

OVRC Minutes

November 13 2015

Call to order 9:00a.m.

ATTENDED BY REPS: F. Bragassa, D. Neufarth, A. Lutz, J. Lutz, and B. White. SECRETARY: Mot. ALTS: L. Litzinger. B.S.V.I.: Program Manager: C. Hauk. Area Managers: A. Kiefer, V. Smith. Consultants: S. Nunes. OPERATORS: J. Diakogeorgiou, L. Johnson J. Russell, and M. Russell. Guests: J. Carroll, and K Whelan.

MOTION (F. Bragassa/B. White) to accept the minutes of the October 16th 2015 meeting as presented. Passed unam. PM, C. Hauk said that she would put the secretary on the mailing list to receive B.S.V.I. responses to recommendations and notes for weekly meetings with the Chair.

COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF 10/16:
None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. JOHNSON reported that the 5-year Wright Patterson troop-feeding contract has been signed by B.S.V.I. but not by the base. December 15 is the deadline. He said that he is prepared to file an appeal if the base does not sign.

J. DIAKOGEOGRIU said that he has not met his new Consultant but that she has writing to his grantor and visited his facility outside of any communication with him. The PM noted his concern.

PM REPORTED ON TRAINING. She said that five people were in assessment and that the next upmo would be a technical training at Shaffer in Columbus. D. Neufarth expressed concern that the training does not prepare operators to successfully operate or feel able to bid on facilities such as the multi-site #701 at Wright Pat with seven employees.

CHAIR ASKED FOR REPORT ON PROGRESS WITH UNIVERSITY SITE DEVELOPMENT. None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS OBJECTED TO NO NOTICE HAVING BEEN SENT OUT OF THE JAACAR MEETING to approve/disapprove the then pending BE rules draft. PM explained that the function of considering final proposed changes to the rules draft has shifted to the previously held Governor's Common Sense Initiative meeting, following which all Committee recommendations that were made there were accepted by B.S.V.I. K. Whalen pointed out that JAACAR's role is to pass on the rules' legality, not their substance. PM announced that the rules would be distributed on December 3rd.

MOTION: (F. Bragassa/B. White) to recommend to BSVI that the effective date for the new BE administrative rules be February 1, 2016. Passed unam.

MOTION: (B. White/D. Neufarth) to recommend to BSVI that a rule by rule synopsis of the changes made to the present rules as expressed in the new (soon to be current) rules be included with the new rule packet which will be delivered to each operator for their signature. Passed unam.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT HOW selections and plans of corrective action in progress, and the status of December 31st. paper inventory filers would be handled over the transition from the old to the new rules.

CHAIR REVIEWED THE BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS WITH MEMBERS TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED PROGRAM EXPANSION POLICY BY WHICH operators who initiated certain types of site development could retain those sites as part of their current facility. D. Neufarth noted the possibility of token or irresponsible operator involvement. B. White felt that affected commercial interests might cause the State mini Randolph-Sheppard law to be opened and weakened. CHAIR noted that Alabama has developed many successful sites under such a policy with no disabling consequences.

MOTION: (F. Bragassa/J. Lutz) to recommend that BSVI propose a “go-getter” program expansion policy substantively identical to the following Business Enterprise Program Expansion Policy Draft: As a means to expand the opportunity and profitability of Ohio’s Business Enterprise Program, any Operator currently working under a Bureau-Operator Agreement may seek and retain any site that they believe would be a profitable addition to their facility under the following circumstances: (1.) If the Operator is in good standing with the program, i.e. is not currently under a Plan of Corrective Action and does not owe any past due funds/reports, etc. (2.) If the desired site has been determined to be a good investment for the Program by the local selection panel. (3.) If the desired site is not a priority location as defined in federal and state law. (4.) If the desired site is not in direct competition with another BE Operator. (5.) If the desired site, after the assessment of the local selection panel, is not determined to be a stand-alone facility, providing an additional job opportunity for the program. (6.) For as long as the Operator who retains the site is assigned to the facility that the site has been added to. Once the Operator leaves the facility, the local selection panel will determine the best situation for the newly vacated facility. *This policy will take effect as determined by BSVI and OVRC, and will begin with a 1-year pilot period to determine feasibility. This policy does not change the current practice of OVRC’s active participation in program investments of over \$50,000.* Passed with F. Bragassa, A. Lutz and J. Lutz voting for and D. Neufarth and B. White voting against.

PM REPORTED THAT CONSULTANTS ARE STILL GATHERING DATA FOR EVALUATING SECONDARY HIGHWAY SITES as potential operator run sites and facilities. She mentioned the issues of product mix and of the assumption of poorly performing sites needed to support ODOT’s desire not to loss any service.

CHAIR APPOINTED D. NEUFARTH to form a work group to explore additional sources of operator benefit income needed to compensate for a possible 70-80% reduction resulting from the bidding of secondary highway sites.

PM REPORTED THAT REFURBISHING OF KENELLY SITES has been the subject of one meeting with ODOT with another meeting planned. She said that budgetary concerns necessitate the project being extended over three years.

NO OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED TO A GRANTOR SUPPORTED OPERATOR REQUEST to replace a closed private cafeteria with a BE micro market at the Toledo Medical College. V. Smith said that the \$4,500.00 kiosk and the \$15,000.00 worth of racks are a modest investment that can be repurposed if the project fails.

PM ANNOUNCED THAT D. BRUSO has won his suit against B.S.V.I. in common pleas court in which he contested his termination from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. That facility is now up for selection and has four bidders.

PM ANNOUNCED THAT THE "BIG BOOK" OF FACILITY PERFORMANCE DATA will be available in January. There was discussion about the need for a rolling budget report in order to monitor Program performance and spending throughout the year.

CHAIR FLOATED THE IDEA OF HAVING THE OVRC CHAIR ELECTED BY ALL OPERATORS and not just by the Reps as is done now. Ways this might be done and the associated challenges were discussed.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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