Natural Resources Assistance Council
District 12 – Lucas County, Ohio

Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2026 | 2:00 pm
Lake Erie West Regional Council | 300 Dr MLK Jr Drive | Suite 300 | Toledo, OH 43604

Members present: Richard Bryan, Erika Buri, Benjamin Pushka, Timothy Bockbrader, Mike Pniewski, Rob Krain, Katelyn Beckemeyer, Jay Wright and Madeline Westbrook

Others present: Jennifer Hufford, OPWC and Rosanna Hoelzle, Lake Erie West Regional Council

Guests: Allen Gallant, Metroparks Toledo.

Chair Bockbrader called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and began with introductions, specifically for new members Ben and Maddie but also the new rep for District 12, Jennifer Hufford.

The first substantive item on the agenda was approval of the meeting minutes of March 26, 2026. ***Erika Buri moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 26, 2026 as presented, seconded by Jay Wright. No Discussion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.***

The next substantive items on the agenda relate to the FY28 administrative matters. Mrs. Rosanna Hoelzle presented the information. Mrs. Hoelzle went over that FY28 covers the period of March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2028. She requested that NRAC District 12 renew the appoint of Lake Erie West (legally TMACOG) as administrative agency for the Committee. Next, Mrs. Hoelzle presented the proposed FY28 Annual Work Program; no major changes from FY27. Next Mrs. Hoelzle presented the timeline and meeting dates for FY28. She pointed out that if keeping the typical cadence, Veterans Dat, November 11, will fall on the typical Thursday. It was decided to move that meeting to November 10, 2027. Finally Mrs. Hoelzle presented the FY28 administrative budget which is increased from FY27, due to personnel costs. ***Erika Buri moved to approve the FY28 administrative matters as presented, seconded by Katelyn Beckemeter. No Discussion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.***

Chair Bockbrader moved to the next item on the agenda which is the sole application received for this funding round; a property acquisition request from Metroparks Toledo:

Application	Estimated Project Cost	Requested Amount (Clean Ohio)	OPWC Participation	Applicant Match	Percent Match
Oak Openings Corridor: Angola Tract	$ 94,380.00	$ 70,785.00	75%	$ 23,595.00	25%

All of the funding not used in this cycle will roll into next cycle, by statute. There was brief discussion on the project but it seemed fairly straight forward in terms of property acquisition projects.

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Conversation then moved into virtual meeting policy. NRAC can meet virtually unless scoring projects.

Jennifer Hufford also brought up deed restriction language. NRAC District 12 calls out the ratio of 80/20 of land use vs development. She mentioned that no other Districts call out a ratio. It was decided to add the discussion of deed restrictions and focus on the vagueness and not percent listed.

Next there was discussion on vacant seat. Tom Schoen was unable to secure a nominating letter from an agency. Mr. Schoen has represented the category of "business" for many terms. He is still interested in serving.

Upcoming important dates:

November 5: Submit scoring to Rosanna Hoelzle

November 12: Meeting to rank applications and select recommended project(s) as well as administrative work for next FY.

Rob Krain moved, and Erika Buri seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

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Tim Bockbrader, Chair, NRAC District 12

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