

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Remote Meeting

Sustaining Scioto Board
Meeting Notes

October 28, 2020, 2:30 pm

Members Present

Larry Antosch, Ohio Farm Bureau
Federation

Chair Kristen Atha, AECOM

Brian Brandt, American Farmland Trust

Laura Fay, Friends of the Lower Olentangy
Watershed

Jennifer Fish, Franklin Soil & Water
Conservation District

Jeremy Hoyt, City of Marysville

Niki Lemin, Franklin County Public Health

Jeff Lewis, Ohio EPA

Glenn Marzluf, Del-Co Water Company

Donella Pettenski, City of Columbus

Rob Priestas, City of Columbus, Public
Utilities

Scott Stephens, Delaware Soil & Water
Conservation District

Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioners

David Straub, United States Geological
Survey

Aaron Wilson, OSU, Byrd Polar & Climate
Research Center

Public Present

Peter Bucher, The Ohio Environmental
Council

Nina Duerk, Strand Associates

Melanie Houston, City of Grandview
Heights

Christopher Nietch, East Fork Watershed
Research and Cooperative

Anthony Sasson, Midwest Biodiversity
Institute

MORPC Staff Present

Ted Geer

Lynn Kaufman

Edwina Teye

Brandi Whetstone

Brooke White

Meeting Called to Order at 2:30 pm.

[East Fork Watershed Research and Cooperative](#), Christopher Nietch, U.S. EPA

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Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team

The Team will hold its kickoff meeting remotely on November 19. Members will discuss the Team's work plan, water quality monitoring and funding. Team leadership is seeking community partners to fill out the rural community aspect of the group.

Board Updates

Vice Chair

Mike Andrako is leaving his current employer, the City of Marysville, and Jeremy Hoyt of Marysville will serve out his term on the Board. Glen Marzluf, Del-Co Water Company, will serve as Vice Chair.

December and Future Meetings

The Board's final meeting of 2020 will be December 9. The format for 2021 meetings will be:

- 30 minutes Presentation
- 30 minutes Board Business
- 30 minutes Member Updates

Chair Atha asked Members for their input on potential speakers and presentation topics.

Water Quality Monitoring Funding Update

The timeline for the OWDA Grant Application is:

July 31:	Successful Submission	Successfully Completed
October 8:	Applicant Presentations	Successfully Completed
October 29:	Recommendations to OWDA Board	MORPC staff is waiting for response
December 10:	Approval of Grants	

MORPC Programming Update

MORPC will not be designated as an official area-wide agenda and will not provide dispute resolution between MORPC members. MORPC staff will be working on Morrow, Champaign, and Logan counties, with completion anticipated in 2021.

Regional Sustainability Agenda

The Regional Sustainability Agenda Subcommittee is in the process of updating the 2017 – 2020, with completion expected in 2021 Q2. The Subcommittee is keeping equity and inclusion in mind while revising the Agenda. Staff and Subcommittee leadership are working with a consultant from the Kirwan institute to provide guidance and facilitate discussions around equity considerations.

Sustainability Dashboard

The Dashboard was launched at MORPC's 2020 Sustainability Summit. It was created by a collaboration of MORPC and OSU CURA staff, and that team won the Collaborative Achievement Award at the Summit. This is the official tool to track progress for regional sustainability, and is available to the public.

Adjourned at 3:48 pm.