

**THE PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2002
7:30 a.m. at the Office of the Port Authority**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jack Rouse called the April meeting of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to order at 7:38 a.m.

II. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bailey, Clifford
Budig, Otto
Fonner, John
George, Lou
Hale, Joe
Hull, Betty
Kearney, Eric
Kull, Ron
Muller, Paul
Otto, Charlotte
Reid, Janet (present for executive session only)
Rouse, Jack
Siebenburgen, Dave
Vehr, Nick

EXCUSED:

Corathers, Robin
Humes, Tom
Love, Steve
Martin, Greg

STAFF:

Jackson, Devony
O'Hara, Annette
Sharp, Tim
Satzger, Kim

GUESTS:

Jones, Bruce Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
Osborne, Keith Cincinnati Post

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Paul Muller moved that the minutes of the Thursday, March 7, 2002 meeting be approved, Otto Budig seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Organizational Update

Tim Sharp

Finance Report – No Finance Report today.

Professional Services – Tim Sharp reported that the Port continues to work with Laura Carr of L.A. Carr Communications on public relations issues related to economic inclusion.

Tim also reported that the Port is in the process of identifying employee benefits related to health insurance. Tim is working with J. L. Tillman Insurance Agency (MBE) to develop a benefits plan.

Lou George asked if a benefits package is included in the current budget and if we are looking to “piggyback” with the Chamber program. Tim Sharp answered that the benefits package is included in the budget and that we are looking into the Chamber program.

B. Brownfields Report

John Fonner

John Fonner said that the application for Clean Ohio Funds has been submitted for the Kemper Road project and that applications for four projects in Hamilton County have been submitted. Hull and Associates performed the environmental assessment for this property.

Kim Satzger reported that the Clean Ohio Fund application for the Kemper Road property was submitted in March and is currently on file at the library and available for public comment. A public hearing is scheduled for May 7, 2002. Ultimately, the developer, Neyer Properties will either purchase or lease the property.

Ms. Satzger further explained that the local Integrating Committee will review and rank the applications received and is allowed to send six to the state for further consideration. Only four applications were submitted locally. The state will make the final selection. They have received applications for 26 projects statewide.

John Fonner also reported that the Port is working with the City to decide which application process to pursue for the Center Hill Landfill project.

Regarding the Center Hill project, Kim Satzger said that an environmental assessment will be performed and that the Port will apply on behalf of the City of Cincinnati for assessment funding from the State of Ohio.

Tim Sharp explained that this is the first round of applications for Clean Ohio Funds. Additional funds will be awarded over the next three years.

Kim Satzger said that the next application process will begin in September 2002 and that \$40 million are available over a four-year period. There should be a decision on the first applications by July of this year.

C. The Banks Report

Jack Rouse

Jack Rouse said that the Port has been working with a potential office user for The Banks. He also said that we are delaying release of the RFP until we have a more definitive direction about the needs of the office user.

Mr. Rouse said that the Port needs to meet with Valeric Lemmie concerning The Banks and that Ms. Lemmie has received a copy of the Economic Inclusion Policy.

Bruce Jones said that the Columbus schools are very interested in seeing our Economic Inclusion Policy and that we may be influencing other groups regarding this issue.

D. Other Business

Jack Rouse informed the Board that there will be a meeting next month, but that the Board will not meet in July or August.

John Fonner commented that at a conference he attended recently in New York, he was asked about the status of race relations in Cincinnati, indicating to him that Cincinnati has not been making a lot of national news lately.

Jack Rouse said that he had attended a conference in Denver recently and discovered that the Stapleton development (similar to The Banks project) had paid off its bonds in seven years instead of the projected twenty years, indicating that the project had stimulated the economy.

MOTION: Eric Kearney made the following motion: I move that the Board go into executive session to consider certain confidential information relating to the relocation, expansion or improvement of the business of certain employers. This executive session is done pursuant to Section 4582.58(c) of the Revised Code. Betty Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

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Budig, Otto
Fonner, John
George, Lou
Hale, Joe
Hull, Betty
Kearney, Eric
Kull, Ronald
Muller, Paul
Otto, Charlotte
Rouse, Jack
Siebenburgen, Dave
Vehr, Nick

At this point in the meeting, the Board moved into Executive Session.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Nick Vehr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m. John Fonner seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Satzger
Assistant Secretary