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The regular meeting of the *OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY* will be held on **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 9:00 am at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, located at 300 West Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio.**

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction of Guests Chairman
2. Minutes January 8, 2019
3. Executive Director's Report Christina O'Keeffe
4. Member Working Session

An educational session on opportunities and key topics for the Authority including identification of trends, strategies and protocols for conducting OAQDA's work to accomplish desired outcomes.
5. Adjournment

OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 in the Franklin Room of the American Veterans Memorial and Museum, 300 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215. These are the minutes of that meeting.

The following members were present:

Mike Keenan, Chairman
Tom Niehaus, Vice Chairman
Ted Celeste
Jim Simon
Michael Curtin

Ex-Officio members present:

Laura Factor, Ohio EPA
Gene Phillips, Ohio Dept of Health

Staff present:

Christina O’Keeffe, Executive Director
Sandra Langston, Executive Assistant
Steve Smith, Legal Counsel

State agency representatives present:

Guests present:

Chris Knezevic, Vorys, Sater, Seymore & Pease
Blake Beachler, Calfee, Halter Griswold
Mary Sullivan, Dinsmore and Shohl
Kate Tompkins, Squire, Patton Boggs
Rob McCarthy, Bricker & Eckler
David Rogers, Frost Brown Todd
Chad Edwards, Emersion Design
Dave Arnold, Ohio Farm Bureau

This meeting of the Authority has been duly posted and given to all news media, organizations and other persons who requested such information in accordance and in full compliance with Rule No. 2 of this Authority.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. Legal Counsel confirmed that the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority was in full compliance with the Sunshine Law.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and stated the purpose of the day.
2. Minutes – Regular business meeting January 9, 2019. Mr. Simon moved for approval of the minutes. Mr. Niehaus seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Minutes adopted.

3. Resolution 19-09

Audit of Arbitrage and Rebate Obligations (Administrative)

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Dinsmore and Shohl LLP for the purpose of performing an Audit of Arbitrage and Rebate Obligations for Tax-Exempt Transactions and Training Assistance as outlined in the attached proposal for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Mr. Celeste moved to approve Resolution 19-09. Ms. Factor seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. Executive Director's Report

Christina O'Keeffe

The Executive Director informed the members that Ms. Culver vacated her position on Monday, February 4, 2019. She is moving forward in filling the position with another temporary employee and will redefine the position in the near future. The RFQ for Technical Support closed on February 8, 2019; we received five responses. Laura Factor and Gene Phillips have agreed to be a part of the review team along with the Executive Director. The review will be completed and candidates will be presented to the Authority in March.

She called the members attention to the financial section in their binders and noted that the 2019 budget information was also contained in the materials. The Executive Director specified the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the direction the Authority will take on the various different types of applications it has received in recent months; by determining strategies and criteria for reviewing the applications. She introduced the facilitators, Jamie Green and Emily Long of planning Next.

5. Planning Session

Jamie Green & Emily Long

Mr. Green began the session by asking each member to share his/her thoughts on OAQDA and what they hoped to gain from the meeting.

The members began the session with a focused discussion on the fact that they think OAQDA is in a good place but there is a need to evaluate the next steps regarding the array of new types of applications coming to the agency. They discussed OAQDA's programs; determining strategies for telling OAQDA's story and the great work it does; and thoughts on cultivating a portfolio of projects that can sustain the performance by the Clean Air Resource Center as well as larger financing transactions. Remarks about the importance for including the new administration and figuring out the process for accomplishing that was discussed.

Five attorneys from different law firms were invited to share their history with OAQDA, thoughts on OAQDA's work and give input on how they think OAQDA may handle the types of applications it's been receiving. The attorneys complimented the Authority members on their knowledge of the bond process; the work they have been doing and their continued interest in gaining more information about the bond financing area.

They gave ideas of opportunities to build a relationship with the administration; shared strategies for informing the Governor's Office about OAQDA's work as well as ideas for increased projects. The idea of structuring payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and their benefits was presented and further discussed. Some of the attorneys also gave suggestions on tracking performance metrics. Some of them saw the need for revising the project application process as well as the need for after-closing reporting by the projects.

During the mid-day, members participated in a short activity in the Museum, as an acknowledgement to Black History Month.

Mr. Chad Edwards of emersion DESIGN gave an interactive presentation on Net Zero Energy Buildings. He explained that a Net Zero Energy building is designed to minimize the use of energy consumption while also producing onsite energy generation to achieve an annual zero net output from the building. The initial design and construction may seem more costly, but there is long term return on that initial investment. Net Zero buildings reduce greenhouse gases, saves money and creates value. He talked about the Company's most recent project which is the newly constructed City of Cincinnati District 3 Police Headquarters building.

There was also a presentation from Mr. Dale Arnold of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Arnold spoke about identifying stakeholders and their responsibilities related to utility-scale renewable energy projects. He addressed the need for a coordinated effort to include the developer, government and regulatory agencies at the township, county and state levels. He also noted the potential benefits to the local community.

Discussion surrounded a list of criteria or guidelines in evaluating project applications including air quality impact on the community, region and state; economic impact of the project and the impact of the tax exemption on the community. Several key constituents were identified and the decision was made to interact with them on an on-going basis.

The members identified several areas to consider going forward, and set priority to define the areas they deem most critical – (1) Setting procedures and developing guidelines pertaining to project applications seeking the entire property, (2) Address ideas for Fiscal Sustainability and (3) Determine how to Measure Outcomes.

Toward the end of the session, there was a robust discussion pertaining to support for the Executive Director and having members get more involved as appropriate.

6. Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the *OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY* will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) conference room located at 480 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

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