The Center for Local Government Board of Directors Meeting

May 18, 2022

1:30pm – 3:30pm

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

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

Absent: K. Bitonte, V. Earhart (Board)

* Call to order
  + The meeting was called to order at 1:32pm.
* March, 2022 board meeting minutes
  + Motion to approve by J. Cameron, seconded by J. Lukas. Motion passed 3-0
* CLG Strategic Plan Initial Discussions
  + C. Smith presented on the draft CLG Strategic Plan survey. This is similar to the survey that was distributed in 2016, with the intention of using it to track trends. C. Smith also stated that whereas last time, the survey was sent to CAOs, this time it will be sent to CAOs and staff. This will be done separately to see if perceptions differ between management and staff.
  + J. Cameron stated it is important to reach out and get statistically relevant feedback. This includes making sure the questions are providing data that will be useful to the staff and board, and potentially eliminating ones that are not relevant.
  + C. Smith stated that he will discuss survey with stakeholders to make sure we are asking the right questions.
  + M. Rahall asked how many people filled the survey out in 2016. T. White stated that 26 out of 52 filled it out.
  + C. Smith stated that once the survey is completed, the information will be used, in combination with staff and board interviews, to conduct a SWOT Analysis.
  + J. Cameron and M. Rahall stated that there is value in adding a “neutral” answer on the opinion questions, as well as an “N/A” for governments not involved in a specific program.
* Southwest Ohio Regional Refuse Consortium (SWORRE)
  + T. White stated that pricing was in for both the Cincinnati and Dayton SWORRE groups. Pricing was in the $17.50-$19.00 range for Dayton, and $17.90-$18.90 for Cincinnati. This reflects pricing for all 2022 local benchmarks outside of the consortium seen in 2022. Furthermore, Rumpke is making contract objections. We saw these in both SWORRE bids, Germantown’s bid, and Mason’s bid. This includes an upper limit on “unlimited” solid waste.
  + M. Rahall stated that Cleves is at $17.95 now, which is in line with the trend.
  + T. White stated that he is meeting with Republic and Waste Management to identify how to better bid next time, and is preparing responses to Rumpke’s objections on behalf of the governments.

* CLG Leadership Academy
  + T. White stated that Cody Smith obtained a $3,000 grant from the Seasongood Foundation for the Leadership Academy, which lowered tuition costs from $775 to $680. All Leadership Academy participants for 2022 have paid their tuition.
  + T. White stated that a student during the Effective Communications class tested positive for Covid shortly after the class. The class, the Board, the presenters and the host (Delhi FD) were informed. To date, T. White does not know if anyone else caught it.
* Solar Program
  + A 4th draft bid has been completed that has common pricing for all solar components, but prices each project separately. T. White is attempting to schedule a meeting of the group.
* JUFS Simulator Group
  + The new Streetsmarts VR Simulator has arrived. C. Smith has been testing it prior to delivery to the governments. Board members present were given an opportunity to use the system to try it out.
* Membership Renewal / Prospective Members
  + T. White stated that six governments had not paid their dues yet. At this time in 2021, seven governments had not paid, and CLG also had fewer members.
  + M. Rahall stated that he believed Miami Twp. (Hamilton County) would join. They have a new Administrator named Brien Lacy. He was formerly Police Chief in Cleves.
  + T. White updated the Board on other prospective members. Norwood intends to join, but they are going to delay that for a few months because of their fiscal status. Miami Twp. (Montgomery Count) is reviewing their memberships and is still interested. T. White has a meeting set up with Susan Ayers, the new Administrator in Union Township, to discuss membership. Butler County Metroparks and Clermont County Park District will not be joining.
* Adjourn
  + Meeting adjourned at 2:30.