

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## MEETING MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 25

3:00 p.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Scioto Meeting Room

111 Liberty Street, Suite 100

Columbus, Ohio 43215

#### **Board of Trustee Members Present**

Cornell Robertson, P.E., P.S., *Chair*

Erik Janas, *Vice-Chair*

Alex Beres, *Secretary-Treasurer*

#### **Staff/Consultants Present**

Thea Walsh, MORPC

Thomas Graham, MORPC

Robert Settles, MORPC

Rusty Schuermann, Legal Counsel

#### **Guests Present**

W. Fritz Crosier, Franklin County Engineer's Office

Jeff Wallace, Barge Design

#### **Meeting Minutes**

##### **A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Engineer Robertson called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m., and led the pledge of allegiance, dedicated to pre-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:** Yes | **Beres:** Yes | **Woodruff:** -

##### **C. Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2019 Meeting**

Motion by Beres, seconded by Janas to approve the meeting minutes of June 27, 2019. Motion carried via a voice vote with each member present voting aye.

##### **D. FCTID Program of Projects**

Mr. Graham informed the board that the ODOT TID Supplemental Funding Application for the project at Alum Creek Drive and Rohr Rd had been awarded \$200,000 for construction, while the other two applications had not been awarded funds.

**1. Resolution Number 2019-07 Authorizing HB 62 Funding Agreement with ODOT and related actions, including intergovernmental agreement with the County**

Mr. Schuermann expressed that Resolution 2019-07 had been written generically to enable the board to take any necessary steps to receive the ODOT funding award. Moreover, Mr. Schuermann expressed that this resolution would also enable the board to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County to accommodate program management requirements set forth in the funding agreement.

Engineer Robertson asked if the Franklin County Engineer's Office would be able to administer and manage projects funded through the FCTID, to which Mr. Schuermann stated that co-management of these programs could be established through an intergovernmental agreement.

Mr. Janas thanked the staff responsible for preparing the applications. Furthermore, Mr. Janas asked if a list of all awardees was available. Mr. Schuermann provided a brief summary of other funding awards and expressed that the award to the FCTID was a great success for a new TID.

Engineer Robertson suggested that staff prepare a press release or other public outreach materials to inform the public of the funding award and increase awareness for the value of the FCTID. Mrs. Walsh stated that MORPC staff would coordinate with the Franklin County Engineer's Office to prepare the aforementioned public outreach materials.

Motion by Janas, seconded by Beres to authorize HB 62 funding agreement with ODOT and related actions, including intergovernmental agreement with the County. Motion carried via a roll call vote:

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

**E. Update on Bank and Accounting**

Mr. Beres informed the board that two banking firms had been considered for depository services, and that of these two Heartland had experience which better matched the needs of the FCTID. Mr. Beres stated that coordination with Heartland will continue in order to open the necessary accounts.

Mr. Beres informed the board that a letter of engagement will be signed with Mark Hurst of Hurst, Kelly, and Company, LLC as previously authorized by the board. The details of this agreement remain within the limits agreed upon at the June board meeting.

**F. Update on MORPC Services**

Mr. Beres informed the board that an agreement for MORPC administrative services will be signed. This agreement includes \$5,000 for prior fiscal services provided by MORPC and \$50,000 for coordination and administrative services provided by MORPC for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year.

**G. MORPC Quarterly Report (Q2 2019)**

**Franklin County Transportation Improvement District Board of Trustees**  
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Mrs. Walsh provided a summary of the work which MORPC had provided for the FCTID, including meeting coordination, grant application preparation, and preparation of resolutions among other tasks.

**H. Board of Trustees Vacancy**

Engineer Robertson expressed that continued conversation with Shanetta Griffin regarding appointment to the FCTID Board has continued, and that these conversation will continue moving forward.

**I. Other Business**

Mr. Janas suggested that the Board discuss the two non-voting appointments to the FCTID at the next meeting.

Mr. Beres suggested that the FCTID Board and Staff organize a trip to another TID to observe how other similar political sub-divisions operate. Board members and staff agreed that this would be a valuable experience.

Engineer Robertson expressed that the project at SR 317 and Lockbourne Rd, which previously had been denied for ODOT Safety Funds, will now be receiving ODOT Safety Funds. Moreover, Engineer Robertson suggested that staff discuss this new award with ODOT Jobs and Commerce to potentially encourage more funding for the project. Mr. Beres encouraged the Board to continue having conversation with Eddie King of ODOT Jobs and Commerce.

Engineer Robertson stated that a resolution was being prepared for the Franklin County Commissioners to authorize the transfer of \$500,000 from the Franklin County Engineer to the FCTID. Engineer Robertson further suggested that the Franklin County Engineer's Office think about a system for tracking in-kind contributions to the FCTID.

Mrs. Walsh informed the Board that the CEO of Virgin One Hyperloop would be in Columbus.

**J. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Engineer Robertson at approximately 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alex Beres  
Secretary-Treasurer