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**Medina County Port Authority
Board Meeting
March 3, 2010**

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

Guests: Russ Schabel, Philpott Rubber; Jeff Bomberger, Squire Sanders and Dempsey; Karen Troxell, Armstrong; Chris Jakab, Medina County Administrator.

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

Approval of minutes: Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the amended February 3, 2010 Medina County Port Authority (MCPA) meeting minutes. Mr. Kenderes seconded. All were in favor.

Financials: Mr. Paydo reported that the financials through January 2010 had been distributed previously for review. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the financial report as presented and Ms. Price seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Paydo reported that the MCPA was not yet in a position to approve the 2010 budget due to the absence of Mr. Frantz.

Chairman's Report: none

Director's Report: none

Commissioner's Report:

Old Business:

Fiber Network Committee Report: Mr. Hutson reported that the Fiber Negotiation committee has continued to meet, with financing priorities being the focus of the meetings. The following recommendations were presented:

1. The fiber committee voted to recommend that the MCPA apply to the State of Ohio for additional Recovery Zone Facility bond funding relating to recovery zones in the expanded Brunswick CRA area, Cuyahoga County and Summit County. Mr. Hutson made a motion to accept and Mr. Gerber seconded. All were in favor.
2. The fiber committee recommends that the MCPA submit a response to the Google request for information from communities interested in partnering with Google for construction of a high speed fiber build. Google would like to operate an open access network that gives the users choice of multiple

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service providers, as well as testing new ways of building fiber networks and seeing what developers can do with ultra high-speed networks. Mr. Hutson made a motion to accept and Mr. Kenderes seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Dentler reported that the fiber committee has asked her to submit an abstract proposal to round two of the Fund for Our Economic Future's EfficientGovNow grant program. If the fiber project is selected, after the February 26 submittal deadline, then official resolutions will need to be gathered. Mr. Hutson made a motion to move forward if the fiber project is selected and Mr. Kenderes seconded. All were in favor.

Jeff Bomberger led a discussion on a resolution to approve a preliminary term sheet regarding the construction and financing of the fiber network. He reviewed details of the term sheet draft, which would be approved by adoption of resolution 2010-01. The resolution would also authorize the application of additional Recovery Zone Bond funds and would retain the firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLC as bond council for this project. Mr. Hutson made a motion to accept resolution 2010-01 and Mr. Kenderes seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Hambley stated that the Fiber project would be a point of discussion for the next several Commissioners meetings.

Innovation Park: none

Chippewa Landing Project: Ms. Dentler reported that she and Chippewa Partners have been in talks with the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for additional funding to come from Recovery Zone Bond re-allocations from other counties who were not using their allocated amounts. She stated that letters of support have been presented to ODOD from each of Lorain, Richland and Ashtabula counties asking to reallocate funds. Ms. Dentler also stated that after review and guidance from Chippewa Partners, an application for additional funds will be submitted to the State of Ohio either from Medina County or directly from the Port Authority. She said that the State had not yet provided the appropriate applications, but they should be available within the next week, and would be due April 1, 2010. After review of the proposed Resolution 2010-02, Mr. Kenderes made a motion to approve and Ms. Price seconded. All were in favor.

New Business:

MCPA Conflict of Interest Statement: Ms. Dentler presented a draft of a potential conflict of interest statement. She asked the board to review it and be prepared to accept a final draft in May.

Adjournment: Mr. Paydo adjourned the meeting at 8:58 AM.

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