

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2026 @ 1:00 P.M.**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY RECORDS CENTER
138 WEST CHESTNUT STREET; LANCASTER, OHIO 43130**

Sonja Simpson, TID Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. on January 13, 2026 at the Fairfield County Records Center. The following people were present:

Sonja Simpson (TID Board Member)
Rick Szabrak (TID Board Member)
Greg Butcher (TID Board Member)
Curt Shonk (TID Board Member)
Jeremiah Upp (TID Board Member)
Jeff Fix (FC Commissioner)
David Levacy (FC Commissioner)
Jon Hensler (ODOT)
Bill Lozier (TransCon Ohio/TID Consultant)
Mark Hurst (Hurst, Kelly & Co.) [Virtual]
Tom Pannett (Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter)
Mitch Noland (Fairfield County Engineer's Office)
Anthony Iachini (Economic Development)
Josh Hillberry (FCRP)
Nicholas Eastham (FCRP)
Jeff Baird (City of Lancaster)
Stephanie Bosco (City of Lancaster Port Auth.)
John Jarman (EDG)
Kyle Messaros (ASI)
Conner Brintlinger (ASI)

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of the December 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Greg Butcher. Second by Curt Shonk. Motion passed 5-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

3. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:

a. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented to the board within the board packet by Mark Hurst (Mr. Hurst was virtual on a TEAMS call.) *Jeremiah Upp made a motion to approve the financial report. Rick Szabrack seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.*

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- New Resolution was brought in 2026-02 (Walk-in Resolution)
- Possibility of a special meeting being called for the TID board near beginning of Feb. after City of Canal Winchester City Council Meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consultant Project Update Report

Bill Lozier commented and updated on the following TID projects:

- Basil-Western Road Realignment
 - o Acquisition/FMVE – We have all of the FMVE’s in except for (4) parcels we are waiting on.
 - o 2026-02 (the walk-in resolution) – moving \$35k over into Basil Western Project for purchasing ROW in an attempt to spend down some of the ODOT TID Grant. (7 parcels)
 - o Rick gave update regarding funding streams.
 - o Potential DHL Pilot Payments/Sales Tax Exemption would be received early.
 - o Potential special meeting needed for TID. Canal Winchester City Council is expected to vote in first week of February.
 - o SIB Loan is state backed loan. (not federal)
 - o Received Nationwide Permit through Army Corp of Engineers
- Far East Freeway
 - o No real updates from the previous meeting.
 - o \$165M is the ask from District 5 – Big Ask.
 - o Looking at Phasing it differently.
- Refugee Road Corridor
 - o The submission to HUD is still delayed. This project is still in a holding pattern.
 - o Negotiating a scope and fee for design.
 - o Information to be relayed to the Commissioner’s so they can help push along.
- US33/I70 Connector
 - o Travel/Demand Model through MORPC – MORPC said they would have their model completed by end of January of 2026.
 - o Commissioner Fix arranged a meeting with Jobs Ohio and the Consultant – Talking about next steps. (January 20th Meeting)
- East Side Industrial Connector

- Curt stated that the RAISE grant agreement is expected in December. City of Lancaster still has not received the agreement from FHWA.
- Curt to go to City Council early to pass legislation – prevent further delay.
- US33 Corridor CAP Project
 - Bill and Jeremiah to be on a call with stakeholders next week? Jan. 19-23
- Ety Road
 - Taylor (Balderson’s Office) hoped for approval (\$2M) towards this project
 - Final approval by end of January – “Hopefully”
 - Taylor left Balderson’s Office and is with Hick’s Partners.
 - Bill to stay on top of this project and keep TID Board updated.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jon Hensler with the Office of Jobs of Commerce – Introduced himself and made himself available for help with any projects in our area.
- Bill went over the CAP Application submittals which mimic TID Projects.
- Campground Road Improvements – TID Grant Application – Design and ROW Acquisition. *Motion made by Jeremiah Upp. Second by Rick Szabrak. Motion passed. 5-0.*

7. RESOLUTIONS:


Resolution 2026-01 – A Resolution Authorizing Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Consulting Services Agreement with TransCon Ohio, LTD.
Motion by Greg Butcher. Second by Rick Szabrak. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2026-02 – Resolution to Amend 2026 Fund Budgets – (To purchase ROW for Basil Western Project) *Motion by Curt Shonk. Second by Jeremiah Upp. Motion passed 5-0.*

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment of the January 13, 2026, meeting. at 2:07 p.m.
Motion: Jeremiah Upp. Second: Greg Butcher

Minutes approved by:


Jeremiah D. Upp
Secretary/Treasurer