

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 20, 2023

The **Executive Committee** of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission met on **Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Howard Elstro brought the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Mr. Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Mr. Jerry Gilden	Marion Township
Mr. Doug Post	Amanda Township
Ms. Beth Seibert	Allen County
Mr. Thomas Tebben	City of Lima
Mr. Chuck Schierloh	City of Lima
Mr. Shane Coleman	City of Lima

STAFF

Ms. Shaunna Basinger	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brandon Casler	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Tara Reynolds Bales	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF EC MINUTES – March 23, 2023

Motion 27 (4-20-2023) EC

Steve Ewing motioned that the Executive Committee minutes of March 23, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Doug Post, the motion carried.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Casler gave an update on the RTPO stating that a meeting was held with ODOT where a decision was made to hire the consulting firm Choice One of Sydney, Ohio. Choice One has done work in Lima/Allen County before and therefore has established good relationships and they know the landscape. Only one other firm submitted a bid, Structure Point of Columbus which is a larger and more “corporate” firm.

Mr. Elstro voiced his opinion of the good work that he has seen Choice One do in our area.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Income is beginning to reflect the influx from ODOT, there were more expenses due to Ms. Bales and Mr. Mazur’s payroll coming through, the bill from Core and BWC being paid. Casler reminded that the highlighted amounts are due invoices, all of which are expected to be paid by the end of April (except the City of Lima which has an altered membership payment schedule).

Motion 28 (4-20-23) EC

Kevin Cox made the motion that the financial report be accepted and authorized payment of the bills, payroll, and PERS. Seconded by Jerry Gilden, the motion carried.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Administrative Affairs Committee

AAC did not meet in April.

b. Community Development Committee

CDC did not meet in April.

c. Developmental Controls Committee

DCC met on April 28th and approved two resolutions regarding one item/parcel of land. Mr. Schierloh explained that a parcel of land is being separated from the subdivision to be replatted with non-subdivision land. This required a split with a variance to allow for the narrow land and then replat can be done to combine it with the new plot of non-subdivision land.

DCC met on April 11th for a petition to rezone a parcel of land in Bath Township on Reservoir Rd from R1 to R2 for the development of multi-family housing. The staff's recommendation was to deny the petition due to the conflict with the Bath Township Comprehensive Plan. Petitioner requested to table the petition to allow for further discussions with Bath Township. Committee members voted to table. This matter will come before the committee again in the future

Motion 29 (4-20-23) EC

Tom Tebben made the motion to approve the DCC report. Seconded by Beth Seibert, the motion carried.

d. Transportation Coordinating Committee

TCC met on April 20th and received an update from Brian Wildermuth with the RTA, an update on the TIP/LRTP/and UPWP, and passed two resolutions certifying the TIP process and finalizing the TIP for submission to ODOT. The FINAL 2022 Crash Report was presented and approved with one correction.

Mr. Casler went on to share population data with the committee stating that according to the most recent census, by 2050 the United States is supposed to see a rise in population of 17%, Ohio will rise about 6%, and Allen County is projected to see a 20% decrease. He went on to say that this is not just Allen County but that our surrounding counties are also due to see a double-digit decrease. Ms. Seibert went on to say that this is based on data from the last 40-50 years and established trends but that it is not guaranteed especially with the development that Allen County is seeing. She went on to state that if this decrease were to take place and Lima/Allen County were to drop below 100,000 people we would lose our MPO status and therefore many funding options currently available to our area.

Conversations were had regarding the Eclipse taking place April 8th, 2024 where Lima/Allen County will see an influx of 100,000 people and what the current preparation plans are as well as the opportunity this allows to showcase our city to visitors and prospective community members.

Motion 30 (4-20-23) EC

Steve Ewing made the motion to approve the TCC report. Seconded by Kevin Cox, the motion carried.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. CAC Committee

CAC met on April 18th with the same agenda as the TCC.

b. TAC Committee

TAC met on April 18th with the same agenda as the TCC.

7. STAFF PLANNING ASSISTANCE REPORT: January 2023

Casler presented the Staff report highlighting CDBG, LRTP, TIP, lot splits, and zoning and the major areas of focus in this past month.

Motion 31 (4-20-23) EC

Shane Coleman made the motion to accept the Staffing Report. Seconded by Doug Post, the motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

LRTP projects must be submitted to Tom Mazur by April 28th to be included in the newest LRTP cycle.

10. NEW BUSINESS

LACRPC will engage a trash service going forward.

A permanent RTPO position is being generated and will be posted soon to begin work with Choice One Consulting to create the RTPO. This job is different from the Senior Planner position LACRPC was previously searching to fill.

Mr. Elstro spoke on the bylaws changes which are being presented at the Annual Meeting. These petitions will establish that the Executive Committee will have 13 members and that the TCC Chair will also act as the President-Elect and altered the percentage of elected officials required on committees.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 32 (5-25-23) EC

Doug Post made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Steve Ewing, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Submitted by:

Accepted by:

Signature/Secretary

Signature/RPC President

Date: _____

Date: _____

