Ohio Energy Project Board Meeting

Date: February 6, 2020 Time: 1:30 p.m.

**Location: Ohio Energy Project offices,**

**200 E. Wilson Bridge Rd., Worthington, Ohio**

**Board Members Present:**

Scott Potter, Ohio State University – President

Devin Parram, Bricker & Eckler – Vice President

T.J. Faze, Vertiv – Treasurer

Barry Schumann, AEP – Secretary

Jackie Bird, consultant – Governance Chair

Jeanne Gogolski, EducationProjects.org – trustee

Holly Karg, American Municipal Power – trustee

Jill Kocher, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio – board partner

Ryan Stredney, Columbia Gas of Ohio -- trustee

Stjepan Vlahovich, Ground Level Solutions – trustee

**Board Members Not Present:**

Dale Arnold, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation -- trustee

Andrew Finton, North Central Electric Cooperative – trustee

Chris Monacelli, Westerville Electric Division – trustee

Susan Moser-Spiert, energy efficiency consultant – trustee

Janet Rehberg, Buckeye Power – trustee

Tony Ramos, Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council – trustee

Bill Yost, retired USGS hydrologist – trustee

**OEP Staff Present:**

Shauni Nix, Executive Director

Monique Heath, education coordinator

Liza Richard, finance manager

**Guests Present:**

Matt Kline, 2019-20 OSU Fisher School of Business Board Fellow

**Call to Order:**

President Scott Potter called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**Finance Report:**

T.J. Faze gave an overview of the organization’s financials through December. He noted the financials look good, with profit and loss statements tracking along anticipated seasonal trends.

Shauni Nix shared a revised 2019-2020 budget, featuring a table with funding broken out by funder in the broad program areas of Energy Efficiency and Core Programs. The funding was further broken out into categories such as Program Fee/Indirect Personnel & Office Expenses, Energy Efficiency, Summits & Workshops, Youth Energy Celebration, etc. Nix said the table was designed to better show where funding comes from and which programs and categories the funding is intended to support. She noted energy efficiency program funding represents about three-fourths of the $2.37 million budget. Nix cautioned that if energy efficiency funding is eliminated as a result of H.B. 6 it may be difficult to sustain staffing to conduct core programs without new funding streams.

Scott Potter suggested additional columns to better clarify certain expense categories within the budget. Shauni will revise the budget to accommodate the changes.

**Consent Agenda:**

Scott Potter noted the consent agenda and minutes of the December board meeting were distributed electronically prior to the meeting, and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Hearing none, Potter called for a motion. Stjepan Vlahovich moved to approve the consent agenda and the minutes; Jeanne Gogolski seconded. Potter called the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Potter called for a motion on the financial report. Devin Parram moved to approve the financial report; Ryan Stredney seconded. Potter called the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

**Development Update:**

Shauni Nix said the organization has received funding from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation ($13,500 - marking the first time OEP has received the full amount requested) and from the AEP Foundation.

Nix said productive meetings were held with Public Utilities Commission of Ohio chairman Sam Randazzo and with Battelle. Devin Parram said Randazzo asked OEP to follow up with PUCO’s Matt Schilling. Jeanne Gogolski said the meeting at Battelle focused on the Ohio STEM Learning Network, which wishes to host a national learning challenge activity focused on energy with assistance from OEP.

Nix said OEP is looking at a different potential funding stream from the Ohio Development Services Agency which could potentially double available funding to $200,000 a year if successful.

Nix said staff met with The Ohio State University’s Students Consulting for NonProfit Organizations to explore opportunities for strategic consulting at no charge. She said the organization will meet with the student group again.

**Super Summit:**

Shauni Nix shared an agenda and guest list for the Super Summit Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Worthington Education Center, 200 E. Wilson Bridge Rd. The summit is set up to showcase OEP and its student programs to potential funders. OEP staff and board members will greet invited guests beginning at 9:30 a.m. Guests will be escorted either to the Summit Room to visit exploration stations or to the Cafeteria to view the OEP energy efficiency video, hear from students and teachers about OEP and its impact on them, review OEP materials and visit educational displays. Guests will then rotate to the other venue. Lunch with guests will be at about 11 a.m.

Nix said anticipated attendees include invited guests from the Ohio Department of Education, REV1Ventures, Union Electric Cooperative, Buckeye Interactive, The Energy Cooperative and Power Source along with numerous OEP board members.

**Youth Energy Celebration:**

**T**he YEC will be held Wednesday, May 6, at the Columbus Zoo. This will be the next opportunity to showcase OEP with current and potential funders. All board members are encouraged to invite potential donors and to attend the event.

**Adjournment:**

Scott Potter called for a motion. T.J. Faze moved to adjourn; Devin Parram seconded. Potter called the vote. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

*-Recorded by B. Schumann, secretary*

**Upcoming OEP events:**

Energy Leadership Super Summit – Feb. 11, Worthington (including four OEP veteran teams)

Energy Workshop – Feb. 25, Dayton

Energy Workshop – Feb. 26, Dayton

Fifth-Grade Energy Workshops – February dates, Worthington

Fifth-Grade Energy Workshops – February dates, Westerville

Informal meeting/Committee meetings – March

Energy Workshop – March 3, Columbus

Energy Workshop – March 4, Columbus

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**OEP Board meeting** **– April 2, Worthington**

School Portfolios due to NEED – April 15, online

Energy Portfolio judging – April 16-20, online

Informal meeting/Committee meetings – May

Youth Energy Celebration – May 6, Columbus Zoo

**OEP Board meeting** **– June 4, Worthington**

Aegis Energy Bike – June 9-10, Dayton

Informal meeting/Committee meetings – July

Board members are encouraged to attend any OEP event. See [www.ohioenergy.org/events](http://www.ohioenergy.org/) for information on upcoming events or contact OEP staff for specific event information.