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50th ~~51st~~ District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting Minutes
December 17, 1993 - 8:00 a.m.
Board of County Commissioners' Conference Room
Room 603, County Administration Building
Cincinnati, OH 45202

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brayshaw at 8:05 a.m. All Committee Members were present.

Support Staff present: Messrs. Sigward, Pettit, Cottrill, Cline, Riddiough and Pickering. Mr. David Wagner, Jr., Chairman of OPWC, was also present in addition to Rob White and Cathy Concilla, Program Representatives. Also in attendance from the City of Wyoming were Mayor Savage, City Manager Shari Haldeman and Public Works Director John Wirtz.

Mr. Barfels moved approval of the November 19, 1993 minutes; seconded by Mr. Crafts and passed unanimously.

Support Staff:

Through a letter to the Mayor of the City of Blue Ash, the Integrating Committee gave recognition and thanks for having Woody Cauble help the Support Staff evaluate and field check projects that were submitted for funding in Round 8.

Copies of letters answering jurisdictions who appealed their ratings were distributed to the Committee Members.

Sycamore Township requested additional funding for their Silver Crest/Marview project because of an overrun due to unforeseen circumstances. The Committee decided previously that under normal circumstances they would not consider additional funding as it would be the jurisdiction's obligation to come up with the extra money. As no extraordinary circumstances have been cited by Sycamore Township, Mr. Crafts moved denial of their request; seconded by Mrs. Berger and passed unanimously.

Hamilton County requested a change in their original application for their Kellogg Avenue widening project. This was done so that the project could be funded with SCIP funds instead of LTIP funds. The County Engineer has offered to pay for the expansion portion of the project entirely out of local funds. This will allow the project to proceed this year instead of waiting for Round Nine; any additional delay in constructing this project would have a detrimental effect on the safety and welfare of motorists driving to and from River Downs, Riverbend Music Center, and Coney Island. The traffic congestion is critical now and will only get worse until Kellogg Avenue is widened, hence the need to proceed now. In addition, the funding source change will free up some additional LTIP funds for some township projects, which will assist in meeting our 5-year LTIP funding requirements. Mr. Crafts moved approval of the County's request; seconded by Mrs. Berger and passed unanimously.

Mayor Savage from the City of Wyoming addressed the Committee concerning his appeal of their Fleming Road rehabilitation project. He stated that the rating points assigned to particular factors have sometimes changed from year to year, even though the scope of the project has not changed. Another point he brought up was the fact they are ready to execute this project as soon as funds become available and that it is a joint city/county project. The Support Staff replied that the points for a particular factor may indeed change from year to year because the rating system may have been revised to assign more or fewer points under specific factors; the staff does review the previous ratings assigned to repeat applicants to assure consistency from one funding round to the next. The Integrating Committee decided to let the decisions of the Support Staff stand, but was appreciative of the things he pointed out.

Mr. Crafts made a motion to approve the Administrative Costs Program as recommended by the Support Staff for 1994; seconded by Mr. Sykes and passed unanimously.

Joe Cottrill then proceeded to explain the Program Year 1994, Round 8 spread sheets which were distributed. Mr. Crafts requested that Joe run through the projects briefly so the Committee understands what they are voting on. After a lengthy discussion and explanation of the various projects, Mr. Crafts moved approval of priority listing of projects 1 through 136; seconded by Mr. Barfels and approved unanimously.

Mr. Cline asked if the Committee would be interested in a quick explanation of the next half dozen projects below the cut line as it was the Support Staff's intent to simply send those applications up to OPWC as funds become available. There were discussions down to project number 26.

Mr. Crafts moved approval of projects for SCIP funding listed on page 4; seconded by Mrs. Berger and unanimously approved.

Mr. Crafts moved approval of projects listed on page 5 for LTIP funding; seconded by Mr. Sykes and approved unanimously.

Mr. Crafts moved approval of Small Governments projects as listed on page 6. Mayor Ragase asked for discussion basically regarding the difference between our rating system and OPWC's. Mayor Ragase felt the projects should be submitted in the order they were rated by us and not how they would be rated under the Small Government's rating system. Mr. Crafts intervened and said if our rating system is that different from the state system we should attempt to reconcile the differences, but not until after the projects for this round have been submitted. He said he would like to give the Support Staff discretion to reevaluate the project priorities based on the State's system for Small Governments.

Mr. Wagner said that if you look at the Small Governments allotments just as an extension of SCIP, you're probably jeopardizing some of the projects. The Small Governments Commission looks at projects in an entirely different manner than the way SCIP and LTIP projects are considered.

After a discussion Mayor Ragase conceded to let the Support Staff rate the Small Governments projects by the State's system, but he wants to see the differential to see just how far out of line our rating system is in comparison to OPWC's.

Chairman Brayshaw asked the Support Staff to send the results of the Small Governments projects after rating them by the State's criteria to the Committee Members so they can see the comparison between our rating system and the State's. This could be included with the minutes when they are mailed.

Mr. Crafts' motion to approve the Small Governments projects, with the Support Staff having the discretion to rate them according to the State's system, was seconded by Mr. Sykes and approved unanimously.

Mr. Crafts then moved approval of the MBE set aside projects as listed on page 7; seconded by Mayor Ragase and passed unanimously.

Mr. Crafts moved approval of the loan projects listed on page 8 and asked for discussion regarding the percentage rate and length of the loans. Mr. Crafts thought the large Hamilton County/MSD Trenchless Technology project should be 3% which the Committee agreed on for 20 years. Mr. Crafts asked Mr. Barfels if 20 years would be all right for Loveland's Lever Water Tower Replacement project and he was agreeable. He then moved both projects be approved for 20 years at 3%. Motion was seconded by Mayor Ragase and passed unanimously.

Rob White commented that the State is trying to really get a decent loan portfolio together so they can loan back dollars to the Districts. There is a loan supplement in the application and the State's loan officer will be doing some underwriting and will be making the decisions on the terms of loans and rates and it may not be the same as the District approved.

Mr. Crafts moved approval of the District Affirmative Action Plan; seconded by Mr. Barfels and unanimously passed.

Small Governments report - Mr. Sykes reported he was meeting with Dave Kern of OPWC on January 4, 1994 to discuss the new rating program they have and asked the Committee if they had anything they wanted him to convey at that time. The new criteria will be used for Round #8.

Old Business - None

New Business - Mr. Crafts reiterated how much he will miss Mrs. Berger and how he enjoyed serving with her on the Committee. This was the consensus of all the Committee Members in addition to the Support Staff. She reciprocated by saying she enjoyed being on the Committee and it certainly had expanded her horizon and hoped she was able to contribute something to the Committee. Chairman Brayshaw said she would be missed and wished her the best. Speaking for the Township Association, Mr. Sykes expressed their gratitude and said they felt she did a terrific job.

As President of the Township Association, Mr. Sykes said he spoke to Mr. Bill Seitz, who will be a Green Township Trustee as of January 1, 1994, and asked if he would serve on the District Integrating Committee as Mrs. Berger's replacement. He did agree, so letters are being sent to all twelve townships asking each for a resolution approving Mr. Seitz as a township representative on this Committee.

Mr. Wagner also spoke up and said as a resident of Symmes Township he would miss Mrs. Berger as a Trustee. He also announced there would be a District Leadership meeting in Columbus on January 14, 1994 at which time they hopefully will be able to announce a very firm plan on the renewal of this Program. The plan right now is to put it on the primary ballot in May as opposed to November.

Mr. Crafts commented that after talking to Mayor Savage of Wyoming, this Committee depends wholeheartedly on the Support Staff and again congratulated them on an outstanding job this year and stated the Committee could not function without their good work.

Next meeting date is January 21, 1994, if necessary.

Mr. Crafts made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Sykes and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cornelius

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Recording Secretary

Attachments: Project rating spreadsheets
Small Government projects priority listing
Small Government project evaluation criteria

cc: Support Staff

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AGENDA

1.) Approval of previous meeting's minutes

2.) Copy of letter to City of Blue Ash from Integrating Committee.

3). Support Staff items:

(A) Copy of letters sent to various subdivisions concerning results of appeals of Round 8 projects.

(B) Letter from Sycamore Township concerning Silver Crest/Marview Rehabilitation (CB623) requesting additional funding. (Vote required)

(C) Letter from Hamilton County Engineer's Office concerning Round 8 application for Kellogg Avenue, requesting a change to the original application. (Vote required)

(D) Letter from City of Wyoming concerning status of Round 8 application for Fleming Road.

(E) Administrative Costs Program for 1994. (Vote required)

(F) Presentation of final Round 8 recommended projects for SCIP, LTIP and Small Government funding.

Vote required for:
1.) Priority listing of projects 1 through 136
2.) Projects for SCIP funding
3.) Projects for LTIP funding
4.) Small Government projects
5.) MBE set aside projects
6.) Loan projects - terms and interest rates
7.) District Affirmative Action Plan

4.) Small Governments Sub-Committee report.

5.) Old Business

6.) New Business

7.) Next meeting date is January 21, 1994.

8.) Adjournment

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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