



HAMILTON COUNTY
**First
Suburbs
Consortium**

Executive Committee Meeting

September 8, 2014
8:30 AM
Deer Park-Silverton Fire Station

Meeting Notes

Attending

Jenny Kilgore
John Smith
Dan Pillow
Gerri Harbison
Bill Doering
Jim O'Reilly
Andy Dobson

Discussion

Jenny Kilgore asked about meeting notes and if they could be published on the FSC website. The group discussed general needs for updating the website in addition to publishing meeting notes. Andy will look into it, and also distribute notes from Executive Committee meetings.

Related to this morning's *Enquirer* article, Jim O'Reilly wants to have a discussion about the future of MSD on the Membership Meeting agenda. The 1968 operating agreement will expire in a few years and it appears there is no current plan for how MSD will continue functioning. The relationship between Cincinnati and Hamilton County leadership is very poor and things have to change if MSD is to continue operating effectively. How this relationship works out and what kind of new agreement can be reached will have huge impacts on future sewer rates, operations, and service. Suburban communities need to voice their concern about the current disagreements between Cincinnati and Hamilton County leadership.

Jim also discussed his concern over the Port Authority focusing land bank operations too much inside Cincinnati. What was originally envisioned as a tool for redevelopment and reinvestment in suburban communities appears to be used for large development projects inside City limits. Jim feels the land bank's prioritization needs changing.

The group agreed after some discussion to add the Regional Trails Alliance resolution of cooperation to the Membership meeting agenda. The question to the membership will be whether FSC-SW as an

organization should sign the resolution supporting trails development, and then promote the project among individual member jurisdictions.

The September 24 meeting with Ohio First Suburbs representatives will be held in Kettering. Attendees will meet-and-greet starting at 1:30, and the speaker will begin at 2:00. The group discussed some items that could start a statewide first suburbs agenda including local collection of income taxes, restoration of the local government fund, and regulation of out-of-state fracking waste products.

Jenny Kilgore reported we have over \$6,000.00 in our regular checking account, and four certificates of deposit earning interest. Andy will prepare 201 membership invoices to send out in the next month.