

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

**VIA Zoom Conference/Video Call
(<https://02web.zoom.us/j/87647642836>)**

**February 4, 2021
9:00 AM**

Members/Voting Alternates

John Agenbroad, City of Springboro
Tom Arnold, ODOT District 8
Robert Beeler, DP&L
Becky Benná, Five Rivers Metro Parks
Kathelyn Berbach, City of Tipp City
Dale Berry, Washington Township
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
Steve Boeder, Municipality of Germantown
John Bruns, City of Union
Steven Byington, City of Oakwood
Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights
Michelle Collins, City of Miamisburg
Fred Cramer, Sugarcreek Township
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA
Joanna Garcia, City of Beavercreek
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
James Gorman, City of Clayton
Joseph Graves, Troy Area Cham of Com
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
Walt Hibner, Vectren Energy
Kathryn B. Hinds, City of Piqua
Matt Joseph, City of Dayton
Sonja Keaton, City of Brookville
Paul Keller, City of Fairborn
Deborah Kemper, Municipality of Carlisle
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Tom Koogler, Greene County
Sara Lommatzch, City of Riverside
Julia Maxton, South Metro Reg. Cham Com
Brian S. Morris, Franklin Township
John Morris, Miami Township – Montgomery Co.
Chris Mucher, Miami Township – Greene Co.
Robin I. Oda, City of Troy
Quincy Pope, City of Trotwood
Harold Robinson, City of West Carrollton

Steve Ross, Bath Township
Bill Serr, City of Centerville
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
Tina Silvers, Village of Phillipsburg
Greg Simmons, Miami County
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
Beth van Haaren, Bethel Township
Debborah Wallace, Beavercreek Township
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT District 7

Other Alternates/Guests

Herndon Burchett, Monroe Township
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
Chad Henry, Choice One
Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc
Carlton Jackson, Dayton Realtors
Kyle Lentz, Ohio Attorney General
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy

Staff Present

**Serena Anderson
Paul Arnold
Brenda Bailey
Brad Daniel
Carlton Eley
Laura Henry
Aaron Homan
Tawana Keels
Martin Kim
Aaron Lee
Matt Lindsay
Teresa Lombardelli
Mike Lucas
Brian Martin
Ana Ramirez
Stacy Schweikhart
Milo Simpson
Melissa Swain**

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors met on February 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference (<https://02web.zoom.us/j/87647642836>). All members and news media were notified of the meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Chris Mucher, Miami Township – Greene Co., called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Teresa Lombardelli, MVRPC, did a roll call by jurisdiction.

Ms. Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township, thanked everyone for their condolences in regards to the unexpected passing of Mr. Ron Casey, Harrison Township Trustee. Ms. Godsey said this was a shock and tremendous loss to the Harrison Township community. Ms. Godsey requested a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Casey.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by our Chairperson Chris Mucher.

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. John Bruns, City of Union, made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020 Board meeting. Mr. Greg Simmons, Miami County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION ITEMS

None

V. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommended Adoption of Amendment to MVRPC's SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Paul Arnold, MVRPC, referred to the amendment #7 to the SFY 2021-2024 TIP and the numerous project changes made by MVRPC, ODOT and GDRTA. He referenced the packet showing the tables broken down by county, as well as the statewide line item project tables. Mr. Arnold stated the TAC recommends the Board of Directors approving the resolution on page 27.

Mr. Dale Berry, Washington Township, made a motion to approve amending the SFY2021-SFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommend Approval of FY2022 Transportation and Government Services Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) Projects

Mr. Brad Daniel, MVRPC, referred to the request of approval for the FY2022 Transportation and Government Services Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC Projects). He referenced the packet showing the list of projects requesting funding for the Transportation and Government Services.

Mr. Matt Joseph, City of Dayton, thanked Ms. Amy Schrimpf and her colleagues at the Dayton Development Coalition for keeping this process going for these many years. With the impending return of earmarks, Mr. Joseph stated the community will have a bigger chance of having a 'say' again in what projects gets done. He knows keeping the process together has not been easy, but wanted Ms. Schrimpf to know and to take it back to her colleagues for having to keep this process together through these years.

Ms. Schrimpf thanked Mr. Joseph for his comments. Ms. Schrimpf stated they are hearing that the earmarks may be coming back and this process will have a more significant this year, so she thanked Mr. Joseph for that. Also, Ms. Schrimpf thanked Mr. Brad Daniel and Mr. Brian O. Martin for leading the side of the Transportation and Government Services.

Mr. Daniel thanked Mr. Joseph for his comment. Also, he thanked Ms. Schrimpf for all that the Dayton Development Coalition do.

Mr. Daniel stated MVRPC staff and TAC recommends the Board of Directors adopt the list of categorized Transportation and Government Service Projects listed in Exhibit 1 on page 31 and the resolution on page 35.

Mr. Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering, made a motion to approve adopting the Review Panel Categorization for the FY2022 Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) Transportation and Government Services Projects. Mr. Matt Joseph, City of Dayton, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Recommend Approval of MVRPC's Title VI Program

Mr. Carlton Eley, MVRPC, referenced the packet and discussed modifications, including recent edits following ODOT's review of the program plan. The Federal Transportation Funds (grant funding) passes through ODOT to MVRPC. MVRPC has established policies and procedures to be in compliance with the Title VI requirements for receiving and spending Federal and State transportation funding. A change to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations requires an approval by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board prior to submission. Mr. Eley stated MVRPC recommends the Board of Directors approving the resolution on page 67.

Mr. Bill Serr, City of Centerville, made a motion to adopt the MVRPC's Title VI Program. Ms. Judy Dodge, Montgomery County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Long Term Disaster Recovery Update

Ms. Stacy Schweikhart, MVRPC, provided an update in regards to Long Term Disaster Recovery. MVRPC is the designated leader of the Long Term Community Disaster Recovery Network and helping the communities impacted by the devastating 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes, and creating a plan for recovery and resiliency. Because the tornadoes crossed over three counties and so many jurisdictions, within those counties, a Regional perspective on recovery was needed and this was part of the role for MVRPC.

Each month, the MVRPC convenes the leaders from the impacted communities and Ms. Schweikhart meets regularly with the non-profit and faith-based organizations that are providing services and outreach to those individuals impacted by the tornadoes to ensure that recovery assistance is well-coordinated.

During the 2020 year, the MVRPC and the Dayton Foundation formed a Disaster Recovery Leadership Board (a list of members is located on page 71), which meets quarterly to think strategically; craft a vision and align resources to figure out where they need to do some advocacy or fund raising or other partnership collaboration efforts to support the recovery going on in all of those communities.

For the last eighteen months, we have a total of \$34.7 million in Federal Investments to date and \$37.5 million dollars in pending awards.

- \$14 million in FEMA Public Assistance;
- \$12.5 million in HUD CDBG-DR Program Funds;
- \$8.2 million in EDA Economic Recovery Projects and
- \$2.8 million in EDA Economic Recovery Projects pending awards

- Due to the changeover in the Federal Administration, the changing leadership of the Department of Commerce has a few things on hold.

The Long Term Recovery Operations Group is comprised of leaders from community, nonprofit and faith-based organizations committed to helping those impacted by the tornadoes piece their lives back together. Sinclair Community has loaned out Ms. Laura Mercer for two and half years to manage and run the Individual Recovery Team. Ms. Schweikhart displayed pictures of the extraordinary work that is underway on houses impacted by the tornadoes.

Ms. Schweikhart gave an update on the Disaster Recovery Dashboards. Ms. Schweikhart stated this is an amazing project done by the MVRPC Staff (Mr. Martin Kim, Mr. Tom Harner and Mr. Milo Simpson). During our last meeting, Mr. Martin Kim talked about the work that he and his team has done here at MVRPC in regards to the Disaster Recovery Dashboards. Ms. Schweikhart stated an article about the Dashboards was listed in the Dayton Daily Newspaper last weekend. Ms. Schweikhart provided a link (<https://arcg.is/qSqDj>) to access the Dashboards.

She discussed the Individual Recovery Dashboard, which is the data that is provided by the case managers (Red Cross and Catholic Social Services) for the status of individual survivor recovery. The overall survivor recovery rate across all three counties is 77.46%. The Property Recovery Dashboard is the data provided by the impacted jurisdictions. Ms. Schweikhart gave a huge thanks to those jurisdictions that actually went out and put eyes on every property that was on the Auditor's list of having disaster damage and to let us know where things were.

RETREET is a national organization that is supported nationally by Home Depot Foundation and Keep America Beautiful and they focus on repairing the tree canopy damaged as a result of the storm. In October, the CEO of RETREET visited us from Texas and met with the leaders of the impacted jurisdictions in Beavercreek, Dayton, Trotwood and Harrison Township to talk about RETREET coming to our community likely this fall. RETREET will work with the impacted communities on a process that they have refined to help those residents that would like new trees on their properties.

The Individual Recovery Group led by Ms. Laura Mercer, Sinclair Community College, was built to be in existence for two to three years to help the survivors get back on their feet and to go through the bulk of the repair and rebuild work. They have done a great job in helping the survivors recover and they are wrapping up in October 2021.

The Pathways Project is a unique project that grew up from the conversations for the repair and rebuild to help the needs of our survivors. They worked with the impacted jurisdictions, the VOAD Teams and the local resources to do a project empowering survivors to become qualified to own a home for the first time. They will have the opportunity to purchase a home in the disaster impacted communities where they were renters at the time of the storm. A unique stack of funding made this possible.

In 2021, we will be launching a Regional Resiliency Planning Effort. All of our emergency management-county level emergency management agencies have an Emergency Management and Disaster Response Plan. We will be working on documenting the lessons learned from this series of tornadoes for the entire Region by creating a tool kit and best practices that all jurisdictions in our Region build in resiliency before another disaster strikes.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Brian O. Martin, MVRPC, noted we are kicking off 2021 so well with such great attendance. Today is his 8th anniversary with MVRPC. He said it is his joy and pleasure to be here to serve you. Hopefully, he can continue to serve you for another eight years.

A. Executive Director's Update

Mr. Martin reviewed the ED Update:

- **2021 MVRPC Climate Change Seminar to Focus on Climate Justice**
The MVRPC invites you to participate in the 2nd Annual Miami Valley Climate Change Seminar on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Jacqueline Patterson, Director of the NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program. This is a free virtual event and will feature a focused conversation on Climate Justice.
- **Regional Equity Initiative Manager Assists Members with Equity Planning**
The City of Huber Heights has a new group called the Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission. Mr. Carlton Eley, MVRPC, attended their meeting and shared some background and resources relevant to their interest in a community needs assessment.

If you have resolutions passed or committees being formed, please let MVRPC know, so that we can have a calendar of all the meetings and provide support as you may need it.

- **Dayton Rotary Club**
Mr. Martin is the president of the Dayton Rotary Club. Mr. Gary Golden, Futurist, will be the guest speaker on Monday, February 8, 2021. Mr. Martin invited this group to participate. He provided a link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802876662>; Meeting ID: 848 0287 6662 and Passcode: 207103) to register for this free event.
- **MVRPC Staff**
Mr. Martin stated Ms. Teresa Lombardelli will be out of the office for six weeks. He asked everyone to keep Ms. Lombardelli and her family in your prayers. While Ms. Lombardelli is out of the office, the MVRPC staff will be pitching in to make sure the operation continues.

Mr. Martin informed the group of Ms. Savannah Diamond being hired as the new Administrative Assistant and plans to begin employment in March.

Mr. Martin reviewed the rest of the ED Update and Upcoming MVRPC Meetings.

Mr. Martin thanked the staff for continuing the work of the Agency.

B. March 2021 Caucus

- In regards to the Caucus for March 2021, MVRPC will send a memo that discusses the slate of officers. Our current officers (Chris Mucher, Chairperson, Greg Simmons, Vice First Chair, and Sara Lommatzsch, Second Vice Chair) are eligible to serve one more year. Mr. Martin believes as long as they are running they will be our slate of officers. Mr. Martin stated we have a committee set up thanks to Ms. Kathelyn Berbach, City of Tipp City, Ms. Judy Dodge, Montgomery County, and Mr. Woody Stroud, Greene County Transit for serving in this capacity to make sure we have a great slate.

- On page 97 in the packet, is the notice regarding the format and guidelines of the Caucus scheduled on Thursday, March 4, 2021, which will be held immediately following the Board Meeting via the Zoom Chat Room.

To ensure eligibility for those interested in serving on the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, your delegate forms must be received in our office by **Friday, February 26, 2021**. Alternates to the Board of Directors are not eligible to serve as an Executive Committee member and the County Commissioners are automatically seated for the Executive Committee for the upcoming year.

Ms. Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights, thanked Mr. Carlton Eley, MVRPC, for coming to Huber Heights to assist their group. Ms. Byrge stated Mr. Eley helped focus their Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission on what is necessary to do a community needs assessment. She told the group of there being spirited discussions between their City Staff and City Commission, and they are on the right road and they are issuing an RFP for a vendor to help with their community needs assessment. Ms. Byrge does not think they would have gotten there if they had not invited Mr. Eley in. Ms. Byrge suggested to Board Members that are looking to do a similar effort to reach out to Mr. Eley, because he got them on the right track.

Mr. Martin thanked Ms. Byrge, because it is great to have our members say great things about MVRPC. We are happy to help anyone that needs it. If we are unable to do the work, we will let you know and we will give ideas so that you may hire a consultant or another organization to help you. Mr. Martin stated we are happy to be a part of the process, so that your concerns and questions are answered.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Chris Mucher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Steve Ross, Bath Township, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Deborah Wallace, Beavercreek Township, seconded the motion. Chairperson Mucher called the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.



Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director



Sara Lommatzsch
2nd Vice Chairperson

Date: February 4, 2021