

## The Lorain County Association

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The June 15, 2023 LCTA meeting will be held at Brownhelm Township; Olympic Outing Club 6545 West River Road, Vermilion, Ohio

### Minutes of the May 18,2023 meeting at Brighton Township

**President**, Jared Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Approve Minutes:** President Jared Smith asked for a motion to approve the April 20, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Butch Holmes and seconded by Dick Heidecker; motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** March 2023 ended with a checking balance of \$26,637.45. There was no income, no expenses nothing outstanding. This leaves us with a checking balance of \$26,637.45.

President Jared Smith asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Ken Ziegler and seconded by Rita Canfield; motion carried.

**Program:** Adam Gumpf and Todd Celmar from the Office of Ohio Treasurer gave a presentation on Ohio Star. Ohio Star is only available to public entities, similar to a money market mutual fund. The primary objectives are safety, liquidity and yield. This program is managed and administered by Ohio Treasurer.

Audrey Flood and Reese Dunton from Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative [LMRE] are key accounts & Economic development personnel for LMRE. Both talk about what LMRE can offer to businesses in their territory. Audrey and Reese became Associate of LCTA members after the meeting.

#### Officers Report:

**President Jared Smith:** Jared talked about the successful in person Public Records training sponsored by the LCTA.

**Vice President Christie Homer-Miller:** No report today

**Secretary Mark Cunningham:** I have two township that I have not received the OTA annual dues. They are Elyria and LaGrange. Please get the check to me as soon as possible.

**Executive Committeeman Carl Wesemeyer:** Carl and Jared will be attending the county officers meeting this June in Columbus.

**Old business:** LCTA sponsorship of the opening day breakfast at this year's Lorain County Fair, Fred Pitts and Amy Richards are working on the details. A motion was made by Dick Heidecker and seconded by Christie Homer-Miller to have Spencer Twist as the caterer at \$18 per person for the breakfast; motion carried. The breakfast will be in the Grange Hall. We will be selling 150 tickets at \$25 per person.

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**New business:** There was a discussion about the LCTA writing a letter of support for Ed Huff to the OTA. Rita Canfield stated that the OTA is operating inappropriately in regards to this issue with Ed Huff. Neil Lynch suggested that the LCTA ask the OTARMA board to explain why Ed was removed from the OTARMA Board. The LCTA is also requesting information why the OTA is trying to remove Ed from the OTA Board. Amy Richards and Christie Homer-Miller will draft a letter to the OTA regarding this issue.

### Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representative

**Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer:** Some townships have already signed up for duty at the fair booth. I will send out a schedule for sign ups to work the fair booth.

**NOACA Report:** The next meeting is Friday June 9, 2023.

**NEOTA Report:** Dick Heidecker: No report

**OPWC.** At the Friday meeting the OPWC scoring was approved by the representatives. Carl talked to Bob Klaiber and Shawn Duffal and suggested that Bob come to an LCTA meeting and talk about the importance of the OPWC. After a short discussion Don Romancak who is a presenter at our June meeting is graciously willing to give some of his time to Bob Klaiber. I will reach out to Bob about become an Associate member of the LCTA.

**Solid Waste:** The policy committee met on May 9, 2023. Revenues \$627,000 continue to outpace expenses \$447,000 which is a good thing. Minor changes from the EPA related to the District's plan. There will be a public comment period from June -June 30 with a public hearing on July 11, 2023. Still working on education center at the Collection Center Building. Per Republic there is 16 years of life at the land fill. There is an opening on the Policy Committee for a representative from the general public.

**SWAC:** Don Romancak reported that SWAC met earlier today. Don reported that all projects submitted were funded this year. All unallocated funds will be rolled over to next year making \$560,000 available for drainage projects. Now is the time to start working on next year's project. The ditches will be inspected annually but will not be mowed this year unless maintenance is required after being inspected. The money saved by not mowing will go back to the district and into the townships. Don asked to think about projects that have voluntary easements to avoid ditch petitions. This year there is one mini grant still available up to \$7500.

**Sheriff Department;** Deputy Neil Hocking reported that the department is looking to hire a third township community policing officer in the near future.

**Farm Bureau:** Eric Flynn: No Report

**Dick Stein:** Dick reported on Issue 1 that will be on the August special election ballot. Issue 1 will do three things. It will raise the requirement for a constitutional change in the state of Ohio from 50% plus one to 60%. Issue 1 will eliminate the cure period which allowed for an extended time to gather more signatures required for the constitutional change to be on the ballot. The third changes that the petitioners will need

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signatures from all 88 counties in the state not just 44 counties as before. There are 172 constitutional amendments to our state constitution.

**Commissioners: No Report.**

**County Prosecutor: Tom Mangan reported that he and Greg Peltz will alternate attending the monthly LCTA meeting going forward.**

**LCCA: Dick Heidecker: No Report**

Dick talk about the issue of paper streets in township and what a problem they can be if the trustees do not petition the county commissioner to vacate the paper street.

**Emergency Management:** New EMA director Dave Freeman introduced himself and is looking forward to working with the townships.

**Lorain County Metro Parks; No Report**

**Land Bank: No report**

**County Auditor: No report**

**County Recorder: No report**

**OTA: No Report**

**Health Department Ann Musca reported that the Health Department was awarded a \$132,000 grant for tobacco related issues. This is the second year in a row that the Health Department was successful in obtaining the grant.**

**Jared Smith asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion made by Butch Holms and seconded by Christie Homer-Miller; motion carried.**

**Audrey Flood from Federated Energy Services Cooperative talk about pending federal legislation that may require rolling black-out to meet electrical demand. Dick Stein commented on the fact thermal energy production is being replaced by wind and solar production and demand may out pace production of electricity. Per Dick Stein these are all federal mandates.**

**The July meeting will be in Carlisle Township July 20, 2023**