



## Black River Advisory Committee

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**BRAC QUARTERLY MEETING** | Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

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

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### **MINUTES**

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- ❖ Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions (Quorum\* is present.)
  - In-person: \*John Sabo, public representation; Duane Cribley, LCPH; \*Jennifer Wasilk, City of Amherst; \*Scott Pozna, LCPH; \*Kate Golden, City of Lorain; Hannah Boesinger, Ohio Lake Erie Commission; Patti Donnellan, LSWCD; \*Julie Mackey, OSU Ext.
  - Via Zoom: \*Steve Holland, ODNR; Lynne Parsh, LSWCD; Lyn Ickes, LCCD; \*Matt Nahorn, Beaver Creek Watershed; Carla Rosenfeld, US EPA; Pamela Davis, NOACA; Caitlin Ruza, Coldwater Consulting; Cherie Blair, Ohio EPA.
- ❖ Fiscal Report
  - Stephanie presented the current fiscal updates. Money will be returned but it can be used by the new facilitator upon their grant renewal. There are some things (marketing materials) we could spend money on, but the remaining funds are throughout a few categories and not just one lump sum.
- ❖ Old Business
  - Minutes from April & July
    - One edit noticed by Steve and corrected. Motion to accept by Scott. Second by Julie. All in favor. Minutes accepted.
  - GLAOC Conference
    - Patti – enjoyed the conference. Commended Kate’s presentation and it was great to see all the work from throughout the AOCs.
    - Kate – on track with previous events, biggest attendance yet. Great facility. Sessions/presentations were interesting and relevant. Food was awful, but that doesn’t matter, although it was quite the topic of the event. Overall, one of the better conferences.
    - Hannah – enjoyed the presentations. Kate was great. Korleski is retiring.
  - Field Trip Friday
    - LHS ecology students will be visiting the rec site to learn about restoration activities and complete plant identification as well as other activities.
    - Stephanie expects responsible, interested students because this is an elective course. Craig’s staff has always been exceptional as well. (Wow, were we in for a surprise!)
  - Marketing materials

- Stephanie sent drafts of some marketing materials, will continue editing and order before the end of the month. (Update: Stephanie's life went a little crazy and the order never happened. However, the money will go back to the Black River AOC funds and LSWCD can incorporate it into their spring 2024 renewal budget. Summary: the money can still go to the same items, but in 6 months instead of now.)
  - App updates
    - Survey Monkey survey prompt will pop up after 5 clicks and is ready to go, we just need to create the actual survey. Stephanie will make a basic survey and send to the committee for edits and approval. (Also didn't happen due to life.)
  - App Advertising
    - Radio \$1500 – Stephanie attempted to play the ad but it echoed so she'll post it online instead (except that also didn't work).
    - Media: MJ; Chronicle; Facebook – Stephanie shared the ads that were used.
    - LorainCounty.com – Shared the website and links.
- ❖ New Business
  - Kate – Life after delisting was discussed at the conference. Projects continue to need attention beyond AOC funding. Resident participation needs to be a priority. There will be no state-sponsored monetary support once the Black River has been officially delisted. Food for thought as the next couple of years move along.
- ❖ Black River Watershed Project Updates
  - County: Lyn – nothing at this time in addition to everything that has already been discussed.
  - City: Kate – cap & cover is moving along. Seeding may take place in the spring.
- ❖ Ohio AOC Program Updates & Announcements
  - BUI 4: Hannah – Thank you for support. Paperwork has been submitted.
  - MBI sampling: Hannah – they have completed most of the fish passes complete as well as benthos measurements.
  - Ohio AOC Summit will be in Lorain on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Adjournment
  - The recording shut down just after the announcement of the Ohio AOC Conference. No further minutes are available.