

**MINUTES FROM THE OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING  
March 6, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Ohio Rail Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Policinski at 11:02 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Executive Director Dietrich, Chairman Mark Policinski, Commissioners Solomon Jackson, Eric Richter, Tom Zitter, Andrew Bremer, Thomas Maphet, Dean Hempfling, Andrew Pusateri, and Bill Lozier were in attendance. Also in attendance was Representative Sheehy. Commissioner Johnson, Senator LaRose and Representative Dever were unable to attend. There were 9 voting members present, therefore a quorum was obtained.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING**

Chairman Policinski asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting. Secretary-Treasurer McClory noted one change, from Wednesday to Tuesday for the meeting date. Commissioner Zitter moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Pusateri seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with 9 votes in the affirmative.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Dietrich presented his report to the Commissioners, which can be found on page 5 of the packet. In addition to the items in the packet, Mr. Dietrich expanded on the federal freight plan approval process, thanking Jennifer Townley and Scott Phinney of ODOT for their work and assistance.

Executive Director Dietrich also discussed the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) notices of funding opportunities. Staff is actively seeking input and partnerships from Ohio railroads for applications.

Representative Sheehy left at 11:09 a.m.

Lastly, Executive Director Dietrich noted staff outreach efforts, specifically the SCORT conference and the BATIC Institute preconference meeting, which staff found very insightful and beneficial to attend.

Commissioner Lozier noted Licking County made the report two times this month, asking specifically about the no award for funding of the Raccoon Run Bridge. Executive Director Dietrich explained staff is actively working with the railroad on a solution to the issue with the bridge and has potentially come up with an approximately 10-year fix. Staff will update the Commissioners as the project develops.

Chairman Policinski asked who would be the eligible recipients of the CRISI funds. Executive Director Dietrich explained anyone can receive the funds, but the state offers an administrative cushion that is a great benefit to any award winner. Additionally, the chairman asked if there is a

breakdown of eligibility between freight and passenger projects. Mr. Dietrich explained there is no funding split or dedicated amount for each type. Lastly, the Chairman asked who is making the funding decisions and Mr. Dietrich confirmed it is USDOT. He also explained staff is concerned about the benefit-cost analysis calculations as a basis for decisions and that staff did discuss this with federal representatives.

Commissioner Bremer asked if this is railroad specific opportunities. Executive Director Dietrich explained anyone who has rail infrastructure can apply.

There were no additional questions.

#### FINANCE REPORT

Megan McClory, ORDC's Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Finance Report to the Commissioners, which can be found on page 7 of the packet and the additional handout. Ms. McClory announced we have some funding left for projects in May after the projects being presented today are approved.

Additionally, Ms. McClory announced Sherrie Pritchard has been hired to fill the vacancy left with Evelyn Winkfield's retirement.

Executive Director Dietrich announced the 2016-2017 project maps are available at each Commissioner's seat.

There were no questions.

#### RESOLUTION 18-02 – Disposal of Excess Property Near Cadiz, Ohio

ORDC staff member Tom Burns presented to the Commissioners the briefing on page 10 of the commission packet. Mr. Burns provided the background information found in the packet and introduced Ken Mason from the Cadiz CIC and Mayor Ken Zitko from Cadiz to elaborate on the property disposal.

Mr. Mason thanked the Commission for considering this property disposal and explained how the property purchase has been on their agenda for some time and are thankful the Commission will finally engage in discussions to sell it. Additionally, Mr. Mason further described the development opportunity the community has with the acquisition of the property.

There were no questions.

Commissioner Zitter made a motion to approve Resolution 18-02 and Commissioner Jackson seconded it. Roll Call was taken and the resolution was approved as presented with 9 votes in the affirmative.

#### PROJECT BRIEFING – Cleveland Commercial Railway Von Willer Yard

ORDC staff member Tom Burns presented to the Commissioners the briefing on page 15 of the commission packet. Mr. Burns provided the background information found in the packet and introduced Bill Brown from the railroad to elaborate on the project.

Mr. Brown described Von Willer Yard and the current situation with shipping scrap metal and the theft of product from the rail cars. He explained not only the advantage of rehabilitating the track for their current shippers, but also for the new opportunity to store empty hazmat cars. Mr. Brown anticipated paying back the loan within 2 years under his current plan.

Commissioner Zitter asked what will be accomplished with the project, based on the packet map. Mr. Burns explained there was not a good map image of the current storage location and the map in the packet is the proposed interchange point. Mr. Brown further explained the current and improved interchange point.

Commissioner Bremer asked Mr. Brown to elaborate on the project. Mr. Brown provided rehabilitation details and explained there is not new rail or additional rail being installed.

There were no additional questions.

#### PROJECT BRIEFING – CertainTeed Corporation

ORDC staff member Tom Burns presented to the Commissioners the briefing on page 18 of the commission packet. Mr. Burns provided the background information found in the packet and introduced Mary Cierebiej from TeamNEO to elaborate on the project.

Ms. Cierebiej explained the importance of attracting this investment and how all the state partners came together to offer an incentive package that landed the expansion. Additionally, Ms. Cierebiej elaborated on the project itself, the logistics partnerships, and thanked the Commission for the grant.

There were no questions.

#### PROJECT BRIEFING – MSW Plastics USA, Inc.

ORDC staff member Tom Burns presented to the Commissioners the briefing on page 21 of the commission packet. Mr. Burns provided the background information found in the packet and introduced Mike Panayi and Joel Koops from the company to elaborate on the project.

Mr. Panayi and Mr. Koops provided a PowerPoint presentation that further elaborates on their new location in Ohio, the nature of their business, and the rail project. Mr. Koops thanked the Commission and the State of Ohio partners for the excellent partnerships and working relationships.

There were no questions.

#### PROJECT BRIEFING – Spray Products Corporation

ORDC staff member Tom Burns presented to the Commissioners the briefing on page 24 of the commission packet. Mr. Burns provided the background information found in the packet and introduced Bart Bastian from the company to elaborate on the project.

Mr. Bastian explained the business of Spray Products and the progression towards a new, expanded location. He explained how rail service was a major part of locating a new facility and

a contributing factor in selecting the Medina site. Additionally, Mr. Bastian described the project and the timeline for the facility to come online.

There were no questions.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Zitter reported on the Policy Committee, explaining ORDC staff member Tom Burns described the type of property concerns staff faces and how it is handled. Additionally, Commissioner Zitter noted some public comment on property issues, as well as the ongoing state rail plan efforts.

Commissioner Jackson reported the Administrative Committee did not meet due to lack of attendance. He adjourned the meeting and Commissioners and staff joined the Policy meeting.

There were no questions.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Connor noted the diversity and international businesses locating in Ohio.

#### ADJOURN

Chairman Policinski adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.