**Ottawa River Coalition Meeting Minutes**

**November 21, 2024 8:00 am Cenovus**

**General November 2024 Meeting**

*In attendance:*

Joe Gearing, AC Engineer’s Office Lydia Archambo, Allen SWCD Russ Decker, Nutrien Marcus VanMeter, AC Engineer’s Office Ron Meyer, Sanitary Eng. Dakota Clay, City of Lima Melinda DeLaRosa, ASWCD Chad Reynolds, Allied Science Megan Hurd, Alloway Leslie Riley. TriMoraine

Adam Haunhorst, Regional Planning Heather Rutz, Cenovus

Matt Elkins, Cenovus Jessica Begonia, City of Lima

Alex Fields, Village of Ada Emily Kerber, Cenovus

Welcome and safety brief was given by Heather Rutz.

Quorum was met. Chairman Adam Haunhorst called the meeting to order at 8:19 am.

Adam Haunhorst welcomed the group to the November 2024 Meeting.

Adam Haunhorst introduced the minutes from September 2024 Annual meeting.

*Motion by Joe Gearing to approve the September 2024 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ron Meyer and carried.*

**Treasurer’s Report**

Financial Report-

* Russ Decker presented the November 2024 financial report.

*Motion by Dakota Clay to Approve November treasures report. Motion seconded by Megan Hurd and carried.*

* Membership: NA

**Committee Reports**

Executive Committee-

* The executive committee met on October 31, 2024 – Adam Haunhorst
  + We discussed the Fish Fry and Annual Meeting

Fundraising Committee -Russ Decker

* We are in good shape for the fish fry!

Community Relations- Lydia Archambo

* Bike path signs are coming alone. In the spring Lydia Plans to clean up the ORC break station on the bike path.
* Lydia Reached out to the Allen County Museum for two ideas
  + Host a 2025 meeting which they are happy to do
  + Hold a display that shows the history of the river and they would love to talk more!

Stormwater Committee-

* + Joe Gearing (County)
    - the Bluelick and 65 Wetland ribbon cutting was held
    - two stage ditch plans coming out soon
    - Petition projects
    - Widening of Breese Road
  + Lydia Archambo
    - Annual report season is coming up
  + Dakota Clay (city)
    - West street bridge is complete
    - Central Ave project will start work in January
    - 2024 tree planting is completed
    - Catalpa and homes project updates will start in 2025

Scholarship Committee-

* Applications will go out in spring

Tired of Tires – Lydia Archambo

* Tow clean ups were held (September 20 and October 11)
* 300 yards of reiver were cleaned
* 150 tires, 20 bikes, shopping carts, baby strollers, 2 flat screens, original xbox

**Old Business**

* Annual meeting – Lydia Archambo
  + Will be held…
  + January 16
  + Perry Twp
  + 8:00 breakfast catered by mama Cella’s
  + Invites out soon
* Website Updates – Lydia Archambo
  + Lydia Showed members the updated ORC website done by Anne Decker. It will be launched this weekend!

**New Business**

* Good Fryday Fish fry – Lydia Archambo
  + Volunteers needed but looking good!
* 2025 regular meeting Host Volunteers
  + Nutrient, City of Lima, Alloway, Cenovus all volunteered, Emails will be sent out soon
* Next meeting: January 16, 2025 – Perry TWP

**Member reports**

* Heather Rutz – Cenovus has released a job application and are hoping to find a qualified employee. Cenovus started a Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) to help be a bridge between Cenovus and the people. Lydia Archambo is a member. Turn around is complete.
* Adam Haunhorst – Regional Planning is looking for a new director. Regional Planning is seeking new projects to work on. Amanda TWP. Development plan is out for public comment. Yearend crash reporting is starting.
* Ron Meyer – Shawnee Treatment Plant Plan Project going strong. Wrapping up low pressure extensions
* Russ Decker – Nutrien Turn Around is complete. Started modernization/expansion projects. After 12 months of data Nutrien noxious emissions was reduced by 98%. This was not a mandatory project but was done because they felt it was the right thing to do.
* Chad Reynalds – updated their computer systems and is willing to be a point of contact for tires project
* Dakota Clay – City public works renovations done
* Magen Hurd – John is wrapping up projects and one project was extended a year
* Jessica Begonia – City closed on the BFW Parcel that will start the project to bring more green space to the city. 55 letters out for lead lines replacement services from OhioEPA funding to have these replacements done at no cost to the resident. The goal is 500. The solar panels for the twin lake reservoirs hit some bumps but are still on track.
* Leslie Riler – Dave Mcfurren gave a native plant talk. He recently sold all of his inventory to ONU and they will be finding projects to do
* Alex Fields – Village of Ada is happy to send Alex as a rep from the Water treatment plant

*Motion by* Joe Gearing *to adjourn the November 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Russ Decker* *and carried.*

Minutes transcribed by Lydia Archambo, Executive Director