

## Ottawa River Coalition Annual Meeting Minutes January 13, 2018 Lima City Club

### *In attendance:*

Husky Lima Refining Group – Katie and Dave Andrews, and Paul and Barb Logsdon

Beam Designs – Pat and Sue Beam

City of Lima –David Berger, Terry Huber, Eric and Sheri Markley, and Rebecca Kreher

Tri-Moraine Audubon Society – Bob and Carol Bertrand, and Leslie Riley

Allen SWCD – Robert and Janet Hutchinson, Ben Lawrence, Brandon and Leeanna Fischer, Karen Feigh, Becky and John Core, Alaina Morman, Beth Seibert and Bill Miron

Alloway – John and Diane Hoffman, Marcy and Radek Bolek, Awilda Ortiz Pastor, Joel Vega Vega, and Judy Poling

Allied Environmental Services – Keith Boyd

Kohli & Kaliher Assoc. – Dan and Judy Bucher

Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District – Kevin and Terri Haver

LACNIP – John Schneider, Missy and Rob Cotrell, and Josh Palmer

Perry Township – Kevin and Sue Cox

Potash Corp/Nutrien – Cory and Allison Gonya

LACRPC – Thom and Shelly Mazur

Chairman John Hoffman opened the business meeting at 6:19 pm and welcomed the 47 in attendance.

### **Business Meeting**

Beth Seibert presented the 2017 Financial Report and requested its approval. *Motion to approve the 2017 Financial Report by Robert Hutchinson and seconded by Kevin Cox. Motion carried.*

John Hoffman presented the Nominating Committee Report. The following slate of officers was prepared for 2018: John Hoffman representing Alloway as Chairman, Cory Gonya representing Nutrien as Vice Chairman, and Mike Elwood representing Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District as Treasurer. The Chairman asked for additional nominations from the floor. *Motion by Carol Bertrand to close nominations. Seconded by Thom Mazur and carried. Carol Bertrand moved to elect the slate of officers as presented. Motion was seconded by Keith Boyd and carried.* This slate of officers will serve a one year term that ends at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

### **Award Presentations**

Cory Gonya recognized two Ottawa River Coalition member representatives for outstanding contributions. Anne Decker Marketing was honored as the 2018 Member Organization of the Year. Patrick Beam of Beam Designs was distinguished as the 2018 Outstanding Watershed Partner.

### **Coordinator's Report**

Beth Seibert spoke about the organization's 25 year history and their key role as community educator, reflected on 2017's release of a membership video and website overhaul, and extolled continuation of the organization as she noted 2018's challenges including removal of the Allentown lowhead dam.

### **Watershed Visualization Project**

Cory Gonya gave an overview of the creation of the Watershed Visualization Project – to better understand through location and visualization the many different facets of the watershed. He thanked Anne Decker and Wayne Longstreth for their considerable efforts. Beth Seibert walked the group through the Watershed section of the new website. She and Cory invited the members and partners to review the website at their leisure and feel free to suggest changes and additions.

### **How Well Do You Know Your Watershed? Game Competition**

Marcy and Rad Bolek led the game competition, with the audience using their smart phones to play along and register their answer selections. Top scorers each received an insulated mug engraved with the Coalition's logo. The group seemed to thoroughly enjoy the activity!

### **Closing**

Chairman John Hoffman offered thanks and reflected on the year ahead as he gave closing remarks. *Motion by Leslie Riley to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kevin Cox. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Coalition Coordinator Beth Seibert.