

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2023

FAIRFIELD COUNTY RECORDS CENTER

138 WEST CHESTNUT STREET; LANCASTER, OHIO 43130

Sonja Simpson called the meeting to order just after 1:00 p.m. on June 13, 2023 at the Fairfield County Records Center. The following persons were present: Sonja Simpson (TID Chairperson); Jeremiah Upp (TID Secretary/Treasurer); Rick Szabrak (TID Vice Chairperson); Dave Levacy (Fairfield County Commissioner); Aunie Cordell (Fairfield County Commissioners Office); Jeff Fix (Fairfield County Commissioner); Mitch Noland (Fairfield County Engineer's Office); Jason Grubb (Fairfield County Engineer's Office); Anthony Iachini (Fairfield County Economic Development); Tom Pannett (Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter); Conner Brintlinger (American Structurepoint); Kyle Massaros (American Structurepoint); Michael Salvador (American Structurepoint); Lucas Haire (Canal Winchester); Ron Thomas (Resident)

1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Approval of the May 9, 2023; regular meeting minutes.
- b. Motion to approve made by Mr. Szabrak. Second by Mr. Upp. All members approved. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. No public comments.

3. REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE: County TID Financial Report

- a. Report beginning May 1, 2023 to June 7, 2023.
 - 5/1/23 beginning balance of \$283,826.96.
 - 5/8/23 check to Transcon Ltd for \$2,000.00; April invoice.
 - 6/7/23 ending balance of \$281,826.96.
- b. Motion to approve the report from Mr. Szabrak. 2nd by Mr. Upp. All members approved. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUISNESS:

- a. Allen Road Intersections - ODOT has closed the median access to both Allen Road intersections on US33. Both Allen Road intersections are now right-in, right-out. Recent fatal accidents and the continued design on the 33/Pickerington Road interchange prompted ODOT to close the medians.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Consultant Project Update Report

- i) **Basil Western Rd. Realignment** – Mr. Upp noted the TID has an agreement with DHL for roadway improvements in front of DHL. DHL began construction and are moving forward with the project. The TID sent out request for qualifications (RFQ) for design of the roadway. Submissions are due June 16, 2023. Mr. Szabrak noted that he is working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Canal Winchester. This MOU will setup the same incentive agreement for all parcels within this Basil Western corridor.
- ii) **Far East Freeway** – Fairfield County TID is still advocating for the overpass to be lengthened and extended at Taylor Road. The project is currently being designed by ODOT.
- iii) **Refugee Road Corridor** – The Fairfield County Engineer’s Office continues to move forward with the intersection improvement project. Currently working through some right-of-way issues. The TID did receive word that they will receive \$1.4 million of the \$2.4 million requested for the safety grant. The grant will fund the multi-use path. Mr. Noland noted there is a meeting scheduled with ODOT for the end of July to outline the project scope. Mr. Upp extended his thanks to Bill Lozier and Woolpert for their help in securing the grant.
- iv) **US33/I-70 Connector** – Mr. Noland gave a brief update of the Fairfield County Planning. Next meeting outlining a possible US33/I-70 corridor.
- v) **East Side Industrial Connector** – Mr. Shonk was not available for this month’s meeting. We will get an update on this project next month when he returns.
- vi) **US33 Corridor Lane Widening CAP Project** - Mr. Upp noted that ODOT agreed the lane widening should be a standalone project. Mr. Upp noted that he has been communicating with ODOT regarding local match on the project. Mr. Upp is hopeful ODOT will cover the local match on this project, but discussions are on-going. Mr. Upp will update the board when he knows more.


6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. **Coonpath Road Project Report** - Mr. Levacy requested an update on the Coonpath Road project. Mr. Upp reported there are multiple projects on Coonpath Road for 2023. Phase 1 is the replacement of 7 smaller culverts along the Coonpath corridor. Phase 2 is the replacement of GRE-03 bridge, just west of Stringtown Road. This project will take approximately 6 weeks. Phase 3 is the full depth repair of multiple locations on Coonpath Rd between Election House Road and SR37. Followed by a complete resurfacing and new pavement markings. All work is scheduled to be completed in 2023 Calander year.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Mr. Szabrak made a motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. Upp. All members approved by saying aye. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by:



Jeremiah Upp
Secretary/Treasurer