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**Medina County Port Authority
Board Meeting
July 1, 2009**

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

Guests: Karen Wolff and Mike Sammon, Armstrong.

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

Approval of minutes: Mr. Gerspacher made a motion to approve the June 3, 2009 Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) meeting minutes. Mr. Frantz seconded. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report: None

Financials: Mr. Frantz stated that since the month is just beginning, he had no financial report. Mr. Frantz stated that he would report for June and July at the next Port Authority Board meeting.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Hambley reported that the Fund for Our Economic Future has developed a website to submit nominations for grant money. He encouraged all in attendance to view the web site and nominate Medina County.

Old Business

Medina County Fiber Network Project: Mr. Hutson reported that the Fiber Network Negotiations Committee was still conducting meetings to finalize plans for the project. He also stated that there are not any real changes from the last report. Mr. Hutson reported that OneCommunity is writing a Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU) and that Ms. Dentler would be the first to review it when she received it.

Mr. Gerspacher stated that he would be writing modifications to the MOU concerning the potential for stimulus money to assist with the project. Mr. Gerspacher stated that he hoped that the Negotiation Committee would be able to vote on the proposed MOU in the next two months. After that, the MCPA would need to seek legal council to review the contract draft.

Wadsworth Community Center: Mr. Paydo reported that the project did make the list of projects to be supported by the Ohio Schools Facilities Fund. He also stated that he and Ms. Dentler attended a meeting on June 16. Nothing new could be reported at this time.

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Chippewa Landing-Manor House Project: Mr. Paydo reported that Chippewa Partners has placed the Manor House construction on hold, but is moving forward with a creative financing model for Phase One of the project that includes the hotel. Ms. Dentler is creating a letter of support to go along with the verbal commitment for the MCPA to assist with the Summit County Port Authority, (SCPA) in potential plans to finance through Recovery Zone Funds.

C.B. Richard Ellis: Mr. Paydo reported that the lead which has shortlisted Innovation Park is still in the plans review stage at the company and that the review team is making considerations.

Mr. Gerspacher stated that the City of Medina and Lafayette Township is looking at the possibility of partnership which includes Innovation Park, as a CEDA or JEDD.

New Business:

Potential Wadsworth Project: Mr. Paydo reported that there is a potential project for an unidentified Wadsworth manufacturer in the realm of green technology. This company hopes to obtain financing to expand production of new product lines. MCPA has been in discussions with the Summit County Port Authority (SCPA) and the State of Ohio regarding options.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Mr. Paydo adjourned the meeting at 8:32 AM.

Please Note: The next scheduled MCPA meeting is
Wednesday, August 2nd at 8 a.m. in Balcony Room B (310)
of the County Administration Building.