

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. John DeFinnis, Al Neuner, Dan Knorr, Greg Cole, Denny Hummer, Trevor Finn, Harold Hurst, Lance Diehl, Chris Young, Jennifer Wakeman (Executive Director)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Susan McGarry

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Bob Snyder, Karen Blackledge, Aidan McDonald (Intern), Olivia Chandler (Bloomsburg University External and Government Relations Intern)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John DeFinnis at 8:40 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

- July 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting: Motion by Harold Hurst to accept the July 11 minutes without correction. Trevor Finn seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dan Knorr presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that the Payroll Account will be in balance next month after DRIVE skips a biweekly payment to correct for duplicative payment during DRIVE's separation from Montour County payroll. The final bill from Montour County for reimbursement of employee costs has been received. He noted that rental income from Metso minerals for this month will appear on the Profit and Loss Statement next month due to the earlier date the reports were generated.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Denny Hummer. Al Neuner seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Jennifer Wakeman noted the following activities in the past month:

DRIVE completed and submitted an application for the DCED/Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund grant. The project will improve rail and access roads at the former Metso Property. Montour County is serving as the applicant for the project. Though not required for the grant, DRIVE obtained commitments for matching fund contributions totaling \$25,000 each from the North Shore Railroad and SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.

The Columbia Alliance for Economic Growth made a motion at their last meeting to authorize their solicitor to explore transferring assets to DRIVE.

The Blaschak Coal Corporation is still waiting for approval of its RACP request for a project in southern Columbia County.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee: Dr. John DeFinnis reported that the executive committee received general updates regarding ongoing projects and activities.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The nominating committee reported that its representative spoke with Dean Girton and he is happy to accept the nomination to fill the open board seat.

Motion to approve the nomination of Dean Girton to fill Matt Prosseda's unexpired term, made by Chris Yound, seconded by Trevor Finn; carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The DRIVE board briefly discussed the status of the Columbia Alliance for Economic Growth and the possibility of transferring its assets and liabilities to DRIVE.

Motion to authorize Karen Hackman to contact Anthony McDonald (Alliance Solicitor) about transferring Alliance assets and liabilities to DRIVE, made by Harold Hurst, seconded by Lance Diehl; carried unanimously.

The board discussed a requirement for the multimodal grant administrators to lease the access road and rail spur back to the official applicant, Montour County, should the grant request be approved.

Motion to approve a lease back to Montour County for the access road and rail spur, pending review by the DRIVE solicitor, made by Harold Hurst, seconded by Al Neuner; carried unanimously, with the abstention of Trevor Finn (Montour County Commissioner).

Dr. John DeFinnis adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The DRIVE Board meets again on September 5, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the DRIVE office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Hummer, Secretary