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The October 21, 2021 LCTA meeting will be held at Columbia Township Fire Station 25540 Royalton [ST. Rt 82] Columbia Station Ohio 44028

Minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting at Lorain County Community College

President, Amy Richards, called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approve Minutes: President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Jarred Smith and seconded by Orrin Leimbach; motion carried.

Treasures Report: At the July meeting we had a checking balance of \$25,121.30.

\$5,228.17 came in from closing the Chemical Bank [TCF] CD & \$20.00 came in for associate member dues.

Our expenses were \$225.00 to Mark Cunningham for Q2 2021 secretary pay, \$78.00 to Lorain County Farm Bureau, \$1,100.00 to Mariotti Printing for 450 additional directories, \$153.70 to Carl Wesemeyer for fair booth supplies. \$225.00 to Mark Cunningham for Q3 2021 secretary pay, & \$55.00 to Mark Cunningham for postage stamps.

This leaves us with a checking balance of \$28, 532.77

President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Butch Holmes and seconded by Rita Canfield; motion carried.

Program: The group was treated to an excellent dinner provided by the LCCC Culinary Arts Program before the start of the meeting. LCCC President Marcia Ballenger gave a power point presentation highlighting the history of LCCC and the college's accomplishment in recent history. Marcia and Tracy Green, LCCC vice president talked about scholarship opportunities that the LCTA could sponsor. Mark Cunningham, Neil Lynch and Orrin Leimbach will work with Tracy Green for options for an annual scholarship sponsored by LCTA.

Don Romancak spoke to the group regarding storm water opportunities for interested townships. He is looking for projects that could be funded through the American Rescue Plan. He also asked if LCTA would be willing to have a combined meeting with Lorain County Farm Bureau and Ohio EPA. The topic would be a meeting to gather public comment on the Black River Total Maximum Daily Load [TMDL]. The meeting would be our monthly meeting November 18th.

Officers Report:

President Amy Richards: No report

Vice President Jared Smith: No report

Secretary Mark Cunningham: I have been asked to sit on the nominating committee for officers of the OTA. I will attend a meeting November 12th in Columbus.

Executive Committeeman Dick Heidecker: No report

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Old business: The LCTA received a thank you card from the Ken Zeigler family for our donation to We Care We Share in memory of Ken's father.

New business: A discussion was held regarding holding our annual Christmas Banquet on December 16th. A decision was made that at this time we will go ahead with banquet. Patty Echko volunteered to take the lead in this endeavor, thank you Patty.

Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer: No report but we did draw the winners of the American flags from the fair raffle.

NOACA Report: Dick Heidecker: Mark Cunningham reported NOACA is working on the 5-year review of the FPA's Facility Planning Areas in Lorain County.

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: No report

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: No report

Solid Waste: Dave Urig: Planning Committee met in August. They are starting work on the next 10 year plan first draft is due October 31, 2022. Dave went over the responsibilities of the Policy Committee. The next meeting will be in October and plan to meet every other month.

SWAC: Mark McConnell: Don Romancak gave the report. There was no SWAC meeting today. The Community Grant applications will be out soon, deadline for next year's grants is March 31, 2022. Don is working on some scoring changes for next year's grants. There will be at least \$400,000 dollars available next year. Don is asking townships to submit large and long-range project ideas that could possibly be funded through a stimulus bill from the federal government. Please email you ideas to either Don or Matt Arnold. Don and Matt are also willing to come out and view your proposed project.

Farm Bureau: Eric Flynn: No report

State elected official's:

Nathan Manning: The Ohio Senate is on summer break. He talked about the recently passed two-year state budget. The redistricting maps were discussed, there was not bipartisan support so the maps will only be used for four years instead of ten years. The comment was made that the maps will probably face a court challenge going forward.

Auditor: The Ohio Supreme Court voted not to hear the Green Circle Growers case. This means that the greenhouses will now be considered Business Fixtures and not be subject to property tax. Craig asked everyone to contact their legislators to address this issue. The Auditors Office now conducting hearings with property owners on the Tri Annual Valuations. The average increase in Lorain County is 16%.

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Prosecutors Office: Dan Petticord talked about the American Rescue Plan and that township should contact the Prosecutor' Office for guidance on qualifying projects they plan to spend the funds on.

Board of Health: None

Community Development: Don Romancak: None

Sheriff Department: Captain Ashdown talked about the phone scams, most are coming from overseas and are impossible to track down. There has been a rash of burglaries in the eastern part of the county. The burglar was identified by a ring camera and arrested. Captain Ashdown asked everyone to lock their cars, houses and accessory buildings.

LCCA: Next meeting is October 8, 2021 at Lorain County Community College 8:30-11am The meeting will be in person or virtual and will have a representative from the Office of Budget and Management to answer questions on the American Rescue Plan.

Emergency Management: Jessica thanked those who attended the county disaster mitigation meeting. The plan is scheduled to be completed by January of 2022 if approved it will qualify the county for federal disaster funds. Jessica asked for help identifying a tower communication invoice, if you have any information, please forward it to Jessica.

Amy Richards asked for a motion to adjourn at 9 pm. Motion made by Rita Canfield and seconded by Amy Richards. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be November 18, 2021 at Eaton Township