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The November 16, 2023 meeting will be held in Elyria Township

Minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting at Grafton Twp. sponsored by Eaton Twp.

President, Jared Smith, called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approve Minutes: President Jared Smith asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Matt Hignett and seconded by Amy Richards; motion carried.

Treasures Report: Period ending 09/30/2023 we had a checking balance of \$15,667.84

Income: LC fair Breakfast tickets \$3,950 Total Income \$3,950.00

Expenses: Carl Wesemeyer expenses for the LC table #1761- \$169.44 Mark Cunningham printer supplies #1762-\$100.96 Mark Cunningham 3Q stipends #1762-\$225.00 Total Expenses \$495.40

Outstanding: None

This leaves us with a checking balance of \$19,122.44

President Jared Smith asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion to approve was made by Ken Ziegler and seconded by Dick Heidecker, motion carried.

Program: Representatives for all tax levies on the November general election ballot had the opportunity to speak in support of their levy. Criminal Justice Services, 911 and Lorain Metro Parks levies. Also Issue 20 the seven district county government proponents, opponents and interested parties had the opportunity to speak. Information was presented on the Lorain County Strategic Action Plan Survey.

Officers Report:

President Jared Smith: Reported on the OTA webinar subscription plan where if all townships in the LCTA sign up the cost goes down from \$250 to \$175. Mark will send out an email to all township to see if all are willing to commit to the subscription plan for OTA webinars. Amy Richards stated that townships can use their More Grant to pay for the subscription.

Vice President Christie Homer-Miller: No report

Secretary Mark Cunningham: We did get the refund check for the overpayment of dues from the OTA. The check was for \$60. Mark gave an update on who received the LCCC scholarship that the LCTA supports. His name is Zachary and is a 2023 graduate of Keystone High School. He pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

Executive Committeeman Carl Wesemeyer: No report

Old business: None

New business: Ken Ziegler, Neil Lynch and Carl Wesemeyer will be on the nominating committee for the election of LCTA officers for next year. Neil Lynch and Patty Echko are planning the Christmas Banquet to be

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held at New Russia on December 21, 2023. Sterks catering will supply the food.

Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer: All gift cards and flags from the fair have been delivered. Carl typed up a list of the winners. Christie reported the LCTA sponsorship of the opening day breakfast at the fair netted a profit of \$1,150.

NOACA Report: Mark Cunningham: The next meeting is in December. From the September meeting NOACA formed a new sub-committee on economic development. The committee members from Lorain County are Rob Duncan and Jeff Ridell. There was discussion on the NOACA climate action plan, the I 71 Boston Rd interchange and the Lake Erie coastal connectivity. NOACA will be unveiling a new logo this fall.

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: No report

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: Applications should be in by now and Bob Klaiber announced at the meeting that portal is now open to submit your projects. Projects are due by November 3, 2023 then the portal will shut down.

Solid Waste: David reported the policy committee did meet this month, next year the plan is for the committee to meet every other month. There are still some communities that have not endorsed the action plan. If your township is one of them, please consider taking action to endorse the action plan. We are looking to get 100% of communities approving the action plan. The agricultural tire collection went very well and the district continues to operate in the black for the year.

SWAC: Mark McConnell stated that SWAC meet tonight and there was an update on 20 or more projects. Don Romancak said community grant project applications will go out next week. Don urged all township to start working on their project early. Don said with 6117 the projects can move forward quickly with easements in hand. Township projects for next year will have \$400,000 plus a carryover from last year. of \$185,000. There is still a limited amount of money for Mini Grants this year. Carl Wesemeyer asked Don if the easement application forms given to the townships can be done quicker going forward. Don said they will try.

Farm Bureau: Eric asked the LCTA to renew their Farm Bureau membership. A motion was made by Eric Flynn and seconded by Amy Richards to renew the membership; motion carried.

State elected official's: Gail Manning said the State of Ohio Capital Budget will come out next year. Reach out to Gail's office to get more information project qualification.

Commissioners: Dave Moore reported that county commissioner along with John Gall and Dan Petticord are work on a cafeteria style zoning resolution for townships to decide what type of wind or solar zoning they want in their township. Dave talked of need for the 911 and Criminal Justice Services levies Today there was a meeting at the Land Bank. They have \$500,000 for demolition of condemned structures in the county. The county is in line to receive approximately 5.2 million dollars for remediation of Midway Mall from the State. Townships should get their application in to Land Bank if they have demolition projects. Jared Smith asked about the building next to the Sheriff Department. Dave said it scheduled to be razed soon and the plan is to salvage the time capsule located in the building.

Board of Health: Ann Musca reported the Health department is still holding public information session regarding Operation & Maintenance for home sewage systems if interested in hosting a session contact the

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Health Department. Invoices for the Home Sewage System program will be sent out in December and will be due by the end of January 2024. There will be online bill pay,

Community Development: No report

Engineer: Bob Klaiber said the chip seal project is complete and township invoices will be coming soon. Bob asked any townships that are planning on combining SWAC money and OPWC money to contact him as soon as possible.

Prosecutor: Greg Peltz has made up a sheet for townships to follow to apply for Land Bank demolition funds. Mark will send it out to all township officials. The Prosecutor's Office is always willing to come out to the townships and address any legal subject matter the township may be dealing with. Call The Prosecutors' Office first regarding any legal issues the township may be facing.

Sheriff Department: No report

LCCA: Dick Heidecker: There will be meeting next Thursday on the future of the LCCA. At this time the county does not have personnel to manage the LCCA. Dick asked township that are the LCCA what their thought was on continuing or shutting down the organization. Currently there is \$11,000 in coffers of LCCA. Motion made by Rick Conrad and seconded by Fred Pitts to support shutting down the LCCA: motion carried.

Lorain County Soil & Water: Patti Donnellan welcomed Carl Wesemeyer as the new board supervisor. She is hosting H2O program November 15, 2023 at Penfield Township, speaker is Kip Studer nutrient specialist Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Metro Parks: There a couple of weeks left for the Halloween activities at the Carlisle Reservation.

County Auditor: No report

County Recorder: Mike said the new computer system is up and running. He plans to release some training video for the staff and public in the near future.

Emergency Management: No report

Jared Smith asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Motion made by Amy Richards and seconded by Fred Pitts; motion carried.

The December meeting will be in New Russia Township; Christmas banquet.