



# Black River Advisory Committee

Facilitating Organization:

**LoCo 'Yaks**

138 Alabama Avenue  
 (Mailing Address: 331 Missouri Ave.)  
 Lorain, OH 44052  
 (419) 239-3779

---

## Minutes

---

### QUARTERLY MEETING

**Monday, April, 23, 2018, 1:00 PM**

Eaton Township Town Hall  
 12043 Avon Belden Rd., Grafton, OH

Don Romancak*	Lorain County
Chip Wendt	Coldwater Consulting
Kristen Risch	Coldwater Consulting
Jennifer Scott-Wasilk*	Sandstone EHS Services, LLC
Lyn Ickes	Lorain County
John Sabo	Lorain County Public Health
Ted Conlin	OEPA
Duane Cribley	Lorain County Public Health
Bryan Goldthorpe*	LCMP
Stephanie Lesco*	Lorain County Public Health
Steve Holland	ODNR Office of Coastal Management
Max Schaeffer*	The Ohio Environmental Council
Erika Fabbro*	Backpackers Shop
John Muzik*	Muzik Bros.
Julie Mackey*	OSU Extension
Randal Doane	
Pamela Davis	NOACA
Richard Knechtges	Eaton Township
Stephane Moore Koscho	LoCo 'Yaks
Robb Koscho	LoCo 'Yaks
*Voting Member/ Proxy	

- ❖ 1:02PM - meeting called to order by Don Romancak.
- ❖ Approval of 2/26/18 Meeting Minutes. Motion to accept as is by Max; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan. All in favor. Motion passes.
- ❖ Fiscal Report
  - FY2017 ended with \$865.39 not spent.
  - FY2018 started April 1 with \$36,970.
- ❖ Lower Black River Restoration Grant Project Updates
  - Kristen –
    - LSYC's new bulkheads & fish shelves will be done in a month or so
    - SEEP site – waiting for runoff to conduct further tests



## Black River Advisory Committee

Facilitating Organization:

**LoCo 'Yaks**

138 Alabama Avenue  
 (Mailing Address: 331 Missouri Ave.)  
 Lorain, OH 44052  
 (419) 239-3779

- REC site – in design phase; working with Army Corps to reuse dredging material to try to save about 1 million dollars
    - Lakeview – still in the beginning stages; nothing new since last report
  - Lyn/ BRCCC Crew –
    - Spraying where possible – mostly teasel at Margaret Peak
    - Cutting at Rec Site
    - Slow time of year
  - What are we seeing today?
    - Willow Creek – Eaton Twp Park – completed 2 seasons ago. More impactful to see in person, but it's not green right now.
    - Fortune Ditch – similar to Willow, stream relocation adding acreage, nearing 50% design mark
- ❖ Old Business
  - Summit summary
    - Don
      - Feedback was very positive, especially from GLNPO. They got a lot out of it. Tour wasn't awesome because the windows steamed up and it was raining. Chicago & region 5 was impressed. They may want to do more stuff here because of the summit's success. 150 – 175 in attendance. Don was very happy.
      - Matt N. agreed.
      - Max – did people stay for movies? Maybe 30 stayed for both.
      - Erika – had people stop in at BPS driving home. More informative than expected. Will attend again.
      - Don – was really happy with the Kenosha presentation and the local testimonials
        - Better than we had hoped for. Thanked everyone for assistance.
    - 2019 Summit Subcommittee
      - Who wants to volunteer to help with next year's? Want to build on 2018, not replicate. Learn & do better. Maybe have a guest MC from news station so they "accidentally cover it".
        - Steve Holland – will help plan but will not do any speaking
        - John Muzik – will contact Tiffany Tarpley – building better neighborhoods TV personality
        - Matt Nahorn – maybe
        - Open enrollment through fall meeting
        - Lyn & Kristen
  - Schedule January 2019 meeting (final FY2018 quarterly meeting) – Tue., Jan. 29
    - Review BRAC bylaws regarding chair & vice-chair elections
      - 2 year alternating terms. Extend Tom by one. No one is up this year. Don in summer 2019. Tom in summer 2020.



## Black River Advisory Committee

Facilitating Organization:

**LoCo 'Yaks**

138 Alabama Avenue

(Mailing Address: 331 Missouri Ave.)

Lorain, OH 44052

(419) 239-3779

### ❖ New Business

- Paddle & Pedal Fest table. – Max will host our table & watershed model; Don might come visit for 10 minutes
- Ted – after June 30, AOC oversight is going to Ohio Great Lakes Commission (from OEPA)

### ❖ Announcements

- BRCU – just shy of 100 tons. Low turnout because it was the first nice weekend.
- Paddle Movies – another low turnout. Maybe due to timing – winter dates were better.
- KAT – banners – rack cards – Lyn might be able buy banners.
- AWP grant – Brownfield Summit will be held in June or July; regional; all about development. Vita Nuova is working to replicate a similar project that was completed successfully. Ultimate way to recycle – land that was used and can be used again.
- Brochures – shared AOC informative brochure
- AOC Sheboygan – Don is on a “panel” to talk about Summit & how we made partnerships
  - SEND DON FINAL COPY OF AMMENDED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS
  - Steve H - Gas station clean-up grants – lots of restrictions

- ❖ Max motions to adjourn; Bryan G. 2nds. All in favor. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 1:47PM.