

WPAFB CoG Meeting
January 13,2025
Minutes

Call to Order

- Attendance - Daniel Palmer (WSU), David Cordonnier (DDC), Vince King (WPAFB), Cherise Schell (Fairborn), Dick Gould (Greene County), Pete Landrum (Beavercreek), Josh Rauch (Riverside), Kassie Lester (Bath Twp), Alex Zaharieff (Huber Heights), Dave Burrows (DDC), Emily Crow (Deputy Director Planning/Neighborhoods from Dayton)

Called to Order by Pete Landrum at 11:40am.

Introductions proceeded around the room.

Minutes – Motion to Approve by Kassie Lester, seconded by Alex Zaharieff. No opposition; motion carried.

Organizational Meeting

Alex Zaharieff made a motion to keep Pete Landrum as President, seconded by Josh Rauch. All in favor.

Kassie Lester made a motion to keep Josh Rauch as Vice President, seconded by Pete Landrum. All in favor.

Josh Rausch made motion nominating Kassie Lester as Secretary, seconded by Alex Zaharieff. All in favor.

Interim Executive Director

Discussion ensued whether we need a full executive director.

Josh Rauch made a motion to keep Mike Gebhart at Interim Executive Director, seconded by Kassie Lester. All in favor.

Fiduciary and Communications

Kassie Lester made the motion to keep the current arrangement with the City of Fairborn, seconded by Josh Rauch. All in favor.

Bylaws

Discussion regarding things that may need to change, including the criteria about membership and the criteria that can constitute full membership. Changes to full membership would also require changes to bylaws. No action taken at this time.

Meeting Dates for 2025

Josh Rauch moved to accepted the calendar of meetings and discuss membership and bylaws at the February 13th meeting. Alex Zaharieff seconded. Discussion regarding the format of the bylaws. Alex Zaharieff asked for a Word version of the bylaws. Dave Burrows will send out bylaws to everyone. All in favor.

Membership

Dave Burrows suggested inviting communities that are interested in membership to participate. Some discussion about criteria that could drive full membership privileges, such as geographically touching the base. Josh Rauch suggested being intentional about not being too small or exclusive, but also not being too large...conversation may hinge based on what COG wants to be in the future.

CoG Next Steps Discussion

Josh Rauch asked for an update from DDC about funding. There is legislative cleanup happening in DC, scheduled for mid-March. That funding will largely be used for environmental studies, etc. There are things the base needs that will account for the remainder of the funding such as critical infrastructure needs. None of the funding can be used for general operating expenses for the COG. COG has no general operating money except for some pieces that were given as part of the MIR/CUP. Need to perform MIRR/MIR2. CoG can ask for another grant or pursue OLDCC. Dave Burrows can talk to OLDCC to define a future ask for more funding. Even if funding were granted, question about who performs the work. Vince says there is benefit to doing a second round of MIR work, as well as having OLDCC talk to Wright Patt about what that looks like. We can work with OLDCC on timing of funding. If we go after funding and it's a significant amount or significant project, we can recover admin costs from that.

Discussion about implications of moving forward with MIR2 studies and timing but will probably need executive session for details.

Some discussion about potential funding opportunities at the state level and opportunities for all involved to win from the process.

Associate Members

NRDC - listed as an associate member

Expenditure of Funds

Dave Burrows stated COG has \$250,000 from Smart Grid 1 Plan Global Settlement. Several projects may be eligible and will discuss that in executive session on February 13th due to security concerns.

Comments from Members:


Dave Burrows introduces David Cordonnier from the DDC.

Dick Gould stated Greene County meets Thursdays at noon.

Discussion about asking Matrix to correct errors re: Bath Township. The version in the book is for Bath Township in Summit County not Greene County.

Alex Zaharieff made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kassie Lester. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Kassie Lester

Date

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Mike Gebhart
Interim Executive Director

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Pete Landrum
CoG President