

ONRA Minutes – September 25, 2007
Location – ODOT

Vice President, Cyndie Gerken, called the meeting to order in Denna Johnson's absence.

Board Members Present: Sylvia Miller, Marian Vance, Dean Ringle, Mike Peppe, Lynn Kartavich, Cyndie Gerken, Greg Zelenitz, Ed Kemper, Paul Seibel, Jeff Chorpensing, Ed Wagstaff, Elizabeth Reeb, Douglas Davis, Jan Brady, Bill Hart.

Ex Officio Members Present: Thea Walsh, Mary Anne Reeves, and Frank Quinn for Joyce Barrett (Heritage Ohio)

Others Present: Chris Schutte (Greater Springfield CVB), Zachary Balassone

Minutes: Paul Seibel moved to accept the minutes from the July 24, 2007 meeting, seconded by Ed Kemper. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Kartavich reported that Thea's portion for coordinator services (shared with the state) was paid. The ad in Ohio Magazine was also paid. The estimated resources were \$12,530.65. Elizabeth Reeb moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dean Ringle. Motion carried.

Coordinator's Report: Thea Walsh passed out the membership renewal letters and encouraged the Board to add personal notes.

- Coordinator Services Agreement for FY08 – The FY06 funds are available. ODOT must contract with a government agency to release the funds, and as long as the government agency is doing the work, there is no need to go through a competitive process to select a coordinator. Mike Peppe said Thea was doing a good job, and since she is part of a government agency, he moved to continue the coordinator services with TCC for FY08. Marian Vance seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Coordinator Services and Billing – Thea introduced Zachary Balassone as a new staff member who will be working primarily on ONRA services and encouraged ONRA members to contact him with any questions. Zachary produced the Fall 2007 Newsletter and will be in charge of future newsletters. There were two bills from the TCC for May and June totaling \$9,401.18. 80% (\$7,520.94) is being submitted to ODOT for payment for the FY05 Coordinator Service. 20% (\$1,880.24) is being submitted to ONRA for payment. Through August, the bill was \$1,925.35 with ONRA's portion being \$385.07. The annual cost for ONRA coordinator services is \$31,250. TCC's FY07 charges totaled \$27,735.62. There was a cost under run of \$3,515.38. In the TCC budget the \$3,515.38 was carried forward to be used in FY08 which started July 1, 2007. Bill Hart moved to

approve the billing costs for the Coordinator's services (\$2,265.31), seconded by Paul Seibel. Motion Carried.

- Historical Panels – The interpretive panels are moving from location to location. They are in Groveport now, and Glenn Harper will speak at that location. Next they will go to the Hilltop Library in Columbus. In September, a binder containing information about setup and perhaps an educational component will accompany the panels. There will be a fee of \$50 beginning January 1, 2007 for the rental, which will include 100 copies of the Traveler's Guide. The panels need some protection, but not a heavy case. The money will be used for preventative replaceable protection and connecting hardware, as needed.
- Traveler's Guides – The Federal Highway funds were partially responsible for the first printing which prevented ONRA from charging a fee. We might have to charge a small fee to replenish our stock with the next printing if we do not receive Federal funding.

Committee Reports:

- Membership – The mailings are out for membership and some checks are back in. Jan Brady suggested that we ask Historical Societies to share their membership lists with ONRA. Then ONRA could share business partnerships with the associations to the benefit of all. Jeff Chorpenning suggested that we could do the same with the counties.
- Education – Mary Anne Reeves said that the committee will meet at lunch. It was suggested that the committee view the pictures taken by Ron Poole for a National Road video as a start. Sylvia Miller will obtain the state education standards. It was suggested that it might be possible for the committee to use some of Sylvia's slides and Glenn Harper's PowerPoint presentations on the Ohio Historic National Road. The committee needs more information before it can ask for funding to work on the video.
- Signage – The signage committee is currently working to review the text and design of 30 interpretive signs that will be placed at 28 locations.
- Website – Articles can be put in about the Road and happenings along it. The Daughters of the American Revolution had an article, but ONRA would have to pay \$25 to use it on the Website. Mike Peppe will pay the fee. "Thanks," Mike.

County Happenings:

- Guernsey – Ed Wagstaff reported that the History Channel had a segment on the National Road.

- Montgomery – Jan Brady reported for Preble Co. that the EPA will not accept the 5 year old test on the property of the former Hines Truck Stop. There will be a new test in 2 weeks. Also, it is necessary for the residents of Preble Co. to want the Visitor Center. Jan also reported that there is a new Wal-Mart located on the National Road in Brookville.
- Belmont – Greg Zelenitz reported that a Park District was created and the Blaine Bridge area will be home to the first park.
- Licking – The majority of the Licking Co. Board thought the old post office should be demolished. There is a reprieve for a while. Mike Peppe thought they should preserve the building for the integrity of the Road. Thea Walsh added that ONRA should be known as a “helper” to get things done.
- Clark – Bill Hart reported on the Downtown Hot Rods and Harleys event in Springfield. It was a big success. The 2nd Saturday in August might become the date for this annual event. Donations at the Heritage Center National Road Display collected \$50.40 and Bill presented a check for \$266.00 which was ONRA’s half of the event donations. The Olive Branch School has been saved and will be restored. Also, the Eastern Edge Project is doing a transportation study about the growth in retail on the National Road to be combined with proper zoning considerations.

Adjournment: Mike Peppe moved to close the meeting, seconded by Marian Vance. Motion carried.

ONRA Board of Directors Next Meeting

The Annual ONRA Meeting – November 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.