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**Medina County Port Authority
Board Meeting
September 2, 2009**

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

Guests: Karen Wolff and Mike Sammon, Armstrong; John Oberholtzer and Chris Jakab, Medina County Administrator.

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

Approval of minutes: Mr. Hutson made a motion to approve the August 5, 2009 Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) meeting minutes. Mr. Frantz seconded. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Paydo reported that Mark Dorman, Bill Frantz, Bethany Dentler and he met to discuss the relationship between the Medina County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) and the Medina County Port Authority (MCPA). Presently the MCEDC receives \$5,000 annually for administrative services provided to the MCPA. The MCPA anticipates continued growth; that growth will generate additional administrative needs as well as increased revenues which could be used to better remunerate MCEDC for its services. He commented that this was a very encouraging and beneficial meeting and looks forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship between the two organizations.

Mr. Paydo reported that the MCPA webpage was in need of updating so that MCPA could be capable of retaining archived records such as minutes and agendas. The cost for this update would be approximately \$125. Mr. Paydo asked for a motion to approve the addition the MCPA web page. Mr. Hutson made a motion to approve the expense and Mr. Harris seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Paydo led a discussion exploring options for creating an independent MCPA email account Ms. Dentler stated that she would continue to research possible options.

Financials: Mr. Frantz stated that the financial report for the month of June had been sent out for review. He stated that the only change on the report was the once a year fee for lawn mowing services at the Medina County University Center. He also stated that the MCPA needed to review the agreement with the Commissioners to find out how this should be billed in the future. Hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the May financial report and Ms. Price seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Hambley stated that the Medina County Commissioners took action to create the Recovery Bond Zones as designated by the US Government and that information and discussion on this topic would be discussed later in the meeting.

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Old Business

Medina County Fiber Network Project: Mr. Gerspacher reported that the fiber committee is continuing to work through the "financial" puzzle.

Ms. Dentler reported that since the last MCPA Meeting, OneCommunity did submit \$1.9 Million specific to the Medina County project.

Mr. Hutson reported that Ms. Dentler presented a project update to the Medina County Commissioners. Ms. Dentler reported on the construction management contracts being written by OneCommunity as well as the financing model preparation.

Ms. Dentler reported that the County has passed a resolution in support of the fiber project. She also stated that OneCommunity included the Medina County project in their \$1.9 million grant request.

Mr. Paydo reported that The Philpott Rubber Company approached Ms. Dentler with the desire to become more involved with the MCPA and that Russ Schabel of Philpott Rubber would begin attending Fiber Committee meetings.

Wadsworth Community Center: Ms. Dentler stated that she was hoping to hear soon from the leaders of the project and would report to the MCPA board at the next meeting.

Innovation Park: Ms. Dentler reported that the project designating Innovation Park as a short list site has been put on the back burner due to the economy. She also reported that contact with CB Richard Ellis may be in order to create new marketing materials.

Chippewa Landing-Manor House Project: Ms. Dentler reported that a feasibility study has been completed and reviewed by Chippewa Partners for the Chippewa Landing Project. Ms. Dentler also reported that Chippewa Partners is working with Jeff Bomberger of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey to draft a memo of discussion for the benefits and disadvantages of the project. This memo will be written with support of Mr. Bomberger and Chippewa Partners. Ms. Dentler stated that the letter would be complete and ready for approval at the next MCPA meeting.

Guest, Mr. John Oberholtzer, introduced himself and thanked the MCPA for their work and thanked the commissioners for placing the project within the parameters of the newly instated Recovery Zone.

New Business: Ms. Dentler reported that the new Recovery Zone Bond Program is a subset of the "Build America" initiative. She stated that the IRS issued direction of the program to each state which in turn allocated funds to counties according to unemployment rates.

Ms. Dentler reported that the Medina County Commissioners have set the guidelines and approved the Recovery Zones but cautioned that this is not a loan program and that the borrower was responsible for funding individual projects. Applications for the Recovery Zone Bonds are due October 31.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Mr. Paydo adjourned the meeting at 8:37 AM.

Please Note: The next scheduled MCPA meeting is **Wednesday, October 7** at 8 a.m. in Balcony Room B (310) County Administration Building