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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Seney

FROM: Lou Jannazo

SUBJECT: More Input on the Panhandle Sale

DATE: April 15, 2003

The Mayor of Coshocton, Brad Haynes, expressed interest to Mike Connor of the Ohio Central in providing input into the ORDC's deliberations of the possible sale of the Panhandle. Mr. Connor asked me if ORDC was still accepting such input. I informed him that ORDC is always open to input from on this matter. The Mayor called me today. Here is what he had to say.

The Mayor stated that he considered the Ohio Central Railroad to be a great asset to the community. He remarked that he always brings up the railroad when he talks to groups about the advantages of Coshocton.

The Mayor expressed that he is very active in economic development issued. In this regard, he noted that the people at the Ohio Central were always ready to help out. The Mayor added that he had "nothing but good things to say about them."

For the reasons above, the Mayor said that he would like to be on the record as favoring the sale of the Panhandle to the Ohio Central. He stated that they would be the best ones to own it.

The Mayor did, however, raise one caveat. He noted that there have been instances when the Ohio Central wanted to charge too much for local businesses to cross the tracks, either under grade or at-grade. He gave as an example a local U-Haul company which had been crossing the tracks for many years, apparently without any formal agreement. The Ohio Central wanted the company to pay what the Mayor characterized as much too high a price for a formal crossing agreement. The Mayor suggested that ORDC reserve the right to mandate crossings at-grade and under the tracks to prevent any undue interference with commerce.

I will include this memo in with the other related memos I provided you earlier this year.

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