



**Portage River Basin Council
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022
The Arts Garage
317 W. Perry St., Port Clinton, OH**



Welcome

Mark Coppeler, Chair, Ottawa County called the meeting to order. He introduced himself and asked everyone to do the same. He then added an item to the agenda – the Portage River Trail Sign.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 2022

Mark Coppeler asked for discussion or edits to the minutes. He then asked for a motion to approve the August 2022 meeting minutes. Jerry Bingham, Ottawa County Health Department, *moved to approve*. Doug Clark, City of Bowling Green, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule

Proposed dates April 11, August 15, and November 14 at 2:00 pm.

Mark Coppeler asked for a motion to approve the meeting schedule. Doug Clark *moved to approve*, Beth Landers, Wood SWCD, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Elect 2023 Committee Leadership

Sara Guiher, TMACOG, asked for nomination for Chair and Vice-Chair. Dave Hower, Village of Elmore, *moved to nominate* Mark Coppeler and Becky Simpson as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Tracy Colston, City of Port Clinton, *seconded*. Doug Clark *moved to close nominations*, Dave Hower *seconded*. Doug Clark *moved to approve* Mark Coppeler and Becky Simpson as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Dave Hower *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Mark Coppeler thanked the Arts Garage for hosting us and invited attendees to look around after the meeting. He then introduced Jannah Wilson

Presentation – Park District of Ottawa County as Facilitator if the Portage River Water Trail Partners.

Jannah Wilson, Executive Director, Park District of Ottawa County highlighted the plan for the water trail. She discussed components to be completed, site improvements, and plans for maintaining the water trail. The Park District is a facilitator which fits the mission of the Park District. She explained their role as facilitator as well as the partner organizations roles. She went over next steps which include a planning workshop. Q & A followed.

Portage Water Trail Signs

Mark Coppeler invited everyone to look at the size of the sign as he had one on display at the Arts Garage. They are too big for many of the locations where they are to be placed. Sara Guiher is going to talk to the fabricator to see if they can be remade smaller so they can be placed. The concern is both space and stability. Also, if they need to be framed, there will be added cost that was not originally expected. Becky Simpson will contact ODNR to see if there are any funds available to have the signs remade.

Staff Report

Wood SWCD – Beth Landers – H2Ohio continues to be the primary focus. Need to know what the focus of PRBC will be moving forward to determine involvement.

Ottawa SWCD – Becky Simpson – H2Ohio continues to be primary focus as well.

Sandusky SWCD None

TMACOG – Sara Guiher – TMACOG’s General Assembly is coming up in January; registration information will be sent out or attendees can reach out to have it sent

Member Update

None

Public Comment

Gene Steele addressed the flooding in Pemberville due to log jams on the bridges. He stated that progress is being made. He also expressed an interest in PRBC returning to having speakers on research.

Next meeting Tuesday April 11, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Location to be determined.

Adjourn

Doug Clark, *moved to adjourn*. Beth Landers *seconded*. Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm

PRBC ATTENDANCE ROSTER 2022			2022 PRBC Meetings		
Category	Appointee	Jurisdiction/Organization	4/12/2022	8/9/2022	11/15/2022
Chair (M)	Mark Coppeler	Ottawa County Commissioner	x	x	x
Vice-Chair (M)	Becky Simpson	Ottawa SWCD	x	x	x
(A)	Mike Libben	Ottawa SWCD			
(M)	Doug Clark	City of Bowling Green		x	x
(M)	Jacob Ardner	Materion Brush Beryllium & Composites			x
(M)	Jerry Bingham	Ottawa County	x	x	x
(A)	Rhonda Slauterbeck	Ottawa County			
(M)	Keith Kruse	Village of Woodville	x	x	x
(M)	Beth Landers	Wood SWCD	x	x	x
(M)	Dave Hower	Village of Elmore			x
(A)		Village of Elmore			
(M)	Jannah Wilson	Ottawa County Park District	x	x	x
(A)	Mike Shadoan	Ottawa County Park District	x		x
(M)	Gene Steele	Resident	x	x	x
Participants and Guests					
	Tracy Colston	City of Port Clinton	x		x
	Mike Snyder	City of Port Clinton	x		x
	Duane Abke	Wood County Engineer	x		
	Carol Bailey	Village of Pemberville	x		x
	Frank Butwin	Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor	x	x	
	Amanda Kovich	ODNR	x		x
	Peggy Christie	OEPA	x		
	Martha Bowen	Sandusky County Public Health		x	
	Kurt Harris	Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor		x	
	Meagan Grammer	Sandusky SWCD			x
	Jason Lewis	US Fish and Wildlife - ONWR			x
TMACOG Staff					

	Kari Gerwin				
	Sara Guiher		x	x	x
	Matthew Kennedy				
	Eric Kostecky				x
	Alex Aspacher		x		
	Ann Nair		x	x	x