

PICKAWAY COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY / PICKAWAY PROGRESS PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS August 25, 2023, | 9:30 A.M.

Minutes

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 A.M.

The following members were present:

Ms. April Dengler, Ms. Diane Hill, Mr. Don McIlroy, Mr. Louis McFarland, Mr. Mark Lightle, Mr. Mark Leatherwood, Mr. Jay Wippel, Mr. Tim Colburn, Mr. Craig Stevenson, Ms. Bethany Reid, Mr. Scott Blue. Mr. Caleb Bell and Mr. Tyler Compton of Bricker Graydon LLP, legal counsel to the Port Authority, were also present.

II. Goals of the Meeting

Mr. Colburn gave an overview of the structure of the meeting and opened it for discussion.

III. Discussion Items

Mr. Bell described the overlap and differences between a port authority and a community improvement corporation. He outlined the role of the Port Authority as the principal with bonding power and other broad powers including the ability to provide sales and use tax exemptions. He described the role of the Pickaway Progress Partnership as acting in an agent role with some similar powers. Mr. Bell described how each entity would operate with respect to a CRA.

Ms. Reid and Mr. Stevenson raised concerns about the Pickaway County Port Authority taking over both organizations. They indicated they were under the impression that this may occur after many years, but it appeared to be happening quickly. They also raised concerns about the payment structure and hiring of additional personnel.

Mr. Bell and Mr. Colburn proposed establishing an overarching Planning and Management Committee, comprised of members of both boards, that would set goals, objectives, and expectations for both organizations and assist in conducting evaluations of its members. The members agreed that the Planning and Management Committee would be comprised of the following members:

- Chairperson of Pickaway Progress Partnership
- Chairperson of Pickaway County Port Authority
- Jay Wippel (Board Member of both P3 and Port Authority)
- Craig Stevenson (Board Member of both P3 and Port Authority)
- Mark Lightle

IV. Project Update

Mr. Colburn gave an update on a project happening within the community. He updated the members about the Sofidel project discussions and the Project Green discussions.

V. Adjournment

April Metzger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wippel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34