



Mid-Ohio Regional
Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, July 24,
2018 2:00 p.m. –
3:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions. *Dale Arnold, Chair*

2. Green Energy Ohio: Present and Future. *Jane Harf, Green Energy Ohio*

Jane spoke on wanting to facilitate electric vehicles, and trying to move away from a policy conference. They also closed their Columbus office which was pretty difficult. One thing she focused a lot on was the new diverse board members they have. Before her taking control of the company, all of the board members were men, who were mainly business focused. Now the board has two academics, three women, with a fourth coming soon. They have revised the bylaws, added term limits, responsibilities, expectations and new groups.

MORPC currently holds a GEO membership. The rate to join is 150. Having this membership also allows for a group to give several individuals memberships to those of their choice.

Jane also stated that an OSU graduate student worked on website, and that GEO also has a monthly newsletter.

Being new Jane is very interested in meeting her employees and learning about them. Her first initiative was the meet, learn and share. She teamed with a local craft brewers association. She believes this portrays the start of a new journey.

Another initiative she is focused on is a conference with Denison University August 1st.

The conference will focus on the solar array. The conference will have a passport idea where people go to different areas and learn and then get the passport stamped. Another initiative she has taken charge of is the solar school house prison program. Inmates are taught solar programs and 100% of them have passed with an 85% or higher.

3. Ohio EPA Report. *Erica Fetty-Davis, Ohio EPA*

Erica told us about the two violations in Franklin County and one in Knox County on March 25th. However the one in Knox County is no longer considered a non-attainment area. On June 4 the USEPA published the non-attainment.

4. Review Committee Report. *Eric Porr, Review Committee Chair*

Eric provided an update on the timeline of the working group, and told them the new updated mission statement. Feedback on goals and action items was asked and received.

5.

Air Quality update (*Brooke White*)

- New graphic designer for pamphlets which are now in Spanish and Somali
- Lots of AQ campaigns over the summer
- New PSA
- Working with national weather service
- Green region awards for 2018 summit on sustainability
- Brandi- promoting home weatherization program

Energy Planning update (*Jon-Paul d'Aversa*)

- 5 recommendations , policy, technical and financial support, 20% reduction in energy consumption, bus walking, biking
- Fact sheet available online
- Bloomberg challenge

6. Policy Update. *Joe Garrity, MORPC*

Joe updated us on how house bill 114 is doing and continuing to make progress. He told us that Christina O'Keeffe had submitted and advocated for low income housing and was also not pleased with the senate version of the bill compared to the one that they wrote.

7. Group Discussion

Summit on Sustainability:

- Columbus gas will be the sponsor for the Energy Planning breakout session at the Summit on Sustainability.
- The Air Quality breakout session still needs a sponsor.
- The sponsorship rates start at 1250.

Working Group goals and actions feedback discussion:

- Rick Sites: Should the goals be prioritized?
- Rick Sites: Do a pairwise comparison of the goals with the entire working group
- Reduce emission for aq standards is not specific enough
- JM Rayburn: Sustainable2050 – link back to those community goals – there should be eligible activities associated with each idea
- Bring in JM's idea as an action for the working group
- Should we call out 2020 RSA targets for these goals – yes
- Need to support local communities with grant opportunities and other resources in order to achieve these goals - the WG should be creating this as a resource for communities
- Worthington – is contemplating passing legislation for energy purchasing aggregation
- Glenn Crassen – NOAC to give insight on this type of activity
- FCES – actions to help reach goals/actions for communities
- Ira Weiss: Should MORPC take a stance on undocked and powered scooters, bikes, etc. as to where they can operate, how they can be handled
- JM Rayburn: Dublin found that they had to go back and rewrite ordinance in order to handle these types of scooters and bikes
- Columbus is also looking at their laws for this – hubless shared bikes and scooters
- Smart Columbus / Matt Stephens-Rich is working on this, meeting with vendors and communities

8. Adjourn.

Next meeting of the Energy & Air Quality Working Group is September 25, 2018 at MORPC.

