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Candidate for ORDC Executive Director Withdraws

(Columbus) -- The Ohio Rail Development Commission received a letter this morning from Donald Yerks saying he is withdrawing his candidacy for the position of ORDC Executive Director. Despite what he describes in his letter as his belief that “a world class transportation network is paramount for Ohio to compete in the world market”, Mr. Yerks cited a “number of personal and professional reasons” as the reason for his withdrawal.

This leaves two candidates for ORDC Commissioners to consider on May 17th at their regular meeting. Those candidates are Mike Bradley, the Director of Planning for the Central Ohio Transit Authority and Matthew Dietrich, the Acting Executive Director of ORDC.

The seven Commission member search committee will meet at 11:00 AM on the 17th to discuss the remaining candidates.

(The Ohio Rail Development Commission is an independent agency operating within the Ohio Department of Transportation. ORDC is responsible for economic development through the improvement and expansion of passenger and freight rail service, railroad grade crossing safety and rail travel & tourism issues. For more information about what ORDC does for Ohio, visit our website at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/ohiorail/>)