

SMALL COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

December 1, 2008

MINUTES

Attendees: Steve Grossman, Ken Heigel and Gina Sopp, OWDA; Wayne Cannon, RCAP; Brian Hall, Ohio EPA; Dave Douglas, USDA; Tim Leasure, Ohio Department of Development; Greg Otey, URS; Lou Gentile, Governors Office of Appalachia; Jim Bonk, Ohio EPA; Stacy Barna, Ohio EPA; Robert Hickey, US Department of Commerce/Economic Development Administration; Linda Bailiff, Ohio Public Works Commission; and Mike Miller, Ohio Public Works Commission.

Stacy Barna noted that Lori Libby contacted her and was unable to attend due to bad road conditions.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Wayne Cannon for John Rauch (RCAP Training)

Curriculum

No report due to Lori's absence and Karen's sabbatical.

RCAP Training

Wayne noted that John was unable to attend today due to a previous engagement.

Wayne reported that RCAP has held 10 seminars; 101 and 201 courses are scheduled through the beginning of 2009. They are approximately half way through the course schedule with the 101 and 201 courses with 3 classes scheduled tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday in Butler County and another scheduled for mid-December in Defiance.

He was involved in the Pomeroy trainings where 20-25 people attended. It was a good mix of people because there were a lot of Board members and mayors; not so many operators. They have 13, 21 and 19 people signed up for the Butler County trainings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Wayne had asked for updated status on attendance for the other classes, but has not received it yet.

Regarding attendance, Wayne noted that it is somewhat down. He hears from people at the meetings that the Villages are no longer paying for multiple operators to attend. This appears to be a cost-cutting measure for Villages. They are receiving a lot of questions from the operators regarding qualification for O & M, which is what they are all looking for. Once they find out that RCAP training does not qualify for O & M, they lose interest in attending quickly. The operators that do attend are attending just to satisfy their other

continuing education hours, but there are fewer of them. For communities and mayors, the numbers remain steady.

RCAP will be meeting next Tuesday, December 9, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in OWDA's conference room, to plan 401 courses and schedule for training after the first of the year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Jim Bonk

Jim noted that he missed the Massillon meeting due to illness.

Pickaway County is the only community scheduled for the December committee meeting, for something called the "Derby" area, for a wastewater project with two different options. The first option is a \$4 million project which serves US 62, Derby/Rennic Road, London Road, Ridgeway Road and Elgin Drive. It would tie into the Clarks Lake sewer system for ultimate treatment at the Orient Wastewater Treatment Plant. The second option is just under \$3 million and is the same general area, but only serves US 62, Derby/Rennic Roads, omitting London Road, Ridgeway Road and Elgin Drive. This project would also tie into the Clarks Lake sewer system to the Orient Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is an unsewered area with some failing systems, and the Derby area is on wells and cisterns for their water supply. The County has completed a feasibility study, but has not applied to anyone for construction funding yet. They would like to begin construction in 2010.

Jim received an e-mail from Sherry Loos regarding continuing the discussion on Salineville. She would like to come back to the next Finance Committee meeting to re-visit this project. He advised her he would get input from the committee to see if this was possible.

Steve responded that his understanding from Sue Farmer is that Sherry was supposed to get information to her. It would not be a productive meeting unless Sue received the information. Jim stated that Sherry did send her meeting notes to Sue that included some figures.

Jim noted that he would re-circulate Sherry's meeting notes to the group.

Lou stated that his office has been having conversations regarding this project for some time now. Part of the conversation involved potential development of the Beard Corporation for a coal liquid plant. His concerns are that they are under Findings and Orders; trying to do what is best for the Village, regardless of this development. Some numbers were discussed, but he could not recall them exactly.

Bob asked Lou if the Salineville project is still for residential purposes only or is Beard back on the table.

Stacy noted that all the permits have been approved for Beard; so it sounds like Beard is moving forward.

Bob stated that if they are looking for infrastructure for a \$2 billion facility, he is looking for projects. He suspects that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) will have significantly higher funds available this year than they have had in a long time.

Stacy responded that she was not sure what point the project had to be at before she referred people to EDA. She wanted to be sure there was enough documentation to move forward.

Bob noted that if Baard says that, contingent upon the public infrastructure, they can make a decision to locate a \$1-\$2 billion plant, it is rumored that EDA may have as much as \$1 billion available to fund. He is not able to fund residential water and sewer projects that have no impact; however, if there is a project that will leverage a \$1 billion facility, and he can say because of EDA assistance this can happen, limits of the past are no longer there.

Steve questioned if the committee should try to get the information they need from Baard before we meet.

Concensus affirmed this and Stacy asked if Sue could give a report on what she received. If she has enough information, then she could forward this on to the committee, which may avoid the necessity to meet.

Steve asked that the group postpone this discussion until a little later on in this meeting so that Sue can give a report.

Lou noted that there are a lot of details to be ironed out; however, it is a project that the Governor's Office Appalachia would like to see completed.

Jim stated that he recalled the project was \$1 million short on grant money in order to avoid incurring additional debt, which the investor was not ready for.

Stacy added that the group was trying to find out who else could bridge the funding gap. Lou stated that their office could possibly do approximately \$250,000.

Bob asked if the project was being done with 6-8 inch waterline or is it the 24-36 inch pipe.

Dave responded that the project now calls for 12 inch pipe for just the residential portion. He asked Bob if they could help out with the gap financing to assist with the Baard portion, as well as the gap financing that Salineville needs. He believes the Finance Committee would be in favor of that.

Bob responded that if the whole project was done at one time, since they are trying to identify projects that need to be fast-tracked, they could accept applications and hopefully have approval by June.

Stacy noted that this is one of EPA's highest priorities. Plans are approved and by order, they were supposed to begin construction December 1.

Bob responded that it is only "hypothetical" at this point that EDA will get this funding.

Jim asked Bob to explain "fast-track" as it relates to EDA.

Bob responded that "fast-tracking" is having applications in that can be processed by the end of June, with approvals by September and construction ready to start shortly thereafter. They still have to fulfill the long EDA application requirements.

Bob stated that right now, he is charged with trying to identify a pipeline of "real" EDA projects that will create jobs that are 50% matched; that are consistent with the set for a pipeline of close to \$1 billion. Therefore, we don't have to have a stimulus package that might be 100% funding for projects that includes everyone everywhere, but does not have long-term impact. The pipeline he is trying to identify is 6 times more than his current pipeline. EDA's goal is to tell the new incoming administration that EDA can deliver real EDA projects to create real jobs if they give EDA the funding; which they have already indicated that they would be sympathetic to. These projects will make a significant difference to the State of Ohio with energy plants, coal gasification and steel plants, which are all big ticket economic development projects. If he cannot come up with this list, then who knows what the stimulus will be.

Lou asked if knowing that Baard has already passed the first phase of EPA with the permitting; will this help to make the case?

Bob responded that he would hope so.

Stacy added they are ready to go; they just need the funding to get moving.

Bob responded that this sounds like just what EDA is looking for. He noted that EDA will not have the funding until January and they will have to process the project quickly. The project cannot fund any salaries and expenses, and even if it does, EDA cannot get people on board. The project would have to be done with existing staff.

Mike asked Lou what the time commitment is for Baard.

Lou responded that he has not been involved in those discussions. Baard has not really reached out to his office; they have been talking more with the Lt. Governor's office. He also has heard that permitting was a big hurdle.

Bob asked Steve to forward his e-mail to the group regarding this pipeline.

Steve noted that he would forward the e-mail and encouraged the group to send Bob projects that would qualify for EDA's pipeline list.

Steve reported that between the southwest and Massillon meetings, the committee had 14 communities present. As has been discussed, there were some communities that came forward that were questionable in terms of size or representation as to whether or not they should have presented. The positives between the 4 regional sessions are that 27 communities attended, in addition to others who heard the morning sessions. This has been a very successful year for the committee. The committee has agreed to come up with plans and a schedule for next year, which includes 4 regional meetings, as well as several others. The meetings will be determined at the next Finance Committee meeting. One of the concerns is cost of the meeting sites because two sites this year were on the high side.

Greg commented that if it is not already protocol, the communities themselves should be represented at these meetings.

Steve responded that it is protocol and the committee is in full agreement of this. Dave and Jim have agreed to be the gatekeepers to make sure that the communities have representatives at future meetings. They are aware that some communities have had mayors and officials absent, but were allowed to present anyway because they had other representation in attendance.

The next Finance Committee is Friday, December 12, 1:00 p.m.

Jim checked with Sue regarding Salineville and she does have the numbers. She has not had a chance to go through them, but she agrees that the Finance Committee should meet again on Salineville.

DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER WORK GROUP: Dave Douglas

Dave reported that the group met on October 20. They discussed the outcome of the Decentralized Engineers meeting on September 17, which was held at the Department of Agriculture. The meeting was well attended by approximately 60 people and the evaluation sheets indicated that overall the meeting was good with good information.

At the October meeting, the group also discussed and agreed to repeating the presentation of the Decentralized Engineers program at the Ohio Onsite Wastewater Association meeting (the OOWWA conference) in Columbus at the Ramada Inn on Sinclair Road. The program will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., with a 30 minute break; and again from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for a total of 4 hours.

The group is working on the beginning stages of planning a meeting for Fall 2009 with emphasis on educating people on decentralized wastewater. This training will be aimed at educating communities and it will be very similar to what the group did 3-4 years ago at a meeting in Chillicothe.

Dave noted that Amesville had a ribbon-cutting ceremony and is up and running now. This is the groups "poster child" for decentralized sewers. As time goes on, we will see how well it goes. Other than Amesville and Shenandoah, there are various projects in the works right now that are looking at the decentralized option, but none to report on.

Tim stated that he has seen some information from Ohio EPA regarding some little projects in Knox County; not sure if they are preliminary PTI's.

Brian responded that there are 6-7 projects.

Dave added that there may be as many as 9-10 projects. USDA/RD met with the Knox County Commissioners approximately 1 1/2 years ago. Knox County has a large number of small unincorporated areas that are under Findings and Orders. They are looking at decentralized as a possible option to get the problem resolved. Most of them are less than 30 households, which are very small areas.

Wayne asked if Knox County would take responsibility for the project.

Dave responded that it would be County owned and operated.

Steve commented that he was able to attend the Amesville ribbon-cutting ceremony and it was a very joyous occasion! RCAP and Ohio EPA had representation and the Village is thrilled with the outcome. His question is, can it be replicated elsewhere especially given the interest and make-up of the community.

Dave noted that it will be interesting to see what happens in Knox County because Shenandoah was an unincorporated area that was handled by Richland County. The group decided, based on the group's experiences comparing Shenandoah to Amesville, that they really needed community "buy in" to make it work. With Richland County being the applicant and Shenandoah not having a lot of say, it somewhat hurt the effort a little bit. With Knox County, it will be interesting to see what happens because there are multiple locations as well, which will make it even tougher to get consensus on decentralized or not.

Brian asked Dave to explain "buy in".

Dave responded that it is not the "responsibility" aspect. The group decided that in order for there to be acceptance, knowledge and communication with the community, it seemed like the small village model works better for this; it is not a "requirement". With the county model, the county decides to do certain areas, but this usually does not get much feedback or communication from the community which sometimes causes more reluctance from community members to be a part of the project. It takes acceptance because of the way the decentralized systems typically work, such as easements on private property, etc. Dave concurred with Steve in that we need to see if this can be replicated.

Wayne asked if Knox County is under Consent Orders.

Brian responded that he believes they are.

Wayne added that the "buy in" for Knox County is going to be based on price. Decentralized is a cheaper alternative.

Dave stated that when you look at price and it is a forced issued, the price they are paying currently is much better than the price they will pay with the system.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Ken Heigel

Ken reported that the committee has not met since September. He spoke with Stacy prior to this meeting today and she will be scheduling a meeting for the committee in January 2009.

Stacy reported that RCAP is submitting monthly reports to Ohio EPA, many of which are duplications of what Ohio EPA has. RCAP is working to submit all information in one spot, using this Small Community Tracking System, to track all information so that a report can be pulled for everyone's use.

SMALL COMMUNITY TRACKING SYSTEM: Ken Heigel

Ken reported that it has been a full year since data began to be entered into the tracking system and it is working well. The next step is to manage the data by beginning to design some report generations from the database such as searching by EPA district, county or ARC; having the ability to pull up a listing of those particular projects. The first report will be created for Stacy's staff to satisfy the RCAP reporting requirements with Ohio EPA. RCAP will be able to use this particular database as they update their projects.

He thanked everyone for keeping their projects updated. He offered to update the database when awards have been made if anyone does not want to input them themselves. The weekly e-mail is working well for permits that are being submitted and approved.

Brian asked if the information matches up and Ken responded that it does.

APPALACHIAN ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY WORKGROUP: Steve Grossman

Regarding the meeting in Logan tomorrow, Steve thanked Ken for the excellent job he did of pulling together information from the tracking system to generate a report that was distributed to everyone. In comparing the current report with previous information, as well as what Janet Barth and Dave Schuetz recently put together for priority projects, there is a good list of priority projects that can be discussed.

Steve asked everyone to review the report prior to the meeting tomorrow. For those attending the meeting today that are not aware of the priority project process, the group identifies these projects, subjectively, not objectively, noting the projects that have concerns or potential concerns.

Steve reported that since the group met last, there is some activity going on with Cumberland in Guernsey County as they work with their engineer; but no funding yet.

OUTREACH EFFORTS: Stacy Barna

Stacy reported that there has been definite headway made with the 4 outreach/finance trainings. The year began with 2 of the sessions sponsored by Senator Voinovich's office and by the end of the year; both Senator Voinovich and Brown were involved. Her understanding is that both Senator's would like to continue with that if the sessions continue into next year.

Regarding training, the Senators are also both coordinating on the RCAP trainings, where it used to be just Senator Voinovich. Both Senators are working with the SCEIG to do the advertising letters for those trainings.

Stacy noted that last Fall, SCEIG also did legislative trainings. She wanted to know if the group felt they were useful and if they would want to do 1 more session again. Her thought was that since we are reaching the communities now, we should try to meet with the legislative people perhaps once a year.

Steve responded that from his perspective, the sessions were worthwhile. There has been enough turn over in the legislation now. As far as response to the sessions, we did not have a great success with the state legislators; however, we had a much better success with the congressional delegation which begat the successful outreach effort with the communities. We do not know if by having 1 session what the results would be. All it takes is one bite with a legislator for it to be a good success. He suggests possibly doing a session no earlier than the Spring of 2009. We could also design the session so that everyone from the SCEIG group does not have to attend unless they want to. Maybe every 2 years makes the most sense.

Mike suggested that Spring, after an election cycle with new members, is a good event. He suggested combining the House and Senate because the Senate session was poorly attended in his opinion.

Stacy responded that everyone was invited to these sessions and suggested marketing the next session with the whole SCEIG group being on hand to answer questions sometime in the Spring of 2009. The letter would encourage them to attend this one session because everyone is there at one time; sort of a "captive audience" approach.

Steve suggested inviting all the new legislators and their staff, but to really focus on those that are located in the rural areas; stressing the importance of attending this session.

COMMUNITY PROFILE SHEET REVISION: Tim Leasure

Tim noted that last week, he sent out an e-mail to a number of people on the Finance Committee. The e-mail listed a number of things that had been discussed in the past. The goal is to obtain better information than what is currently available, including current systems, operating costs, debt service, and when loans will be paid off; all to obtain a better financial picture of each community. He is also looking for more information regarding the actual service area in order to make better determinations regarding user fees, etc. He also needs to know if the community plans to be part of a regionalized system.

One of the things the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) is pursuing, through the Block Grant Program beginning in 2009, is for communities that are part of a regionalized system to be rated higher with ODOD's criteria with regards to funding. They will continue to fund non-regionalized systems; however, ODOD is trying to get away from communities that have no capacity to operate facilities.

Tim hopes to distribute a revised Community Profile sheet by the end of this year. In the meantime, he asked everyone to submit their comments and input to him.

Steve asked Tim if his goal is to implement the new sheet by the end of the first quarter in 2009. Tim affirmed this.

Stacy asked for more discussion regarding the sheet at the Finance Committee meeting on December 12.

Steve and Tim agreed that if everyone could submit their comments and input to Tim by the Wednesday, December 10 before the committee meeting; that would help with the discussion.

Tim reminded everyone that the goal is to keep the profile sheet to less than 2 pages.

REVIEW OF 2008 OBJECTIVES AND DISCUSSION OF 2009 OBJECTIVES:

Steve Grossman

Steve distributed the 2008 goals and objectives. He asked everyone to comment on the 2008 objectives in order to continue having a record of accomplishments as a group. He also asked everyone to submit objectives for 2009, with a timeline of March to March, instead of December to December. Steve reminded the group that they are only accountable to each other; but it does help to keep these objectives visible. He will e-mail these to the group and asked that everyone send their comments to him. He would like to finalize both of these at the March meeting.

Steve congratulated everyone on their hard work this year and noted that the group is a model coordinating group as they work together with water and wastewater projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve reported that there has been an Economic Stimulus Cabinet Committee created by the Governor. The first meeting of the cabinet will be in mid-December. As he thought about what SCEIG does, this group is really a model that could be used in looking at projects cooperatively together at the state and federal level. As Bob mentioned about the economic stimulus package from EDA's perspective; within that package there has been discussion of the SRF Program for water and wastewater projects receiving \$7.5 billion. How this will all shake out remains to be seen.

Stacy noted that Ohio EPA is ready for this to happen and they have a conference call with US EPA tomorrow from 3-4:30 p.m., in Conference Room B at Ohio EPA to talk about their readiness. They will also have a webcast the next day from 2-4 p.m. She invited the group to attend these meetings. If this funding comes to fruition, everyone knows that projects really need to be ready to go. There has already been one nationwide EPA conference call.

Steve asked Lou if there has been any talk about the stimulus package at the Governor's Office of Appalachia Regional Commission (ARC).

Lou responded that they received an e-mail from their state representative who represents 13 states with ARC. They have asked their districts to send in projects that the ARC was not able to fund this year, plus additional projects. Their office has received one response, with more coming today; therefore, they are cautiously optimistic.

Lou reported that the ARC has officially received the new counties of Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula. He stated that they have already had meetings with these counties and in speaking with Ashtabula County today; he advised them that they are working hard to establish a local development district. This is important because there is no way the ARC can handle all of the inquiries and management of the project.

Bob asked if they have spoken with East Gate.

Lou responded that his office has been in contact with East Gate. Within the next week or two, he and Fred Deel will be meeting with them. They do seem interested; however, funding will be an issue.

Steve asked if these counties were the only 3 additions to the ARC nationwide.

Lou responded that Tennessee and Kentucky may have had some added as well. Pennsylvania is massive, which has increased the ARC's funding allocation. The tendency amongst the southern counties is to be a little defensive; however, he sees this as an opportunity. His office has increased their voice nationally now and he believes the Governor will be the national co-chair at ARC this year, which will be very positive for

Governor, especially with the new administration coming in. This puts Ohio on the map. There will always be funding questions.

Dave asked for clarification regarding a 4th LDD?

Lou responded that it could be quite possible. He thinks that eventually there has to be; it is just a matter of who it will be. He and Fred are working hard to get this done.

Mike noted that East Gate is their administrative arm.

Lou asked everyone for their input regarding East Gate.

Mike responded that they have had good experiences with them.

Bob noted that East Gate does cover Mahoning, Trumbull and Ashtabula now. It was a major accomplishment to get Ashtabula back with them; however, after some years, they are now back together.

Jim asked if any of these counties are distressed for funding purposes.

Lou responded that they are all “transitional” by ARC’s standards. They had a huge discussion in Trumbull County because the County was alarmed that they were not considered “distressed”. He offered to send them the formula that ARC uses for determining these factors. He advised them that beyond that, the ARC does not have any say.

Mike asked if the County could be added to one of the existing districts.

Lou responded that they have talked about that and it just does not seem possible.

Bob mentioned that Columbiana was once part of East Gate and then they drifted down to OMEGA when they became eligible and part of Appalachia. This configuration is consistent with the Governor’s regional representatives for the area. It makes sense to keep it consistent with ODOD’s regions.

Lou added that they are trying to manage expectations to the best of their abilities.

Dave noted that there is nothing concrete at all from USDA/RD’s perspective regarding the stimulus package. There has been talk and rumors, but nothing concrete.

Bob stated that EDA’s is not concrete either; however, for planning purposes, they cannot wait until March when they get the funding to identify the pipeline.

Dave stated that if there was to be stimulus money, apart from water and sewer, everything goes through Ohio EPA in terms of permitting. If there is a large onslaught of projects, will they be held up getting through the permitting process?

Brian responded that currently, their permits are down at least 50-80% of where they were just a couple of years ago.

Dave noted that with some of the previous stimulus bills, they not only threw a bunch of money at their projects, they also put a very tight timeframe on them and said that the money goes away if it is not used by the deadline. This is his concern.

Brian added that you cannot do anything in 120 days.

Stacy commented that with any community they have been talking to at this point, without saying too much because no one knows the outcome yet, they have been telling them "if you think you need the money, you need to get ready. Just get your plans approved now and start working on any other program requirements for Ohio EPA; keep the thought that if we have 120 days from the time Ohio EPA receives the funds, it all needs to be done now".

Dave responded that this has been one of his concerns based on previous experience. Many times, the timeframes for those bills do not meet up with water and sewer projects. For the most part, development of water and sewer projects, from the beginning of the project all the way through construction, takes at least 3-4 years. It just seems like it is sometimes unrealistic when you are given an onslaught of money that there is not a sufficient amount of time to do those projects or do the bill itself any justice.

Stacy noted that for Ohio EPA, line replacement projects that typically go through Ohio EPA or were able to get bond money are really easy for Ohio EPA to get through. If you look at their need survey results, most of what Ohio EPA captures, as far as needs in the State of Ohio and really the country, are waterline replacements. Even if people just send in plans for those, usually these can be approved and funded very quickly for drinking water.

Dave commented that ultimately, he believes the best kind of plan would be to have that money available over a 2 year period so that it can be used and used properly.

Bob noted that with these lists that EDA is requesting, they are trying to hopefully help the way the stimulus bills might be packaged because they are looking for EDA funding, total funding, private investment jobs, and how long it takes to do these. Before they get the money, they are trying to compile this list of what they can and cannot do, and at what great lengths. Therefore, they do not receive perimeters that are unreasonable, but no one actually knows what the perimeters will be at this point in time.

Jim asked Dave where he would find \$300 million worth of contractor's in 120 days.

Dave responded that this is the point. It is not like these are rebate checks. Infrastructure is a long-term investment and he is just concerned about the timeframes in which they have to spend the money.

Stacy noted that for Ohio EPA, they just need to obligate. If they can actually do a loan award through a Board meeting, then even if it takes them 2 years to use the money, they have the loan agreement.

Steve asked Mike about the grants, 0% and low interest loans that OPWC is soon to award. Given the economic stimulus discussion, does this need any coordination at OPWC or are all of your projects ready to go?

Mike responded that most of their projects have been selected; 7 of 19 districts have already submitted and 5 of the 7 already have the funds committed. OPWC has noticed an increased volume in contractors bidding on the jobs that they have out there. OPWC will have the first injection of stimulus money totally on the street by February.

Steve asked if this is dependent upon any other significant funding from other agencies.

Mike responded that they have a lot of applications that are claiming ODOD; however, OPWC will not know until next October. It is interesting because OPWC will not have bond money again until July 2010. From a readiness to begin standpoint, they are just sitting on those projects to wait and see what happens with some of the other funding entities.

Lou asked how much OPWC is due to receive from the first stimulus.

Mike responded that normally, they would have put out \$120 million on July 1, 2009. The first part of the stimulus package gave them an extra \$120 million; plus the Capital Bill was passed on time. Therefore, they are putting \$240 million out between September 15, 2008 and February 15, 2009. OPWC gave the districts a deadline of December 15 to get their projects in.

Lou noted that he was at a function in Cambridge, and one of the representatives said that everyone keeps talking about the stimulus money. Is there a way to very generically show that to the public, this is what we put out on the street and where it has been invested?

Mike responded that with the first \$240 million, they have an additional \$200 million which they need to sort out in the Transportation Bill in March. The last day in the Senate, the Senate gave OPWC the budget stabilization fund money of \$200 million in a lump sum. The Governor vetoed the transfer date on that and Senate wants to address that again in the Transportation Bill, spreading it out over 2 years. He does not know if OPWC has \$200 million in transportation-related projects, engineered with match, that are ready to go that quick; in addition to what OPWC normally administers. With the last \$80 million, which is still tied up in the courts, OPWC needs to get some additional language together to make that work as well.

Mike added that they will have most of the district projects funded by January. The last \$24 million will not get out until February, because that is OPWC's small government process which takes place after the districts have selected projects. OPWC is close to having a consolidated website, which will outline all 8 components of the economic stimulus package. This will provide people with a "one stop shopping" site where they can get an update on where each component is.

Hypothetically speaking, Steve asked Mike if there was \$20 million of CDBG money included in the \$200+ million, will this be an issue.

Mike responded that they have 3-4 projects that are leveraging CDBG in their application. OPWC knows this process; however, they will not know where ODOD is until October. OPWC is setting those projects to the side and if they do not get CDBG funding, some are prepared to borrow the money from OWDA. Others will get back in line, which at that point, OPWC will send their application back to them.

2009 Meeting Dates are: March 2, June 1, September 14 and December 7, 1:30 p.m. at the Ohio Water Development Authority.

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009, 1:30 P.M.