

**POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 14, 2008
9:00 AM
Licking County Administration Bldg.
20 S. Second St., Newark**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Lloyd, Chair.

ROLL

Attending: Robin Bennett, Scott Bryant, Tim Bubb, Joe Bulzan, Larry Coyle, Bob Diebold, Joe Ebel (not present for roll call, see note for arrival), Dick Erman, Gary Fischer, Mark Frank, Tony Furgiuele, Jim Hart, Steve Holekamp, Dave Lang, Larry Lloyd, Steve Lonsinger, Paul Martin, Jeff Wherley, and Chad Wilkins.

Not attending: Patty Bratton, Thad Cooperrider, Luellen Felumlee, Frank Hirsch, Jon Myers, Jeff Roberts, Tony Vogel, and Dan Wing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jeff Wherley to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2008 meeting as presented. Paul Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

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OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

SCHEDULED FEE INCREASE

Carol presented the recommendation from the Finance subcommittee to cancel the in-district fee increase scheduled for January 1, 2009 and explained the reasoning behind the recommendation. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the increase had been written into the plan during the last plan update (2004). Chapter 8 of the plan calls for a fee increase to be effective January 1, 2009 raising in-district and out-of-state fees from \$1 per ton to \$2 per ton. At the time of the plan update, the committee was aware that they would be working on a new plan update before the increase took place. However, due to a change in the plan update timeline, that is not the case and a plan amendment is necessary to stop the increase.

(note: Joe Ebel arrived 9:07)

The Finance subcommittee met on February 29th and voted to recommend cancellation of the fee increase to the full committee. Tony Furgiuele made a motion to cancel the scheduled increase of in-district fees. Paul Martin seconded the motion. Additional discussion ensued regarding the fact that haulers would raise their rates to customers if the fees increased. It was asked if either of the other two tiers would be affected by this increase and Carol said that yes the out-of-state fees would also be raised. Steve Lonsinger then made a motion to amend the original motion to include cancellation of the increase for out-of-state fees also. Jeff Wherley seconded the amendment. Jim Hart stated he was concerned that changing the revenue which was projected in the plan would then appear to have the District in a deficit situation. However, he was advised that changes were beyond the current planning period. A roll vote was taken on the amendment to the motion. Those voting yes were: Robin Bennett, Scott Bryant, Tim Bubb, Joe Bulzan, Larry Coyle, Bob Diebold, Joe Ebel, Dick Erman, Gary Fischer, Mark Frank, Tony Furgiuele, Jim Hart, Steve Holekamp, Dave Lang, Steve Lonsinger, Paul Martin, Jeff Wherley, and Chad Wilkins. Those voting no were: none. Those abstaining were: none. The motion carried unanimously Jim Hart asked if this motion was to recommend the cancellation to the Board of Directors. Carol advised him that by ORC statute, it is the Policy Committee who sets the fees, so this is not a recommendation to the Board of Directors. A roll vote was then called on the motion as amended. Those voting yes were: Robin Bennett, Scott Bryant, Tim Bubb, Joe Bulzan, Larry Coyle, Bob Diebold, Joe Ebel, Dick Erman, Gary Fischer, Mark Frank, Tony Furgiuele, Steve Holekamp, Dave Lang, Steve Lonsinger, Paul Martin, Jeff Wherley, and Chad Wilkins. Those voting no were: none. Those abstaining were: Jim Hart. The motion carried 17-0 with one abstention. Jim Hart stated that he was abstaining because he felt the County Commissioners should have input regarding the fees. Paul Martin pointed out that as part of the ratification process the Commissioners from all four counties will be asked to vote for or against a resolution on the proposed cancellation of the increase.

Tony Furgiuele asked about including flexible language in the new plan update that would allow for the increase and decrease of fees as the Board determines is necessary. Carol stated that she had asked OEPA about this previously and it is not allowed. (Secretary's note: Carol followed-up with the OEPA and was again told that such language was not allowable.)

Secretary's note: The public hearings have been scheduled as follows: Fairfield County Courthouse, 9:30 am, Tuesday, April 22nd; Coshocton County Commissioner's Office, 9:00 am, Wednesday, April 23rd; Licking County Commissioner's Office, 2:00 pm, Thursday, April 24th; and Perry County Commissioner's Office, 1:45 pm, Friday, April 25th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 2nd, 9:00 am, at the Don Hill County Administration Bldg., 20 S. Second Street, Newark (room A – basement).

Jeff Wherley made a motion to adjourn. Paul Martin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Secretary, Kim Masters

Approval Date

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