

Adopted Minutes

Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council

February 10, 2016

Present :

Mark Henne, Weirton Transit Corporation
Clay Riley, The Thrasher Group
James A. Smith, Mayor of Windsor Heights
Robert Sadler, Village of Beech Bottom
Becky Uhly, Village of Beech Bottom
Jim Andreozzi, Brooke County Commission
Marvin Six, BDC
Tyler Steinway, BHJ
Mike Paprocki, Region XI
Barb Zimnox, Region XI

The meeting was called to order at 4:33PM by Mark Henne. He asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting. Jim Smith made the motion. Jim Andreozzi seconded. Motion carried.

Mark asked Clay Riley of the Thrasher Group about what was going to be available for broadband within the State, and discussion ensued regarding proposed House and Senate bills being debated in the State legislature, including one proposing funding for the "middle mile" construction for broadband. Another proposal under discussion talked about consolidating all PSD's in a county into one PSD per county.

Marvin Six reported on activities that the BDC is undertaking. These include construction of a building on the former TS & T site, updates on what is happening with Brooke Glass, and the purchase of 2 buildings in New Cumberland. Marvin reported that each of the municipalities in the region is developing initiatives to deal with BAD buildings, and all are different and tailored to their own goals and objectives.

Mike Paprocki reported on the ARC 2015 year-end progress report and the EDA 2016 semi-annual progress report. These reports were given to each of the members present. He also discussed the CEDS that is due to be fully updated this year in June. The Transportation Update was discussed including public transit and human services transportation, and the New Ohio River Bridge.

Mike updated the group on the next meeting for the Regional Brownfield Taskforce. It will be held at the BHJ offices on March 9th at noon. The taskforce now includes Jefferson County in Ohio, as part of the coalition assessment grant that was recently

submitted to the US EPA. Lunch will be provided. He also showed the group the US EPA Brownfields Partnership video featuring Brooke and Hancock Counties.

Barb gave an update of her Community Development Status Report and, with Clay Riley gave an update on the Source Water Protection Plans currently being done in the region by the Thrasher Group. All plans were completed and sent to the various entities for comments before being turned into the State. As no further funding is being provided to the region for Phase II of these plans, the WV BPH will fund the next phase.

Mike passed out the BHJ/Region XI meeting schedule for the rest of 2016.

With no further business to discuss, Mark asked for a motion to adjourn. Jim Andreozzi made the motion. Marvin Six seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.