

**PICKAWAY PROGRESS PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 25TH, 2023
OCUBIC SECOND FLOOR WEST
1360 LANCASTER PIKE**

PRESENT: Tim Colburn, Krista Bower, Elizabeth Furniss, Franklin Christman, Becky Hammond, Daryl Wolfe, Mark Leatherwood, Kyle Wolfe, Casey Liddy, Don McIlroy, Gary Scherer, Keith Summers, Craig Stevenson, Jim Stanley, Jean Droste, Louis McFarland, Diane Hill, Mark Lightle

GUESTS: April Metzger – Pickaway County Port Authority

NOT PRESENT: Kimberly Halley, Tim McGinnis, Jay Wippel, Champ Henson, Diane Hill, Louis McFarland, Steve McAfee, Mike Estadt, Kimberly Halley, Jonathan Davis, Jeff Sheets, Paul Johnson, Keith Summers

Bethany Reid called the meeting to order at 8:00

Introductions: April Metzger

APPROVAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 3/17/23

Jean Droste motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 17th, 2023. Louis McFarland seconded the motion, and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mark Lightle February & March Financial Reports were reviewed.
- JobsOhio loan is still on the table, depending on the Sofidel expansion status.
- Mark mentioned that we are right on the budget for the year.
- We are working with BHM due to the late submittal of the state report.
- Don McIlroy motioned to approve the financial reports. Daryl Wolfe seconded the motion and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

- P3 – Bethany Reid
 - Bethany thanked the executive committee for their efforts in selecting a new director. Don, Diane, Louis, and Jay were the interview team and they interviewed 3 candidates for the position.
 - Bethany announced that the executive committee has recommended Tim Colburn as the Executive Director and he has accepted.
 - Bethany further explained that the board is still looking at what the transaction agreement will look like moving forward with the Pickaway County Port Authority and P3.
- PCPA – Gary Scherer & April Metzger
 - Gary explained that the PCPA was very involved in the hiring of Tim as well. Additionally, all 3 of the applicants for the position were a part of the Ohio Retirement System, therefore we decided to hire Tim through the PCPA which is a governmental entity.
- Tim Colburn
 - Tim expressed his gratitude to the executive committee and the PCPA.
 - Tim further explained the relationship between the PCPA and P3. The PCPA and P3 will continue to be symbiotic engagement.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT-

Jenna Wood presented the development report.

- **Sofidel Expansion**
 - a. The Sofidel expansion is moving forward and P3 has calls with One Columbus/JobsOhio next week to start the process.
 - b. P3 will also be meeting with The Commissioners & LE next week to discuss local alignment.
- **FORJAK**
 - a. FORJAK has received the Vibrant Communities grant and P3 will be meeting with them to discuss next steps for their expansion.
- **Nelson Industrial**
 - a. This is a dry foods distributor seeking a site to build a 16,000 square foot facility. They have very minimal truck traffic at lower traffic times.

- b. Site visit went well, and we are now working to see what opportunities may be available at the state level for infrastructure needs at the site.
- **Project Green**
 - a. 4 billion Dollar EV related Manufacturing Project interested in the Van Trust site which is located on 762 east of 23. This project would create 1600 FTE's
 - b. PCPA/P3 has weekly calls discussing next steps, infrastructure, land purchase, etc.
 - c. Original RFI was submitted October 17th, 2022
- **Solar Empire**
 - a. Project Solar Empire is an international solar cell manufacturer looking to establish their first manufacturing operation in the US. They are wanting to locate in the area because of Longi which is a business partner of theirs who recently located in Pataskala. They are looking for an existing building. This project would be a \$30m investment, and 360 FTE's.
 - b. Site visit at the Tenby site which is located off 104/762 at the back east side of that development. The PCPA worked closely with Tenby on this spec development. Reminder about how not all spec is for warehouse use.
 - c. Site visit next week with the village, building owners, One Columbus, and the utility providers.

NEW BUSINESS

- Gary reminded the board that Smart Columbus is having a regional broadband meeting today at the Pickaway County Library at 9:30am.
- Don mentioned that the new playground at Ted Lewis Park will be having their ribbon cutting Friday at noon.
- Franklin mentioned the success of the Northgate Alliance CEDA meeting that P3 hosted. Additionally, they are working together on their zoning, strategic planning, and land use plans. They are arranging a site visit tour of New Albany economic development and what they can do in Pickaway County in a CEDA area. Franklin explained that they are now looking at NCA's, working with the PCPA, and finding more tools in the toolbox that can be utilized.

COMMENTS –

ADJOURNMENT-

Keith Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mark Lightle seconded, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING-

July 28, 2023

8:00am

OCUBIC, Second Floor Training West

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