

**OHIO TAX CREDIT AUTHORITY MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING DATE: AUGUST 27, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit Authority was called to order at 10:01 a.m. on August 27, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio by David Goodman.

Roll Call:	David Goodman, Acting Chair	Present
	Darnita Bradley	Present
	Brian Cooper	Present
	Emmett Kelly	Present
	David Smith	Absent

Staff Members Present: Rasheda Hansard, Daniel Strasser, Eric Lindner, Lisa Colbert, John Werkman, and Meghan Wadsworth

Others present: Eva Ruff, Justin Bickle, Kevin Donnelly, Logan Dawson, and Brandon Simmons

Minutes Approval: Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2018 meeting. Cooper seconded. The vote was 3-0 yes. Voting Goodman, Cooper, and Bradley.

PROJECTS

Medline Industries, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project at a to-be-determined location. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.256% for 7 years for Medline Industries, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 150 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$5,016,000 in new annual payroll at the project location at a to-be-determined location. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2020 and end on 12/31/2026. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Revolucion Holding, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.365% for 6 years for Revolucion Holding, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 27 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,620,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$554,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2019 and end on 12/31/2024. Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in the City of Monroe, Butler County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.467% for 10 years for Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 900 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$26,550,000 in new annual payroll at the project location in the City of Monroe, Butler County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2020 and end on 12/31/2029. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Tarkett USA Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a project in Auburn Township, Geauga County. Goodman made a motion to approve a tax credit of 1.264% for 6 years for Tarkett USA Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 76 new full-time equivalent employees generating \$3,000,000 in new annual payroll and retaining \$22,400,000 in existing payroll at the project location in Auburn Township, Geauga County. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2019 and end on 12/31/2024. Bradley seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vantage Point Logistics, LLC (City of Columbus/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority reduce the rate of the tax credit for failure to create the required amount of jobs and payroll as set forth in the agreement. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to reduce the rate of the tax credit agreement. On 1/26/2015, the grantee was approved for a 1.233%/5 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 20 FTEs with \$1,200,000 in new payroll and to retain 10 FTEs with \$812,172 in baseline payroll at the project location. The grantee's 2017 annual report showed 27 total FTEs with \$1,766,732 in total payroll, thereby making the grantee non-compliant with the tax credit agreement. Based on this information, the staff recommends that the Authority reduce the rate of the tax credit agreement to 0.894% starting in 2018. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with DSA for years 2020 – 2022.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Robert Rothschild Farms, LLC (Urbana Township/Champaign County)

The staff recommends that the Authority terminate the tax credit agreement for failure to maintain operations during the post-term reporting period. On 1/28/2013, the grantee was approved for a 40%/5 year tax credit in exchange for a commitment to create 25 FTEs and to retain 51 FTEs at the project location. ODSA learned that the grantee failed to maintain operations at the project location. Due to this failure, the Authority has statutory authorization to require clawback of 75% of the credits issued. However, during the active term of the of the tax credit, the grantee only received one tax credit certificate in the amount of \$3,970.62. Based on this information, the staff recommends that the Authority terminate the agreement without a required refund of tax credits issued.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Ferco Tech Corporation (City of Franklin/Warren County)

The staff recommends that the Authority reassign the tax credit from Ferco Tech Corporation (and associated FEIN) to Ferco Tech LLC (and associated FEIN).

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Bradley seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Comcast Enterprise Services, LLC (West Chester Township/Butler County)

The staff recommends that the Authority reassign the tax credit from Comcast of Massachusetts/New Hampshire, LLC (and associated FEIN) to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC (and associated FEIN). Comcast of Massachusetts/New Hampshire, LLC is listed as a subgrantee on the tax credit agreement.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Sensor Technology Systems Inc. (Miami Township/Montgomery County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the grantee name on the tax credit agreement from Sensor Technology Systems Inc. to Steiner eOptics, Inc. The FEIN remains unchanged.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

The Brickman Group LTD LLC (City of New Albany/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority change the grantee name on the tax credit agreement from The Brickman Group LTD LLC to Brightview Landscapes, LLC. The FEIN remains unchanged.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

Total Quality Logistics, LLC (Union and Miami Townships; City of Cincinnati/Hamilton County)

The staff recommends that the Authority add the grantee TQL Global, LLC (and associated FEIN) to the tax credit agreement.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Cooper seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

IronUnits LLC (City of Toledo/Lucas County)

The staff recommends that the Authority add the project location at 300 Millard Ave., Toledo OH 43605.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Bradley seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

First Solar, Inc. (City of Perrysburg/Wood County)

At the company's request, the staff recommends that the Authority reduce the term of the tax credit from 14 to 12 years ending 12/31/2017. Post-term reporting requirements may be fulfilled by filing annual progress reports with DSA for years 2018-2029.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Bradley seconded; Kelly abstained. The vote was 3-0. All present voted yes.

Diamond Drugs, Inc. (City of Westerville/Franklin County)

The staff recommends that the Authority cancel the tax credit. The company never executed the tax credit agreement and has not received any tax credit certificates.

Goodman made a motion to accept staff recommendation and Kelly seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.

MOTION TO AJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m. by David Goodman.

The next meeting is scheduled September 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. on the 31st Floor.

Chair of Ohio Tax Credit Authority's Signature


