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**Medina County Port Authority
Board Meeting
May 6, 2009**

Attendance: Port Authority Board: Ron Paydo, Robert Kenderes, Dean Harris, Jim Gerspacher, Bill Frantz, Laurie Price, Commissioner Steve Hambley and Todd Gerber. MCEDC staff: Bethany Dentler, Sandy Neuman and Jodi Robbins.

Guests: Chris Jakab, Medina County Administrator, Karen Wolff and Mike Sammon, Armstrong, and Larry Thompson of Ohio Edison.

Mr. Paydo called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the April 1, 2009 Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) meeting minutes. Ms. Price seconded. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Paydo welcomed newly appointed Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) Board member, Todd Gerber.

Financials: Mr. Frantz presented the year to date financial report. Hearing no questions or changes, Mr. Gerspacher motioned to approve the financials as presented. Mr. Harris seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Hambley reported that a recently statewide published article encouraged townships not active or available to a Port Authority have the ability to create one to benefit their county. Commissioner Hambley stated he would get a copy to Ms. Dentler for MCPA records.

Old Business

Wadsworth Community Center: Mr. Paydo reported that a collaborative meeting was held on April 30, 2009 in which he and Ms. Dentler were in attendance with approximately 35 others representing the Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital, Summa Healthcare, Wadsworth City Schools, Medina County District Library, 5/3 Securities and MCPA. The discussion at the meeting focused on the continuation of all the working parts of the project. Mr. Paydo stated that MCPA will most likely play a role in the project as the final financing pieces of the project are released. Mr. Paydo also reported that the plan for breaking ground on the community center remains to be in August of 2009.

Chippewa Landing-Manor House Project: Ms. Dentler reported that she and Norma Fox-Horwitz met with Gary Sills of Chippewa Partners to discuss the plans for the MCPA's role in financing the Manor house portion of the Chippewa Landing Project. It was decided by Chippewa Partners to place the Manor House construction on hold and to move forward with a creative financing model for phase one of the project that includes the hotel.

C.B. Richard Ellis: Ms. Dentler reported that Innovation Park has been shortlisted on a project for a research and development center. The company interested in the site desires to purchase land and build out what is required for their business. Ms. Dentler is planning to meet with the C.B. Richard Ellis representative Kevin Malinowski regarding further details of this potential project.

Medina County Fiber Network project: Mr. Gerspacher reported that OneCommunity has offered the MCPA and Fiber Network Committee four financing alternatives. The Fiber Committee is most likely leaning towards a revenue and cost sharing model that will be presented to the MCPA when all the details are ironed out. The plan still remains that OneCommunity will participate in the lighting and maintenance of the fiber ring and MCPA will own the ring.

Ms. Dentler reported that OneCommunity in partnership with the MCPA plans to apply for \$37 million in stimulus grant funds for 30 county broadband project. Medina County would be included in that application for \$1.5 million. MCPA also plans to send a separate application for stimulus funds.

A discussion with members ensued about what the positive attributes about the third financing model supported by the Fiber Network Committee.

Ms. Dentler reported that the MCPA was in need of extending the letter of intent with OneCommunity as the two parties expect contract negotiations to continue beyond the current expiration date of June, 2009. A previous letter of intent was signed in December 2008.

Ms. Dentler presented a draft letter of intent to continue project development and contract negotiations with OneCommunity. Mr. Frantz made a motion to accept the letter of intent and Ms. Price seconded. All were in favor. Ms. Dentler will have the document signed by Mr. Hutson and will send it to One Community.

Ms. Dentler distributed a draft letter of endorsement for OneCommunity's application for federal stimulus funds for its "Big Broadband Project", which includes Medina County. Ms. Dentler said that Medina County Commissioners have approved our letter of endorsement and asked the MCPA to approve and endorsement. Mr. Kenderes made a motion for MCPA to send the endorsement letter and Mr. Harris seconded. All were in favor. Ms Dentler will have Mr. Paydo sign the letter and send it to OneCommunity.

New Business: Mr. Gerber introduced himself and stated that he was honored to serve on the MCPA Board.

Public Comment: Mr. Thompson of Ohio Edison sated that he would be available to offer assistance in looking at the final financing for the proposed fiber ring in regards to the cost per pole.

Adjournment: Mr. Paydo adjourned the meeting at 8:36 AM.

Please Note: The next scheduled MCPA meeting is **Wednesday, June 3rd** at 8 a.m. in Balcony Room B (310) of the County Administration Building.