

FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 23

2:30 p.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Muskingum Meeting Room
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Board of Trustee Members Present

Cornell Robertson, P.E., P.S., *Chair*
Alex Beres, *Secretary-Treasurer*
Robert Priestas

Staff/Consultants Present

Thea Walsh, MORPC
Nathaniel Kaelin, MORPC
Thomas Graham, MORPC
Rusty Schuermann, Legal Counsel

Guests Present

Eddie King, ODOT Jobs & Commerce
W. Fritz Crosier, Franklin County Engineer's Office
Brent Welch, Franklin County Engineer's Office
Paul Denny, Woolpert
Jeff Wallace, Barge Design
Kristen Studabaker, Carpenter Marty

Meeting Minutes

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Engineer Robertson called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance, dedicated to first responders.

B. Roll Call and Introductions

Engineer Robertson asked all attendees to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for attending. Roll was called for board members:

Robertson: Yes | **Janas:** - | **Beres:** Yes | **Priestas:** Yes | **Woodruff:** -

C. Review of Agenda

Engineer Robertson reviewed the purpose of the meeting: continuing work on initial administrative matters, adopting FCTID Program of Projects, and discussion and approval of related actions.

D. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Beres, seconded by Priestas to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2019. Motion carried via a voice vote with each member present voting aye.

E. Administrative Items

1. Resolution Number 2019-03 Authorizing Retention of Legal Counsel

Mr. Beres summarized the process utilized to recommend legal counsel, including the RRQ, evaluation, process, and committee members.

Motion by Priestas, seconded by Beres to approve the retention of Richard W. Schuermann, Jr. of the law firm of Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter, LPA, to serve as Legal Counsel for the FCTID, for the provision of general and special counsel services.

Mr. Beres noted that he has directed staff to follow-up with the other firm that proposed serving as counsel to thank them for their proposal.

F. FCTID Program of Projects

1. Resolution Number 2019-04: A Resolution to establish and designate the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District Projects and Authorizing Registration With and Application to the ODOT Office of Jobs & Commerce Seeking Eligibility for FY2020 TID Funding.

Engineer Robertson asked Mr. Crosier to share the draft list of projects in a presentation compiled by the Franklin County Engineer's Office. Crosier shared that Mr. Priestas provided two project suggestions for projects in the Gahanna area. The projects discussed included:

1. Alum Creek Drive at Rohr Road
2. Rohr Road at State Route 317
3. Lockbourne Road at State Route 317
4. Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road
5. Agler Road Relocation
6. Cassady Avenue Corridor (I-670 to Agler Road)
7. Cleveland Avenue at Innis Road
8. Cooke Road Corridor (I-71 to Cleveland Avenue
9. Ferris Road Corridor (Karl Road to Westerville Road)
10. Harrisburg-Georgesville Road over Big Darby Creek
11. Taylor Station Road at Claycraft Road

Discussion was held regarding the number of applications to submit for TID Funding from ODOT Jobs and Commerce. Mr. King responded that the number of applications was irrelevant, and pointed out that job creation, near-term construction, and matching funding sources were important for a successful application. Mr. King left the meeting at 3:30 p.m., prior to discussion about what applications to submit.

After discussion, it was determined to submit applications for the first three projects in the draft program (1. Alum Creek Drive at Rohr Road, 2. Rohr Road at SR 317, and 3. Lockbourne Road at SR 317).

Motion by Beres, seconded by Priestas, to amend Resolution Number 2019-04 to use the presentation of projects as Exhibit A, and further resolved to supplement the 2nd and 3rd resolution clauses to identify the three projects for application for TID Supplemental Funding to be Alum Creek Drive at Rohr Road, Rohr Road at SR 317, and Lockbourne Road at SR 317. Motion carried with a roll call vote:

Robertson: Yes | **Janas:** Absent | **Beres:** Yes | **Priestas:** Yes | **Woodruff:** Absent

Motion by Priestas, seconded by Beres, to adopt Resolution Number 2019-04 as amended. Motion carried with a roll call vote:

Robertson: Yes | **Janas:** Absent | **Beres:** Yes | **Priestas:** Yes | **Woodruff:** Absent

G. Discussion of Depository, Accounting, and Insurance

Mrs. Walsh shared that MORPC continues to recommend using the county auditor and treasurer's office for fiscal agent/depository services if MORPC provides accounting services for the FCTID. Schuermann recommended seeking agreement from the auditor, treasurer, and prosecutor offices. He also shared that the FCTID will need a budget developed and authorized by July 1st.

Insurance was discussed. Schuermann will provide references and contacts from other TIDs and MORPC will help to solicit proposals for consideration by the board. Beres will bring a recommendation back for consideration at a future meeting.

Engineer Robertson reviewed action items:

- Affidavit: Schuermann to send template for completion by MORPC and Engineer
- Budget: MORPC will draft an initial budget
- Applications: MORPC will lead; Mr. Beres would like to be involved
- Registration: MORPC will lead

H. Other Business

Walsh noted that U.S. DOT has released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the BUILD discretionary grant program. Applications are due July 15, 2019.

I. Adjournment

Motion moved by Beres, seconded by Priestas, to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m. Motion carried via voice vote with all members present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Beres
Secretary-Treasurer