

MINUTES

Robert Warren called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

Bob Bender	Richard Zsambok	Kent Sherry	Clifford Vernon
Alan Thompson	Kevin O'Neill	Leo Shanayda	John Detrick
Roger Tackett	David Locke	Bill George	Sarah Wildman
Marjorie Travis	Doug Nist	Geoff Steel	John Burr
Tom Junk	Orphus Talyor	Brad Lightle	John Detrick
Bill George			

THOSE ALTERNATES PRESENT WERE:

Megan Lokai	Elmer Beard	Don Lucas	David Zak
Chris Moore	Bill Carey	Jeff Briner	Karen Duncan

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Thea Walsh	Scott Schmid	Brian Mercer	Lamar Daniel
Zachary Balassone	Kristin Davis	Glen Massie	Eric Ottoson
Don Damron	Lou Jannazo	Anita Biles	Bryon Hollenbeck
Jim Campbell	Bill Salyer		

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Motion by David Locke, seconded by Richard Zsambok, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2008 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Budget Status & Cash on Hand Report

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve the Budget Status and Cash on Hand Report.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Summary of Expenses

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Bob Bender, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$35,346.41.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Prior Approval

Motion by Richard Zsambok, seconded by Kent Sherry, to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,250.00 for one staff member to attend the USEPA National Air Quality Conference on March 2-5, 2009 in Addison, Texas. Leo Shanayda opposed the prior approval.

Vote: Motion approved.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**Ohio Hub Plan/Passenger Rail Update**

The TCC TAC met with the Ohio Rail Development Committee staff Lou Jannazo and Don Damron prior to the Policy Board meeting. Don Dameron gave an update at both meetings on the Ohio Hub Plan and AMTRAK passenger rail start up service. He explained that they have a preliminary step for developing the Ohio rail passenger service. The state is investing \$5 million in the AMTRAK startup service. He further explained that the corridor will pass through our region and explained where a potential station downtown could be. An open air station would cost approximately \$150,000. ORDC will keep in touch with the TCC to keep this project moving forward. Several members asked questions and offered comment.

Historic National Road Interpretive Signage Display

Zach Balassone stated that this is the first of 60 signs that will be place next to the S. R. 40. National Road received a grant for \$160,000. TCC received another 2 more grants this year. One is for \$25,000 for the Ohio National Road Association for the TCC administration costs and the other grant was for marketing materials for \$56,000.

Thea Walsh stated that the interpretive sign installation will take local consideration with ODOT, the Park District, DAR and the City. With the other signs Central Office will oversee installation and TCC might have to do some environmental work.

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Update

Zach Balassone stated that we will have our final meeting for the National Resources Assistance Council on January 30, 2009 to decide on which of the 12 projects to fund.

There is approximately \$2 million available and nearly \$3 million in submitted funding requests. There were 2 projects submitted in Clark County. Both were submitted by Tecumseh Land Trust for approximately \$300,000. OPWC is having their small government meeting on February 11, 2009.

Other

Thea Walsh stated that the 21st Century Taskforce Report was release recently by ODOT. There will be an interest in multi-modal like transit and rail, safety first, regionalism approach and reduce carbon footprint.

Brad Lightle stated that the state has not adopted it yet.

Thea Walsh gave an Economic Stimulus Update. Thea stated that she has been involved in two different discussions. One was on a teleconference with the Port Authorities of Ohio. The Port Authorities are working with Sherrod Brown on the Economic Stimulus package. The second is that Federal Highway has sent out a question and answer and document explaining where the Economic Stimulus funding eligibility. The Bill is likely to be passed in February. Thea explained that this is a multiple Federal Department bill including USDOT, HUD, EDA, and RDA (ect.). This Board's focus is on the Federal Highway funding. Federal Highway is interested in ready to go projects. Potentially, the State will fund all of our ready to go projects by doubling the FY 08 program levels. There will be no emergency rules to expedite environmental review process. It is still unclear as to if it will be 100% federal funding. Senator Brown did support the 100% funding. Funding is on a reimbursement basis only.

Thea Walsh stated that Eric Ottoson retires January 30, 2009. There will be a Retirement Open House at 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our facility. He has been with TCC for 18 years.

Thea Walsh stated that TCC has a new employee Glen Massie, Transportation Planner who has taken over Eric Ottoson position.

Thea Walsh stated that TCC has a new Intern, Stephen Thompson. He will be with TCC for six months.

Thea Walsh stated that our next TCC meeting will be held on Friday February 13, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Springfield Township Administration Building. This will be the TCC's 45th Anniversary Meeting. TCC started on February 14, 1964.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

Highway

John Burr stated that he is working in a transition phase right now. The Engineer's office is in good shape with salt and things are moving forward.

Leo Shanayda stated that they have open bids for Derr Road.

Transit

Brian Hollenbeck reported that the Ridership, Paratransit and Dial-A-Ride are doing well.

Railroad

Alan Thompson stated that the Port Authority line improvement South Charleston line will start at Ridge Road and Possum Road and work down to Washington C. H. to improve the line so the trains can go faster. Our next meeting will be held on January 21, 2009.

Trails

No Report.

Officials and Others

Bob Warren announced Kristin Davis from Congressman Austria's office.

Kristin Davis stated that they are working in the transition phase right now and will be located in the Springfield office.

Roger Tackett stated that he heard on the news this morning that 500,000 people have lost their job this past month and over the past six months about 3 million people lost their jobs. The County budget is in bad shape. It will be adopted within 10 days. There are bright spots out there. We hope that the county will get some of the stimulus package. It would help turn this community around. Richie Brothers are doing well and had another auction. The hospital is moving right along. The county is trying to do all they can with Navistar.

John Detrick stated that he wanted to thank the entire County and Townships they did a good job on the ice and snow days.

Orphus Taylor stated that she want to give an update on South Limestone Street and the Kroger Store. The Hospital construction is moving right along. The City has a new City Manager, Jim Bodenmiller.

Kevin O'Neill stated that the roads have been taken care of this winter even though we did have a salt shortage. The construction work on North Street we have the money for the project now. The hospital project is going along well. The City needs \$5 million just to maintain the streets in Springfield.

David Locke stated that they are trying to save on salt.

Jeff Briner stated that they had a fire in one of their trucks. They have been putting a lot of salt down on the roads.

David Zak stated that the Chamber of Commerce had a decent year and the Chamber did have economic challenges but had over \$80 million in investments in Springfield and Clark County. Last year there were over 800 jobs created. They talked to a 1,000 companies seeking to assist in hiring and other services. They will contact 1,100 companies in 2009 to see what is happening. The chamber is involved in 10 expansion projects right now. The Chamber is revamping their web site. The Chamber is going to try to work on the Industrial Park.

Bill Salyer stated that JAM is going to be meeting this coming Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. We are still working closely with the transit service.

Kent Sherry stated that the BIA is moving ahead with Home Fest and will be held on February 24 and 25, 2009. It will be held at the Fairgrounds. There are 45 exhibits and will be in the Art and Craft Building. After a long period of time we finally closed on two houses in the Clifton Court Subdivision across from South High School. We still have room for 44 houses.

Adjournment

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Orphus Taylor, to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

The TCC meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Sincerely,

Kent Sherry
Vice Chairman