



Black River Advisory Committee

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BRAC QUARTERLY MEETING | Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

Location: Lorain County Public Health 9880 Murray Ridge Rd, Elyria, OH 44035

MINUTES

❖ Welcome / Call to Order / Introductions

- 1:04PM Don called to order.
- In attendance: Stephanie Koscho, facilitator; Scott Pozna, LCPH; Kate Golden, City of Lorain; Don Romancak, LCCD; Chip Wendt, Coldwater Consulting; Duane Cribley, LCPH; Patti Donnellan, LCS&W; Steve Holland, ODNR; Lexi Rohrbach, LCMP; Jennifer Scott-Wasilk, City of Amherst; Julie Mackey, OSU Ext.; Hannah Boesinger, Ohio Lake Erie Commission; ONLINE: Pamela Davis, NOACA; Matt Nahorn, Beaver Creek Watershed; Michael Hennessey, US EPA, GLNPO; Tom Brown, LP&FA.

❖ Fiscal Report

- Attached to agenda. Jennifer motions to accept the fiscal report as presented. Kate seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

❖ Old Business

- Approval of Meeting Minutes 1/31/2023. Kate motions to accept the minutes from January as presented. Julie seconds. All in favor. Minutes accepted.
- LoCoBROh.com event planning – Margaret Peak page is up. 6-8 QR locations within Lorain (including Martin's Run) + county locations. Parks Dept. will install posts, hopefully by end of May. Waiting for posts to go in at Margaret Peak then we can plan the event. City and Township employees needed and they are busy.

❖ New Business

- New Voting Member – Scott Pozna, LCPH. No discussion. Julie motions to accept Scott as the new voting member for LCPH replacing Jill Lis. Kate seconds. All in favor. Motion carries unanimously.
- Advertising options for LoCoBROh.com – After discussion, Committee decided to split the advertising budget (roughly \$5000) into approximate thirds between Media (social & news), Radio, & LorainCounty.com. Kate made a motion to allocate the funds as discussed. Second by Steve. All in favor. Advertising budget allotments are established.

❖ Black River Watershed Project Updates

- County

- QR post placements – discussed previously.
 - Lyn is finalizing a grant from the county to acquire and develop the Gerber Property for a riverside stream restoration & wetland creation project.
 - City
 - \$15,000,000 grant is officially officially complete & closed.
 - Black River Dredge Facility is in the final bid process.
 - Pellett Terminal area & Finger Piers are being cleaned up and reinforced in preparation to accept future development plans (AKA Sunset Pier). GLNPO and Brownfield funding is also being used to prepare the site.
- ❖ Ohio AOC Program Updates & Announcements
 - From Lynn Garrity: Welcomed the new facilitator Lorain Soil & Water Conservation – Patti Donnellan. Also, GLAOC Conference will be mid-September.
 - BUI 10/Beach Closings Evaluation Results
 - Hannah presented a PowerPoint draft of her evaluation report (following the Minutes). Committee discussion concluded that the Black River falls in line with other similar non-AOC rivers. TMDL is important but still in draft phase. Final recommendation is to proceed with Removal Request for BUI 10: Beach Closings. Kate prefers to Not vote today so that LCPH, LCMP, City of Lorain, & LCCD need to meet and discuss further (next steps).
 - Hannah will have documents ready for the Public Comment Period regarding removal of BUI 4: Fish Tumors & Deformities by late next week.
- ❖ Federal AOC Program Updates & Announcements
 - GLAOC Conference is September 12-14, 2023. Registration & reimbursement information coming soon.
 - Director Korleski will be retiring at the end of the year.
- ❖ Announcements | Other Business
 - Patti Donnellan: Has extensive background in nature and water and watersheds and green infrastructure. Soil & Water Conservation District has committed 2 (of 3) employees to the AOC Support Grant.
 - LOS for Gerber project was approved and forwarded to Lyn Ickes.
 - Next meeting: July 11 @ 12:30. Will include a site visit of some sort.
- ❖ Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Kate at 2:48PM. Second by Scott. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.