**Ottawa River Coalition Meeting Minutes   
January 19, 2023, 9:00 A.M. – Annual Meeting**

**Hybrid Meeting**

*In attendance:*

Joe Gearing, AC Engineer’s Office Jessica Begonia, Alloway

Megan Hurd, Alloway Jim Morrisey, City of Lima

Cory Gonya, Nutrien, online Pat Beam, Beam Designs, online

Kevin Cox, Perry Township Trustees John Schneider, LACNIP

Nathan Davis, Allen County Engineer’s Office Boden Fisher, Ohio Department of Agriculture

Haley Belisle, Ottawa River Coalition

Audio/video unintelliglbe – others were in attendance whose names were not audible.

Chairman, Joe Gearing called the meeting to order at 9:20 am following a buffet breakfast.

Joe welcomed the group to the Hybrid Annual Meeting. In-person and online members introduced themselves.

Executive Director, Haley Belisle welcomed members

# Treasurer’s Report

2022 Financial Report – Executive Director, Haley Belisle presented the 2022 Financial Report, outlining receipts, expenses and account balances from 1/01/2022 through 12/31/2022. 2022 began with a balance of $2,255.23. Income for 2022 was $33,125.66. Expenses totaled $29,545.48. The ending balance for 2022 was $5,855.41. *Motion by Kevin Cox to approve the 2022 Financial Report. Motion seconded by Jim Morrisey and carried.*

# Committee Reports

# Nominating Committee – The slate of 2023 officers was presented: Chair - Joe Gearing, Vice Chair - Adam Haunhorst, Treasurer – Jim Morrisey. Gearing opened to the floor for additional nominations. None were received. *Motion by Kevin Cox to close nominations. Motion seconded by Jim Morrisey and carried.*

# Awards Presentation

# Volunteer of the Year – Clint Schroeder

# Outstanding Watershed Partner – Cory Gonya

# Watershed Impact – Albert Suniga

# Stormwater Program Updates

# Executive Director, Haley Belisle recapped the highlights of the program during 2022:

# New Vehicle - ORC vehicle stopped working in 2022. A new van was purchased at the end of 2022

# Inventory & Storage – All supplies were inventoried, cleaned and organized on new shelving.

# Data Recovery – Physical files for 10+ cabinets/shelves were sorted and organized with many archived. Digital files were sorted and organized. GIS files were reconfigured into one map.

# Department Guidebook – A department guidebook was created documenting the entire program and all nuances, including timekeeping and phone directory so all employees are able to carry out duties.

# Intern Curriculum & Guidebook – A curriculum and guidebook was created to help onboard interns and new hires. New hand tools, field equipment, project supplies and safety supplies were secured for interns.

# Displays and Outreach – The agency’s display/outreach materials were organized and archived. New display materials and digital memes were created as were “grab and go” sets of displays.

# Education Events & Activities – The agency unveiled new education events & activities, organized by age and activity type for ease of use. Activities include: Stormwater Awareness Week, Stormwater Fun Run, Allen the Frog.

# Survival In The Stream – There is a new Survival In The Stream game with the goal of teaching players how to maintain a healthy stream.

# Video and audio recording ended at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM. The next meeting of the Ottawa River Coalition is Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

Minutes transcribed by Anne Decker