The Center for Local Government Board of Directors Meeting

January 5, 2022

1:30pm – 3pm

CLG Offices (4015 Executive Park Dr. Suite 226, Cincinnati, OH 45241) or Virtual

In attendance: Mike Rahall (Virtual), Jack Cameron (Virtual), Vicky Earhart (Virtual), Jim Lukas (Virtual) (Board); T.J. White, Cody Smith (Staff)

Absent: Kristen Bitonte (Board)

* The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm
* November 3, 2021 board meeting
  + Motion to approve by J. Cameron, seconded by M. Rahall. Motion carried 4-0.
* 2022 CLG Board Schedule
  + T. White proposed a 2022 Board meeting schedule consisting of a Board meeting on the first Wednesday of every other month from January until November. The Heisel scholarship discussion would take place at the July meeting, the Revenue Projections Report would take place at the September meeting, and the Budget would be voted on at the November meeting. T. White asked the Board if the 1:30 time still worked, or if they would like to try alternatives.
  + After discussion, it was decided to hold the March Board meeting at 2:30pm on a trial basis. Depending on whether that ended up being a more convenient time, the Board could consider moving all meetings to 2:30pm.
  + T. White stated he would send a 2:30pm scheduling invite for the March meeting, with 1:30pm invites for the subsequent meetings unless the Board decided to adopt the 2:30pm time permanently.
* New 2022 Members and Membership Updates from 2021
  + T. White updated the Board that Tracy Kellums is the new Interim Township Administrator in Sycamore Township.
  + T. White sought input from the Board on potential new member governments. He stated that Clayton would be joining in 2022, and that it was recommended he reach out to New Lebanon.
  + J. Lukas suggested reaching out to Noah Powers in Norwood. J. Cameron asked if Clearcreek Township was a member. T. White stated at this time they were not. J. Cameron recommended reaching out to Matt Clark in Clearcreek.
  + It was also suggested that Cory Wright in Union Township be approached.
* CLG Leadership Academy
  + T. White stated that the CLG Leadership Academy application period would be in mid-late January. He said there are currently 4 people on the waitlist. J. Cameron stated that one of last year’s waitlist applicants no longer works at Delhi, which pushed the waitlist to 3. T. White stated that CLG would eventually have to determine a way to ensure that the waitlist does not become too long. One suggestion was not to guarantee waitlisted applicants a spot in the following year’s Academy. Board input was that with a small waitlist currently, this could be reassessed for future Academies if the problem increases.
  + T. White also stated that costs for the Academy are rising. This is driven primarily by increases in speaker fees. Currently, all costs for the Leadership Academy are passed through either through tuition or grant funding, but the Board may consider partially subsidizing the Academy out of CLG’s general fund in 2023. V. Earhart stated she had no problem considering a subsidy for future years, and the rest of the Board concurred.
  + J. Lukas asked a question pertaining to costs, since speaker costs were continuing to rise, especially in HR. J. Lukas asked if any of those topics could be taught by local government peers. T. White stated that they could reassess the speakers for the 2023 Academy if prices continued to rise.
  + T. White stated that the proposed DISC assessment for this year was being cancelled for cost.
* SWORRE
  + T. White stated that work is progressing on the SWORRE Cincinnati Group 2 bid and the Dayton Group 1 bid.
* Solar Program
  + T. White stated that he had created a draft RFP for the solar program, and that it was being reviewed by participating governments. A meeting would be held on January 9th to 19th to discuss the RFP in detail and assess who was participating.

* The meeting adjourned at 2:23pm.