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Medina County Port Authority Board Meeting

March 4, 2009

Attendance: Port Authority Board: Ron Paydo, Robert Kenderes, Bill Hutson, Dean Harris, Jim Gerspacher, and Laurie Price. MCEDC staff: Bethany Dentler and Jodi Robbins.

Guest: Chris Jakab, Medina County Administrator

Mr. Paydo called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Kenderes made a motion to approve the February 4, 2009 Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) meeting minutes. Mr. Harris seconded. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report: None.

Financials: In Mr. Frantz's absence, Mr. Paydo presented the year to date financial report. Hearing no questions or changes, Mr. Paydo motioned to approve the financials as presented. Mr. Hutson seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner's Report: None

Medina County Fiber Network project: Mr. Hutson reported that bi-weekly meetings with OneCommunity were still taking place and scheduled through April of 2009. Mr. Hutson stated that beyond Medina County, the proposed fiber ring is 88 miles long with the potential for connection in Fairlawn and Akron.

Ms. Dentler reported that she is preparing applications to be sent in for both state and federal stimulus funding. Ms. Dentler will be applying through the state for up to 50% of the cost of the project and applying for funding from the federal stimulus package that is offering up to \$280 million in shovel ready projects.

Mr. Hutson asked for a motion to submit applications for state and federal stimulus money for the Medina County Fiber Network (MCFN) project. Ms. Price seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Dentler also stated that the final figures for the MCFN project were expected to be finished by the beginning of April 2009.

Mr. Gerspacher reported that Ms. Dentler and Mr. Hutson have reviewed a draft of the proposed contract between the Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) and OneCommunity. Mr. Gerspacher also stated that there are two more meetings he will be attending with potential MCFN users.

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Ms. Dentler stated that the next step with the MCFN project is to review the results of the feasibility report done by Mr. Dugger of OneCommunity and for the MCPA to obtain letters of intent from potential MCFN users.

Wadsworth Community Center: Mr. Paydo reported that the Wadsworth Community Center project was in the process of finalizing cost projections and that the project still has a ground breaking date set for August of 2009.

Chippewa Landing: Ms. Dentler reported that she and Mr. Paydo met with Gary Sills, a managing partner with Chippewa Partners, to discuss financing options for the Chippewa Landing project through the MCPA. Mr. Sills has asked the MCPA to consider financing the Manor House portion of the Chippewa Landing project. Ms. Dentler stated that the MCPA would move forward only when the financing of the project is more secure.

Old Business: Ms. Dentler reported that she has been doing research on Senate Bill 353. After review, the stipulations refer to the physical construction of Ports by Port Authorities in Ohio. Ms. Dentler also stated the Chris Burnham, Summit County Port Authority (SCPA) is still seeking more clarification. Mr. Burnham has suggested that the Port Authorities in Ohio work together to create a "united front" and consider public hearings to take place in order for Port Authority leaders to express concerns.

New Business: Ms. Dentler reported that MCPA board member Ralph Berry has resigned his position as a member of the MCPA Board of Directors due to time concerns with his work schedule. Ms. Dentler stated the board would need to seek a person to fill his position on the MCPA Board which will be appointed by the Commissioners.

Ms. Dentler reported that she and Mr. Hutson are meeting with CB Richard Ellis to discuss marketing strategies for Innovation Park.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Mr. Paydo adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Please Note: The next scheduled MCPA meeting is **Wednesday, April 1st** at 8 a.m. in Balcony Room B (310) of the County Administration Building.