

## The Lorain County Association

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The May 20, 2021 LCTA meeting will be at The Lorain County Transportation Center 40 East Ave Elyria, Ohio 44035

### Minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting at New Russia Township

**President**, Amy Richards, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Approve Minutes:** President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Andy Weigel and seconded by Jared Smith; motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** At the March meeting we had a checking balance of \$18,217.87. \$320 came in for associate memberships. Our expenses were \$475 for our annual State Farm insurance premium & \$9.70 for reimbursement of paper purchased by Secretary Mark Cunningham. This leaves us with a checking balance of \$18,053.17. The Huntington CD balance is \$5703.60. The Chemical Bank CD balance is \$5222.01. Our assets total \$28,978.78. Submitted 04/15/2021 by Christie Homer-Miller, LCTA Treasurer

President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Ken Zeigler and seconded by Andy Weigel; motion carried.

**Program:** Lorain County Land Reutilization Corporation: Lorain County Land Bank; Jim Miller, Deputy Director of the Land Bank and Tom Mangan, Assistant County Prosecutor presented a power point presentation on what the Land Bank is, the benefits of a township using the Land Bank and the process for townships wanting to use the services of the Land Bank.

#### Officers Report:

**President, Amy Richards:** No report

**Vice President, Jared Smith:** No report

**Secretary, Mark Cunningham:** I will participate in a webinar April 23, 2021 regarding new process for collecting annual dues for the OTA.

**Executive Committeeman, Dick Heidecker:** No report

**Old business:** None

**New business:** There was a discussion regarding holding our LCTA monthly meetings at The Lodge in New Russia Township. We have been meeting there since November at no cost to LCTA. Starting this month, they are asking us to pay \$130 cleaning and sanitizing fee per month. There was a discussion as to which townships had a big enough room for meeting and social distancing. Tom Williams, County Administrator

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offered the use of the Lorain County Transportation Center. It was agreed that we would meet there in May. A motion to pay the cleaning fee this month was made by Jared Smith and seconded by Mark McConnell; motion carried

### Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

**Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer: No report**

**NOACA Report:** Dick Heidecker: The Medina County Commissioners sent a letter to Grace Gallucci, Executive Director & CEO of Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency {NOACA} stating their concerns regarding the eNEO2050 Long Range Transportation Plan {LRTP}. Copies of the letter were passed out at the meeting everyone is urged to take the 6-page letter home and read it. Dick is going to try and have a representative from NOACA at our June LCTA meeting.

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

**OPWC:** Carl Wesemeyer: No report

**Solid Waste:** Dave Urig: There was a Policy Committee virtual meeting in April, hopefully the meeting in June will be in person. The district was able to secure a vehicle for the Sheriff Department Environmental Crime unit. Community grant information for the township should be available May 1, 2021. Pride Day is May 15, 2021. Agricultural tire collection is September 9, 2021 at the Lorain County Collection Center, must pre-register by September 2, 2021.

Director Dave Blevins reported that the new traffic flow at the Collection Center is working well. There is deferred maintenance being done on the Collection Center building. Director Blevins would like to create an education room at the Center. The trailer with all cleanup tools is available for use by the townships. The District was able to secure a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Patty Echko asked if townships would be able to use the shred truck? Director Blevins stated that he recently wrote a grant for a stand-up shedder. He should know by July the status of the grant. The shedder would be located in the Collection Center. He hopes to have the truck available this summer. At this time paper can be brought to the Center to be shredded.

**SWAC:** Mark McConnell: Don Romancak report that today the subcommittee reviewed the 10 grant applications for this year. SWAC sub-committee recommended funding all 10 projects. The commissioners will meet later this month to review the recommendations of the sub-committee. Approximately \$388,777 was requested in the 10 grant applications. Any money not encumbered will be kept in an escrow account to be used for additional emergency grant applications this year. Don brought to the meeting each townships MS4 annual report. Don is also working on the new Ohio EPA NPDES annual report that is due by July.

**Farm Bureau: Eric Flynn: No report**

### State elected official's:

**Gayle Manning:** The House is working on stimulus money for rental assistance, and funding for schools, restaurants and bars. The House will be sending the Operating Budget to the Senate next week.

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**Prosecutors Office: Dan Petticord:** Dan introduced assistant county prosecutor Chris Pyanowski and explained that Chris handles employment issues and labor relations for the prosecutor's office. Dan is always available to township officials call or email him.

**Board of Health: Ann Maczuga** reported the Health Department has provided over 61,000 vaccinations to date. All reservations for vaccines are now online. The Department also has a prescription assistance program for county residents that qualify.

**Sheriff Department: Community Impact Officer, Deputy Sprouse** said with the new hires in the Sheriff Department the Impact deputies will be attending township trustee meetings again.

**LCCA: Dick Heidecker:** Transportation Day meeting will be May 7, 2021 at LCCC Spitzer Center. The meeting will be both in person and virtual.

**Land Bank: Christie Homer-Miller:** see Program

**County Auditor: Craig Snodgrass:** No update on the Nexus pipeline case. Craig is working with the Lorain County Prosecutors Office and an outside law firm on an appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court in the Green Circle Grower case.

**County Recorder:** The new website is up and running fine. Improvements have been to the public access area of the Records Office.

**Emergency Management:** Tom has 35 working day till retirement. Jessica Fetter will be promoted to the director position.

**Lorain County Metro Parks:** Director Jim Ziemnek said all golf courses are open for play. Attendance is up at all parks in the system.

**Amy Richards** asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion made by Tim Vandyke and seconded by Jared Smith; motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at The Lorain County Transportation Center 40 East Ave Elyria, Ohio 44035; doors open at 6:30 pm meeting at 7:00 pm.