

**Clermont County Port Authority
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2017**

The Clermont County Port Authority Board of Directors met on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Shared Conference Room, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio. Board of Directors present included Chris Hamm, Greg Simpson, Jennifer Fischer, Andrew Kuchta and Greg DeFisher. Also present were County Commissioners, David Uible, Ed Humphrey and David Painter; Steve Rabolt, County Administrator; Adele Evans, Allison Murcia and Gael Fawley, Community and Economic Development; Jeremiah Thomas and Jeff Stiltner, of Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, LPA; and Andy Brossart, Bradley Payne Advisors. Joining the meeting by teleconference was Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, LPA.

Mr. Hamm asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2016 Port Authority Meeting. Mr. Simpson moved to approve the November 9, 2016 Port Authority Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Kuchta. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kuchta presented the Fiscal Officer's report. Mr. Uible left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Kuchta introduced Mr. Tugend to the board, who participated via teleconference call. Mr. Tugend updated the Board of Directors on the Clermont County Capital Bill Request Project and the timeline associated with the project. Discussion ensued with Mr. Tugend explaining the process for submission and subsequent selection of projects for consideration in the capital bill funding process.

At this time, Mr. Hamm introduced Greg DeFisher as the new member of the Clermont County Port Authority.

Upon call for nominations for Chairman of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority, Mr. Kuchta nominated Chris Hamm and said nomination was seconded by Ms. Fischer. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Hamm abstaining.

Upon call for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority, Mr. Kuchta nominated Greg Simpson and said nomination was seconded by Ms. Fischer. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Simpson abstaining.

Upon call for nominations for Secretary of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority, Mr. Kuchta nominated Jennifer Fischer and said nomination was seconded by Mr. DeFisher. The motion carried unanimously with Ms. Fischer abstaining.

Upon call for nominations for Fiscal Officer of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority, Mr. Hamm nominated Andy Kuchta and said nomination was seconded by Ms. Fischer. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Kuchta abstaining.

With no other nominations presented for consideration for Chairman, nominations were closed and Mr. Kuchta moved to elect Chris Hamm as Chairman of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously with Mr. Hamm abstaining.

With no other nominations presented for consideration for Vice Chairman, nominations were closed and Mr. Hamm moved to elect Greg Simpson as Vice Chairman of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kuchta and the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Simpson abstaining.

With no other nominations presented for consideration for Secretary, nominations were closed and Mr. Kuchta moved to elect Jennifer Fischer as Secretary of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamm and the motion carried unanimously with Ms. Fischer abstaining.

With no other nominations presented for consideration for Fiscal Officer, the nominations were closed and Mr. Hamm moved to elect Andrew Kuchta as Fiscal Officer of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fischer and the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Kuchta abstaining.

Andrew Kuchta remains as Executive Director of the Clermont County Port Authority with the new officers of the Board for the Clermont County Port Authority for the term of February 2017 through February 2018 as follows:

Chris Hamm	Chairman
Greg Simpson	Vice Chairman
Jennifer Fischer	Secretary
Andrew Kuchta	Fiscal Officer

Mr. Kuchta introduced Andy Brossart of Bradley Payne Advisors to the Board. Mr. Brossart explained bank qualified financing and a possible project in the future with Greene County. He also explained the availability of tax exempt funds for non-profits like the Clermont County Port Authority and the Clermont County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Brossart left the meeting at the conclusion of this discussion.


Mr. Hamm, as an add-on to the agenda, asked for a motion to enter closed session to discuss information concerning a private employer and specifically relating to the relocation, location, expansion, improvement or preservation of its business in accordance with Section 4582.58 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Simpson moved to enter closed session at 2:43 p.m., Mr. Kuchta seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. At this time, Mr. Kuchta asked Adele Evans, Allison Murcia and Gael Fawley to leave the meeting. Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Painter also left the meeting at this time. Those remaining for executive session were: Chris Hamm, Greg Simpson, Jennifer Fischer, Greg DeFisher, Andrew Kuchta, Steve Rabolt, Jeremiah Thomas and Jeff Stiltner. The Board of Directors came out of closed session at 3:05 p.m. and Gael Fawley returned to the meeting at that time.

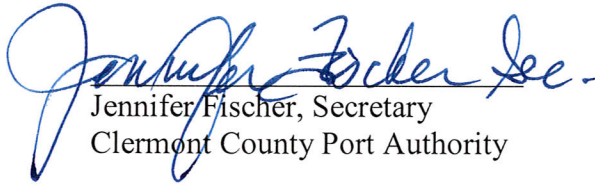
Mr. Kuchta explained to the Board that Jeremiah Thomas, current legal counsel for the Clermont County Port Authority would be leaving his position at Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, LPA. Jeff Stiltner of Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, LPA, will serve as the interim legal counsel for the

Port Authority until the time that the new legal counsel, Keeley Davis, is fully conversant on all matters concerning the Clermont County Port Authority.

With no additional items to discuss, Mr. Hamm asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. DeFisher and seconded by Mr. Simpson. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

ATTEST:


Chris Hamm, Chairman
Clermont County Port Authority


Jennifer Fischer, Secretary
Clermont County Port Authority

Motion to Approve: <u>Mr. Kuckta</u>
Seconded By: <u>Ms Fischer</u>

Date: August 16, 2017