

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Remote Meeting

Natural Resources Assistance Council
Meeting Notes – Awards Final Action Meeting

April 21, 2021, 1:30 pm

Members Present

Matt Brown, Franklin County	Shannon Sorrell, City of Whitehall
Karl Craven, City of Westerville	Tyler Stevenson, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Stephen Farst, City of Groveport	Steve Studenmund, Metro Parks
Nathan Johnson, Ohio Environmental Council	Chair Kyle Wilson, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District
Maureen Lorenz, Friends of the Ravines	
Jim Palus, The Nature Conservancy	

Public Present

Heather Dardinger, EMH&T Inc.	Jennifer Kline, Ohio Public Works Commission
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MORPC Staff Present

Lynn Kaufman	Edwina Teye	Nathaniel Vogt
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Meeting Called to Order at 1:30 pm.

Approval of April 8, 2021 Minutes

Member Craven moved to accept the minutes, Member Studenmund seconded the motion, motion carried.

Current Balance Available: \$5,390,569 – *Jennifer Kline, Ohio Public Works Commission*
Jennifer Kline agreed that \$5,390,569 is available.

Review and Approval of Round 15 Awards

Chair Wilson asked the Council for motions to recommend funding.

COCF No.	Applicant	Project Name
15-03	City of Columbus	Refugee Rd. Mason Run Parklands
Member Stevenson moved to recommend Project 15-03 for funding, Member Craven seconded the motion, motion carried.		
15-02	City of Columbus	Cherrybottom Expansion Park - Venice Club
Member Sorrell moved to recommend Project 15-02 for funding, Member Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried.		
15-01	City of Columbus	Cherrybottom Expansion Park - Capitol City Baptist
Member Lorenz moved to recommend Project 15-01 for funding, Member Brown seconded the motion, motion carried.		
15-07	Metro Parks	Little Walnut Creek Acquisition
Member Craven moved to recommend Project 15-07 for funding, Member Lorenz seconded the motion, motion carried.		

COCF No.	Applicant	Project Name
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15-06	Metro Parks	Big Walnut Creek Acquisition
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Member Brown moved to recommend Project 15-06 for funding, Member Craven seconded the motion, motion carried.

15-08	City of Reynoldsburg	Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration & Riparian Corridor Enhancement
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Member Farst moved to recommend partial funding for Project 15-08 in the amount of \$258,049, Member Craven seconded the motion, motion carried.

Members discussed the process for offering partial funding -- \$258,049 will be offered to the City of Reynoldsburg for Project 15-08, Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration & Riparian Corridor Enhancement. The City of Reynoldsburg will have 30 days to respond to the offer. After 30 days, the Council will offer the \$258,049 to the City of Dublin for Project 15-04, Riverside Crossing Park Land Acquisition N. Riverview Properties.

Member Sorrell moved to recommend that if the City of Reynoldsburg declines partial funding for Project 15-08 in the amount of \$258,049, the Council will offer funding to the City of Dublin for Project 15-04, Riverside Crossing Park Land Acquisition N. Riverview Properties, Member Craven seconded the motion, motion carried.

Preparation for Round 16 -- Review Draft Schedule

Nathaniel Vogt presented the Round 16 Draft Schedule, and reminded Members that they would be receiving Outlook invitations very soon.

Adjourned at 2:00 pm.