

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 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 October 3, 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); Greg Butcher (TID Board Member); Rick Szabrak (TID Board Member); Sonja Simpson (TID Board Member); Bill Lozier (TransCon Ohio/TID Consultant); Dave Levacy (Fairfield County Commissioner); Jeff Fix (Fairfield County Commissioner); Aunie Cordle (Fairfield County Administrator); Paul Denny (Woolpert); Jason Grubb (Fairfield County Engineer's Office); and Ron Thomas. Attending virtually were Eric McCrady (Fairfield County Engineer's Office); Conner Brintlinger (American Structurepoint).

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Rick Szabrak made a motion to approve the August 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Greg Butcher 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 \$200,947.96. A check was written to TransCon Ohio for \$2,000.00 leaving an ending balance of \$198,947.96.

Greg Butcher made a motion to approve the financial report. Sonja Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 2023 Budget: Jeremiah reviewed the proposed 2023 Budget. Discussion took place regarding Refugee Road and expenses involved (noted below under Consultant Project Update Report). Rick Szabrak made a motion to approve the 2023 budget. Sonja Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeremiah stated he would like to write a letter to other agencies explaining the TID and asking for contributions (townships, Lancaster, Pickerington, Canal Winchester, etc). Discussion took place on this topic, and all agreed this would benefit both the TID and the other agencies.

- b. 2023 Meeting Dates: A motion was made by Greg Butcher to adopt the meeting dates for 2023. Rick Szabrak seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Consultant Agreement: Greg Butcher made a motion to approve the Consulting Agreement with TransCon Ohio, Ltd. Rick Szabrak seconded the motion. Motion carried. Greg expressed what an asset Bill Lozier of TransCon has been to the TID Board.
- d. Mitch Noland – TID seat: Mitch will be taking a position with the Fairfield County Engineer’s Office and therefore unable to fill his seat on this Board. Mitch thanked the Board and the Commissioners for appointing him to the TID. With his new position at the County, his role will be to assist the TID and handle the development of the projects. He sent his resignation letter to Aunie Cordle last week. The Commissioners will advertise the open role and select a candidate. This is officially Mitch’s last meeting as a Board Member.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Consultant Project Update Report

Far East Freeway: Bill to contact American Structurepoint for an update on this project. Rick stated that there were discussions between ODOT District 5, ODOT District 6, and the City of Reynoldsburg. Bill to follow-up with Ty Thompson of ODOT.

Refugee Road Corridor: Jeremiah discussed the proposal from Woolpert to do a traffic study for Refugee Road. This study needs to be separated from the design phase of the project in order to meet a funding deadline for the stand-alone safety pathway project discussed during August’s meeting. This would allow us to do the pathways ahead of the roadway widening project. Once the traffic study is done, we can see how to move forward with Refugee Road.

Jeremiah presented Resolution 2022-03 “A resolution to enter into an agreement with Woolpert, Inc. for the Refugee Road Traffic Study”. Greg Butcher made a motion to adopt this resolution. Rick Szabrak seconded. Motion carried.

US33/I70 Connector: Bill discussed projects on ODOT’s 20-minute travel time list and their needs. We need to make sure they stay as priorities to ODOT. Commissioner Fix agreed to help advocate for all of our projects. Jim Gates of ODOT will be arranging a meeting of the 30-minute ring which should involve Fairfield County.

East Side Industrial Connector: Mitch filed an extension on the funding for this project. He is still looking at alternatives for the east side industrial park. Not much has changed.

US33 Corridor CAP Project: ODOT District 6 made an application for their entire project which includes interchanges and the widening. Bill continues to request they extract the widening and make it a separate project. We need to keep applying the pressure to ODOT so we are not waiting on the lane widening. Bill asked if he could be part of the TRAC presentation but has not heard back from them yet. He feels it is important to attend the TRAC meeting to show our support for this project.

Basil-Western Road Realignment: Rick stated that we are currently looking to cover costs on this project through Port Authority involvement, a \$1.50 square foot pilot fee to each parcel, and an MOU with Canal Winchester so their parcels contribute the same amount. Jeremiah expressed his appreciation to Rick for all his hard work on this project.

Other: There was none.


6. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Sonja Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Mitch Noland seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by:



Jeremiah D. Upp
Chairperson & Secretary/Treasurer