fiber project and the Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) will be having an additional meeting later in October to review the final financial analysis for the project. Mr. Hutson also reported that OneCommunity has provided drafts of proposed operations and IRU contracts. Mr. Hutson stated that decisions still need to be made on a potential construction contract.

Mr. Gerspacher stated that it was in the best interest of the MCPA to engage bond counsel to help set the parameters of the fiber project.

Ms. Dentler reported that the MCPA needed to give consent after the Fiber Committee's October 14 meeting where the committee expects to receive the final numbers for the project from One Community. She also stated that the applications for Recovery Zone Bonds are due on October 31.

**Recovery Zone Bond Program:** Ms. Dentler introduced a resolution to the board to apply for a Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond allocation from Medina County for the fiber project. She reported that 38.7% of the fiber project falls within the recovery zone, but the actual amount of the request would not be known until the financials from OneCommunity are completed and approved. Mr. Frantz made a motion to approve resolution 2009-02 and Mr.

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Gerber seconded. All were in favor. Ms. Dentler stated that she would see that Ron Paydo, MCPA Chairman, would sign the resolution.

Ms. Dentler stated that Medina County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) is charged with collecting RZB applications, due October 31. Final bond allocations will be decided by the Medina County Commissioners.

Ms. Dentler also presented some proposed personnel changes to the Fiber Committee. The Fiber Committee has voted to recommend to the MCPA board that the resignations of Matt Gabel of Westfield Group and Bill Frantz of Sandridge Food Corporation be accepted, and that Russ Schabel of Philpott Rubber and Rod Keeley of Westfield Group be added to the committee.

Mr. Frantz motioned to accept the recommendations, and Mr. Gerspacher seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Wadsworth Community Center:** Ms. Dentler stated that the project leaders turned to the City of Wadsworth to issue the debt for the schools, senior center and health facility, rather than the Port Authority.

**Innovation Park:** Mr. Hutson reported that the University of Akron's Medina County University Center has asked that C.B. Richard Ellis move its sign so not to "overshadow" the University Center's sign. Ms. Dentler stated that she and Mr. Hutson still desired to discuss new marketing strategies for the remaining property at Innovation Park.

**Chippewa Landing Project:** Mr. Hutson said that further discussion will take place during executive session.

**New Business:** Ms. Dentler announced the Grand Opening for Digestive Disease Consultants on October 15, 2009.

Mr. Hutson requested the Board to enter into an executive session to discuss the potential acquisition of real estate by the MCPA in the Chippewa Landing project. Mr. Frantz made a motion to enter and Ms. Price seconded. The executive session began at 8:13 AM.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Frantz, yes; Mr. Gerspacher, yes; Ms. Price, yes; Mr. Gerber, yes; Mr. Kenderes, yes.

Mr. Kenderes made a motion to end the executive session and Mr. Frantz seconded.

The executive session ended at 9:43 AM.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Frantz, yes; Mr. Gerspacher, yes; Ms. Price, yes; Mr. Gerber, yes; Mr. Kenderes, yes.

Mr. Hutson asked that the Port Authority Board meet again in October to discuss issues related to the Fiber Project and the Chippewa Landing Project.

Ms. Dentler said she will circulate requests for an acceptable date and time, and once it is scheduled, she will ensure that public notice is given.

**Public Comment:** None

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**Adjournment:** Mr. Hutson adjourned the meeting at 9:44 AM.

**Please Note:** The next scheduled MCPA meeting is **Wednesday, November 4** at 8 a.m. in Balcony Room B (310) County Administration Building