

**Minutes of the OneOhio Region 12 Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, February 24th, 2023**  
**John McIntire Library**

Sam Miller, Development Director of Buckeye Hills Regional Council, opened the meeting. Introductions were made via roll call for attendance. Seventeen of the 26 Committee members were present.

**Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Donald Mason, Misty Cromwell, Commissioner Adam Shriver, Health Commissioner Shawn Ray, Commissioner Scott Owen, Gracee Poorman, Mayor John Finley, Commissioner Charlie Shilling, Leondra Davis, Trustee Chris Rich, Corey Hamilton, Commissioner Jack Marlin, Bill Ferguson, Trustee Bo Powell, Health Commissioner Corey Hamilton, Brandi Beaver, Commissioner Mick Schumacher

**Committee Members Absent:**

Commissioner Dane Shryok, Commissioner Mollie Crooks, Kevin Brooks, Darrell Crum, TJ Ross, Mayor Josh Schlicher, Max Crown, Trustee Clint Miller,

**Others in attendance:**

Sam Miller, Buckeye Hills Region Council; Brad Peoples Buckeye Hills Regional Council

**Reading and approval of minutes from last meeting:**

Prior to the approval of previous meeting minutes, a formal motion was made by Mayor John Finley to remove the review of the Conflict Of Interest Policy from the agenda. Sam Miller, (BHRC) informed the group that legal counsel could not attend, making this motion needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mick Schumacher. A voice vote was held to pass the motion, and was unanimous. A formal motion was then made by Corey Hamilton to approve the minutes from the last meeting (August) and the motion was seconded by Chris Rich. A voice vote was held to pass the motion, and was unanimous.

**Confirm Appointees, and Elect New Vice President**

Sam Miller (BHRC) informed the group of two vacancies on the Committee. John Jackson will need to be replaced as a Class 5 Committee member. It was suggested that the applicable members come prepared to the next OneOhio Region 12 Committee meeting with potential nominations. Brad Peoples will also need to be replaced, by the Noble County Commissioners as a Class 1 appointee. Discussions are still ongoing to get this in motion.

**Update on OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc.**

Mayor Don Mason provided the Committee with an update on any progress made within the foundation. He informed the group of the hiring of a CFO, Jim Quinn. He also informed the group of the hiring of Catherine Wittington. Mayor Mason shared with the Committee the Governor's awareness of the importance of fiscal responsibility which requires a very structured organization. Mayor Mason shared with the Committee the completion of the 501c3, and discussed the litigation surrounding the Foundation. The litigation revolves around the clouded question "Are we a public entity?" Mayor Mason does not anticipate these court proceedings to impact the timing of future funding announcements. Mayor Mason then stressed to the group that he has advocated on behalf of the committee, the notion that more funding is needed for impact and projects and less money for administration. He requested feedback from the Committee as to whether or not this was a true

representation of the overall sentiment of the Committee. The Committee was overwhelmingly in agreement with Mayor Mason advocating for less administrative money, and more money for projects and programs.

### **Consideration of Grants Committee**

Sam Miller (BHRC) proposed to the committee, the potential need for a separate Grants Committee within the larger Region 12 Committee for the purpose of gathering and establishing scoring criteria for future project submission. Shawn Ray, Noble County Health Commissioner mentioned the Administrative Agent (Buckeye Hills Regional Council) would be ideally suited for convening this Committee. Several Committee members expressed their wishes for all Committee members to have a voice in creating the scoring criteria. The discussion resulted with a combination of Executive Committee members, and regular Region 12 Committee members forming a Grants Committee. A motion was made by Chris Rich to appoint Shawn Ray, Leondra Davis, and Brandi Beaver, to a Grants Committee working with the Executive Committee for the purpose of creating scoring criteria. The motion was seconded by Misty Cromwell. A voice vote was held to pass the motion and was unanimous.

### **Role of Administrative Agent**

Sam Miller and Brad Peoples, both of BHRC facilitated discussion regarding the role of the Administrative Agent. Based on the bylaws there were several options that the Committee “may” request of the Administrative Agent going forward. The Committee wishes to have the Administrative Agent develop and administer a call for projects and programs for consideration by The Board and Executive Committee” per Bylaws SEC.12. All current administrative work done by the Administrative Agent will also continue.

### **Consideration of the date and time of future meeting**

The times and locations for next the meetings were discussed. The dates of May 12<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, and November 17<sup>th</sup> were scheduled. Commissioner Jack Marlin offered to make arrangements for Guernsey County to host the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Shawn Ray offered to make arrangements for Noble County to host the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Don Mason offered to make arrangements to host the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Zanesville Library.

### **Other Business**

Noble County Health Commissioner Shawn Ray pointed out to the Committee the need to finish an amendment to the bylaws, mentioned in August meeting minutes. The group also discussed a desire to redefine a quorum. The suggestion was made to define a quorum as simply the Committee members present, with a minimum of five. This would open doors for virtual meetings and increase efficiency for the performance of the Committee. Commissioner Charles Shilling asked for information regarding what local entities can and cannot apply for the OneOhio funding.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Schumacher motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Leondra Davis, and the meeting closed official business at approximately 11:00 AM.