

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2024

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

Sonja Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. on March 12, 2024 at the Fairfield County Records Center. The following persons were present: Sonja Simpson (TID Chairperson); Jeremiah Upp (TID Secretary/Treasurer); Greg Butcher (TID Board Member); Curt Shonk (TID Board Member); Jason Grubb (Fairfield County Engineer's Office); Mitch Noland (Fairfield County Engineer's Office); Bill Lozier (TransCon Ohio); Tom Pannett (Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter); Jacque Annarino (ODOT); Safa Saleu (Fairfield County RPC); Ashley Hartsock (ADR & Associates); Josh Hillberry (Fairfield County RPC); Dave Levacy (Fairfield County Commissioner); Terry Dunlap (Violet Township); Scott Seamen (GPD Group); Ralph Hearick (Amanda Twp); Jeff Baird (City of Lancaster); Steve Smith (Terracon); Chad Lucht (Fairfield Co Soil & Water); Susan Derwacter (Environmental Design Group); Dave Holstein (Woolpert)

ROLL CALL:

- a. Members in attendance: Sonja Simpson, Curt Shonk, Greg Butcher, Jeremiah Upp. Rick Szabrak attended via Teams. Did not vote.

1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Approval of the February 13, 2023; regular meeting minutes.
- b. Motion to approve made by Mr. Upp. Second by Mr. Shonk. All members approved by saying "Aye". Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. No public comments.

3. REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- a. **Financial Report:** Beginning February 6, 2024 to March 7, 2024
 - 1. Mr. Upp gave a report of the General Account and Project Account.
 - 2. Motion to approve the financial report by Mr. Shonk. Second by Mr. Butcher.
 - 3. All members approved by saying "Aye".

4. NEW BUISNESS:

a. TransCon Contract Renewal

- 1. **Resolution 2024-01:** The board discussed the Transcon Contract Renewal.
 - (i) Roll call vote by all members in attendance.
 - (a) Upp, yes; Shonk, yes; Butcher, yes; Simpson, yes.
- 2. **Review of Existing Bylaws:** Existing Bylaws were handed out to the board. Mr. Noland asked the board to review the existing Bylaws and make comments. Mr. Noland requested comments back by 3/20/24. This would allow adequate time for the bylaws to be amended and posted for public review 10 days prior to the next meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. TID Accountant: Mr. Noland updated the board on the search for an accounting firm.

b. Consultant Project Update: Mr. Lozier commented on the following projects.

1. Basil Western Rd. Realignment

(i) There is an opportunity for another TID Grant. Due date is March 20, 2024.

(ii) TID to secure a letter from the Port Authority ensuring the funds are available through a bond. This letter will be used for the TID Grant Application to show "a source of funds".

2. Far East Freeway

3. Refugee Road Corridor/Shared Use Path

(i) Mr. Lozier applied for SRTS on March 1.

(ii) Received a \$2.5M 2024 CPF grant. Still working with Congress Balderson's Office and ODOT to see if/how funds can be used for design, right-of-way, environmental, and construction.

(iii) Will withdraw the SRTS grant at this time until we can see how the \$2.5M can be utilized.

(iv) Will re-apply for SRTS grant next year.

4. US33/I-70 Connector

(i) Nothing new to report.

5. East Side Industrial Connector

(i) The board discussed possible funding programs and how to move the project forward.

(ii) The board will wait to hear more from Mr. Shonk and the City of Lancaster.

6. US33 Corridor Lane Widening

(i) Mr. Holstein (Woolpert) reported the consultant team kickoff team meeting is Friday March 15th.


6. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Super Load Update: Mrs. Jacque Annarino (ODOT) updated the board on the super loads.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

a. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Butcher. Second by Mr. Shonk. All members approved by saying "aye". The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by:



Jeremiah Upp
Secretary/Treasurer