

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 24, 2022**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE
3026 WEST FAIR AVENUE; LANCASTER, OHIO 43130
and
VIRTUAL**

Jeremiah Upp, TID Chair & Secretary/Treasurer, called the meeting to order just after 9:00 a.m. on March 24, 2022 at the Fairfield County Engineer's Office. The following persons were present: Jeremiah Upp (TID Board Chair & Secretary/Treasurer); Mitch Noland (TID Board Vice Chair); Rick Szabrak (TID Board Member); Sonja Simpson (TID Board Member); Bill Lozier (TransCon Ohio/TID Consultant); David Levacy (Fairfield County Commissioner); Eric Meyer (City of Reynoldsburg); Jennifer Shuey (DLZ); Paul Denny (Woolpert); Conner Brintlinger (American Structurepoint). Attending virtually were Greg Butcher (TID Board Member); Tony Vogel (Fairfield County Utilities); Shawn Haughn; Bryan Everitt; and Ralph Hendrick.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mitch Noland made a motion to approve the February 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Rick Szabrak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

3. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:

a. Financial Report

Jeremiah reviewed the financial report. There was a beginning balance of \$212,092.96. Checks were written to TransCon Ohio totaling \$2,000.00 and to John Clark Insurance for \$145.00. This left an ending balance of \$209,947.96.

Mitch Noland made a motion to approve the financial report. Rick Szabrak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Bylaws

Bylaws were e-mailed to all Board members. There were no questions or concerns.

b. Consulting Agreement

Bill Lozier proposed a modification to his agreement. Jeremiah mentioned that Bill's workload has increased, and that Bill will no longer be working with the City of Pickerington. Bill will concentrate more on Licking County and Fairfield County TID's. He will be giving this Board more time. A suggestion was made to revisit this contract approximately every six months. Sonja Simpson made a motion for Jeremiah to enter into a revised agreement with Bill Lozier increasing his monthly rate to \$2000.00 and not exceeding the encumbered amount. Mitch Noland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Renaming Project List

Jeremiah Upp made a motion to rename the Project List to "TID Program of Projects". Mitch Noland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Resolution 2022-02 and Review of Projects

Projects added to the TID Program of Projects List were Far East Freeway, US33/I70 Connector, and the US33 Corridor.

c. Consultant Project Update Report

Far East Freeway: This project is now in ODOT's hands and will be posted on their website in May for consultant selection. They have asked us to begin discussions on aesthetic treatments for the interchange. However, they still need to do some preliminary engineering.

Bill and Rick met with the Mayor of Reynoldsburg and their Development Director, Eric Meyer. Reynoldsburg has concerns as truck traffic traveling to Amazon have begun to use Main Street to avoid the rush hour on I-270 and I-70.

Refugee Road Corridor: Jeremiah continues to have conversations about the complete street design concept. Urban arterials are being recognized differently. Instead of designing for future traffic with high speeds, they are servicing pedestrians and schools. We do not want to narrow down this road too much during the design phase that we end up with too much traffic congestion. However, if we stage this in accordance with complete streets, we could build fewer lanes and still have the pathway where it needs to be so that it could accommodate five lanes in the future. This could help with the high costs as well. Jeremiah and Bill will continue to meet to figure out a design concept. Jeremiah, Bill, and Greg will then introduce this to MORPC before the May application cycle for funding.

US33/I70 Connector: There seems to be more interest in this project since Intel's announcement. Mink Road is one of the main entrances into Intel. There is talk about a new interchange at I-70 and Mink (which is Wagram Road in Fairfield County). We

should not ignore the fact that there could be a new interchange in this area. There are already plans for improvements at SR161 and Mink.

Ewing Street Connector/Commerce Street Extension: Matt O'Rourke of Structurepoint is putting together a list of stakeholders. The TID, the County Engineer, and the County Commissioners will be considered more of an advisory group. After talking to the stakeholders, Matt will follow up with the City regarding the interviews and then share comments with the advisory groups.

US33 Corridor CAP Project: Bill sent the final version of our advocacy statement to Tom Slack, Capital Projects Manager at ODOT District 6, to appeal the US33 widening as a separate project. This is something we need to keep pushing ODOT on. The Commissioners are very interested and supportive of the extra lane. TRAC applications are due in May. If District 6 embraces this idea, they could place it on the TRAC. More points would be granted if there is local contribution. As there may not be enough time to apply for this project with this year's application, we may need to aim for the next application date.

Basil-Western Road Realignment: Rick stated there is still a lot of interest for development in this area, but the curve/hill is going to be an issue. Canal Winchester is holding off on allowing development in their annexed area until they get a comprehensive development plan completed, which could take another year. Jeremiah stated that plans for two warehouses on Basil-Western Road were just introduced to the Engineer's Office. With these plans, the Engineer's Office will need to look at the traffic impact study and see how to tie this together with this overall project.

Project Ruby Whiley Road: At this time, there is nothing new to report.


6. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Rick Szabrak made a motion to adjourn. Mitch Noland seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by:



Jeremiah D. Upp

Chairperson & Secretary/Treasurer