

Ohio River Bridge Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2007

Members Present:

George Lewis	Linda Clelland	Stacy Hornick
Judy Lewis	J.D. Carpenter	Tara Sheperd
Rosey Miller	Gary Mercer	Jim Lenthe
Bob Sadler	Ruby Greathouse	Joan Beck
Marilyn McCord		

Call To Order: 7:05 PM

Minutes from the September 8, 2007 meeting were approved as read

Secretary Paul Maddox was going to be here however he was unable to attend and was going to send someone, however that person did not show up either.

Dr. Brown Reported

\$18 Million was marked by Senator Byrd. There is another bridge that is supposed to be built in Nirto, WV and we will be competing with them for the money. In 1999 and 2002 tow studies were completed and they state that we need the bridge. Our committee needs to get petitions signed, get in the face of senators, representatives, and get things signed and out to them. There is a Consultant company doing an environmental study and this will not start for 3 months. He stated that he cannot lead the group and its best that a group of citizens do this work. We are the ones that are going to get things done.

-Questions were asked of Dr. Brown

-Members inquired to what happened to the old petitions. Dr. Brown does have them and will forward a copy on to us. He will mail them to JoJo.

New member:

Gary Mercer: is a concerned citizen that works at the Cardinal Plant and lives on Washington Pike. For 30 years he has drove to Steubenville and down RT 7. He would like to see a bridge here. He has even traveled by boat across the river. There are approximately 40 people that work at the Cardinal Plant and live in Brooke County. The Cardinal Plant is interested because of the coal mines coming. They are building scrubbers and will be able to use the local coal. There is a coal mine opening above Cardinal Plant on Route 7. There is possibility of 5-7 years of coal there.

E-Mail & Mailing Address:

JoJo set up the e-mail address and PO Box.

Bridge Graphic:

JD did set up a graphic that could be reproduced of the Bridge. He did e-mail it to JoJo and wanted to know if anyone of us has received it. Committee has not received it. He will e-mail it to all of us.

Committee Reports:

PR

Ruby: brought a display board. Gave information on the bridges on the board. We will be able to use it if we want at the Apple fest and Christmas in the Park.

Resolution: Committee reviewed resolution. This resolution can be used for City/Village Council, Kiwanis Clubs, Lions Clubs. DR. Brown asked that a copy be forwarded to BHJ.

Model of Bridge:

George Lewis stated that the Bridge was to be housed at the Village of Beech Bottom and during the administration change it disappeared. Ernie Jack said that he would build another one.

Apple fest:

The committee does not have a booth for Apple fest. Ruby offered for us to use the table at the Log Home. Joan suggested that we have a sign up for times for the Apple fest. Sign up sheet was passed around.

Proclamation:

Marilyn McCord put together a proclamation.

Committee discussed the Resolution and Proclamation. Committee decided that they were the same document and that we will go with the Resolution. Tara suggested that when we mail the resolution out to people we include a petition and cover letter asking that the people at the club/council meetings are able to sign it and send it back.

Joan made a motion that we send the resolution with a petition and cover letter. Stacy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Passed.

DVD:

JD was hoping to have footage for the DVD. He would like to have stories from Gary Mercer, Dr. Brown, political leaders, and business leaders. Joan stated that we could run it on 9 and 7.

He also reported that he did not get a response from Marty about aerial shots. Bob Sadler stated that he knows someone at the Ohio County Airport that could help with the aerial shots. Bob will get in contact with JD

Web Site:

Katie Everett is a Graphic/ Web designer. She is here to help us with the web site.

Committee reviewed what they would like to see on the site. She will give us an affordable price of \$300.00.

Stacy made a motion to have a web site and have Katie Everett design it. Gary Mercer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Passed.

Brooke County Economic Development Meeting:

Jack attended the Brooke County Economic Development Meeting. There was a motion made to put a \$1,000.00 toward our committee. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> it and passed.

Joan would like to challenge to the other municipalities to see if other ones could donate.

Checking Account:

Committee discussed opening a checking account. Rosey Miller will be Treasurer of the Committee and the Recorder will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> signature. Ruby suggested that we need a 3<sup>rd</sup> signature. Committee decided that George would be the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stacey made a motion that we open a checking account and that the Treasurer Rosey, Recorder Tara, and Vice President George be on the account. Joan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Passed.

Brooke County Fair:

Jack reported on the Fair. It was mostly a wash out and we lost most of our material.

Next Meeting:

Jack will contact the OES director to come to our next meeting.

Adjournment: 8: 40 PM