

The Center for Local Government Board of Directors Meeting  
May 2, 2018

1:30pm – 3pm

CLG Conference Room  
(4015 Executive Park Dr. Suite 226)

In attendance: Vicky Earhart, Jim Lukas, Kristen Bitonte, Mike Rahall, Jack Cameron (Board); TJ White, Andrew Lanser (staff)

Absent: Kristen Bitonte (Board)

- Call to order at 1:33pm
- Approve March 14, 2018 board meeting minutes
  - Motion to approve by M. Rahall. Seconded by V. Earhart. Motion passed 3-0 with one abstention (J. Cameron)
- T. White opened the meeting by welcoming Jack Cameron to the CLG Board. The rest of the Board members also welcomed Mr. Cameron.
- T. White then turned the floor over to A. Lanser. A. Lanser announced to the Board that he will be leaving employment with the Center for Local Government on May 25<sup>th</sup> to take a position with Novak Consulting. Andrew has been with the Center for almost 3 years. He stated that he would assist the Center in hiring his replacement, and would be on call to assist the new Program Development Director as that person transitions into the new position.
  - The Board and Executive Director thanked Andrew for his service to the Center, stating that he will very definitely be missed.
- T. White reviewed the CLG Annual Meeting. Although he was happy with the venue from a physical perspective, he stated that he was disappointed in the service that the group received leading up to the meeting. T. White also stated that he was disappointed in the speaker. He had heard the speaker at NKU, and he was funny and engaging. During the Annual Meeting, he did not do as good of a job getting his point across, and he ran long in the presentation. J. Lukas concurred, stating that in his discussions, there was general disappointment in the speaker. He spoke to three people at the most recent CAMA meeting, for example, and none were impressed by the speaker. J. Cameron concurred with J. Lukas after talking with his elected officials. V. Earhart also concurred, and was concerned about the reactions of the elected officials in the room. T. White stated that for next year, they would go back to a more engaging speaker on a lighter topic. He also stated that he would like to utilize Summit Park in Blue Ash as next year's location.
- The Board discussed the 2019 Annual Meeting. T. White asked if it would make sense to hold the meeting in the morning or the later afternoon. There was interest in trying a morning meeting. T. White stated he would distribute a survey in the fall, closer to the time that the Annual Meeting is planned, proposing a status quo option (lunch), as well as a 7:30, 8:30 or 9am breakfast.
- T. White updated the Board on the Center's efforts to coordinate government cooperation in finding a special assessment or other form of financing for the Greater Cincinnati Waterworks (GCWW) lead service

line replacement program. The next meeting for the program takes place on May 15<sup>th</sup>. At the prior meeting, governments were researching whether they had legislative authorization to pass a special assessment. This was especially an issue for Townships, where the participants were unaware of any legislative authorization at the time of the first meeting. V. Earhart stated that her Township had looked into the matter, and may have identified authorizing legislation, which she will share. T. White stated that one of the ideas presented at the meeting was to pursue a legislative solution. This would bump up against CLG's political advocacy stances. After discussion, it was determined that the best course of action would be to facilitate and coordinate between local governments, but that they would need to take the lead in any lobbying efforts.

- J. Cameron stated that GCWW has not stated directly what their intentions are when it comes to replacing private lead service lines outside the Cincinnati city limits. T. White stated that he is unsure whether GCWW actually knows what it can do. A. Lanser added that a meeting participant made that very point at the previous lead service line replacement meeting. T. White stated that he would keep the Board apprised of progress, as this is the most major program CLG has participated in since 2017's shared services contract renewals.
- T. White provided a brief update on membership renewals. Currently, CLG is waiting on five governments, although none of them are a danger of leaving.
- A. Lanser provided a brief update on the secret shopper program. He intends to hold a meeting of the Taskforce prior to his departure at the end of May. J. Lukas asked if this could be accomplished by e-mail or other means. T. White recommended having a life meeting anyway, as with A. Lanser leaving, it would be important for other CLG staff to get a lay of the land.
- J. Cameron asked if there has been discussion about changing the time of CLG Board meetings. T. White stated that he would put that discussion item on the July meeting agenda. T. White also warned the Board that the July meeting would include debating and deciding upon the 2018 W.D. Heisel Memorial Scholarship winner, meaning discussion may take longer than normal.
- T. White reminded Board members that he attaches CLG's credit card statements to every Board agenda, and that if they have any questions about purchases at any point, he is happy to answer them.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm