



**Natural Resources Assistance Council
District 12 – Lucas County, Ohio**

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2025 | 2:00 pm

TMACOG | 300 Dr MLK Jr Drive | Suite 300 | Toledo, OH 43604

Members present: Richard Bryan, Margo Puffenberger, Timothy Bockbrader, Stephanie Foster-Miller, Thomas Schoen, John Krochmalny, Katelyn Beckemeyer, and Edith Kippenhan

Members present virtually (non-voting): Erika Buri

Others present: Will Gaberle, OPWC and Rosanna Hoelzle, TMACOG

Guests: Allen Gallant and Zuri Carter, Metroparks Toledo. Dave Weber, Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor

Chair Bockbrader called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

The first substantive item on the agenda was approval of the meeting minutes of November 14, 2024. ***John Krochmalny moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 14, 2024 as presented, seconded by Richard Bryan. No Discussion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.***

The next substantive item on the agenda was the nomination and election of a chair and vice-chair. Mrs. Hoelzle handled the nominations for chair. ***Richard Bryan moved to nominate and elect Tim Bockbrader as Chair, seconded by Thomas Schoen. No Discussion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.***

Chair Bockbrader opened the floor for vice chair nominations. ***Stephanie Foster-Miller moved to nominate and elect Margo Puffenberger as Vice-Chair, seconded by Tim Bockbrader. No Discussion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.***

Chair Bockbrader moved to administrative matters. There was an annual review of bylaws. Mrs. Hoelzle indicated there was one proposed substantive change to reference the Ohio Administrative Code instead of the Ohio Revised Code. ***Richard Bryan moved to approve the NRAC District 12 Bylaws, seconded by Margo Puffenberger. No Discussion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.***

Mrs. Hoelzle mentioned that there are two committee slots with terms expiring this year: Tim Bockbrader and Rob Krain. Deadline to apply is July 18.

Chair Bockbrader moved into discussion on application manual and methodology. Mrs. Hoelzle indicated she made all the necessary date and contact information changes but did not change anything related to content scoring. Mr. Dave Weber asked about the 25% local match; Mr. Gaberle indicated he would follow up with Mr. Weber. Mr. Gallant brought up the minimum score for improvement only projects on page 6 of the manual. Specific discussion centered on the “discretion of the committee” when it comes to scoring. Mrs. Buri indicated that NRAC District 12 decided to use 60% for improvement only projects during the last round- that was the discretion. Mr. Gaberle provided details from other districts around Ohio and how they handle improvement only applications.

Mrs. Buri commented that historically NRAC District 12 holds land conservation as a high priority with Mr. Bryan commenting that improvement only projects are always more difficult to score.

Mr. Gallant mentioned the large range of scores from the last round of applications. Mrs. Foster-Miller mentioned that the committee is comprised of many different areas of expertise and that could lead to disparity in scoring.

Discussion then centered on regional significance and what does that mean with regards to different applications. Mr. Weber asked a question about historical conditions and restoring property to a certain time period. Committee members referenced that it would all be based on the full application and how it scored.

After much discussion it was decided to leave the language about discretion of committee as it but included more detail language that applicants are strongly encouraged to be present to answer questions on their applications.

Stephanie Foster-Miller moved to approve the FY26 methodology as discussed, seconded by Richard Bryan. No Discussion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Krochmalny moved to approve FY26 application manual as discussed, seconded by Katelyn Beckemeyer. No Discussion. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chair Bockbrader adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Tim Bockbrader, Chair

NRAC District 12

Of note:

March 28-May 30:

- Solicit appointments/reappointments to NRAC committee (deadline July 18, 2025)
- Press release for funding applications
- Encourage tours of potential application sites

Application deadline: October 17, 2025

Next meeting: October 30, 2025