

NATURAL RESOURCES ASSISTANCE COUNCIL
DISTRICT 12
Monday, March 9, 2009 3:00 pm, TMACOG Boardroom
MEETING MINUTES

TMACOG BOARDROOM
300 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Toledo Ohio

Attendance:

- Rick Bryan, Chairman, Lucas SWCD
- Gail Abood, Member, The Olander Park System
- Greg Lipps, Member, Oak Openings Green Ribbon Initiative
- Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG, NRAC District 12 Administrator
- Roberto Martinez, II, Toledo City Council (for Mark Sobczak)
- Terry Seidel, The Nature Conservancy
- Dick Meyers, Ohio Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects
- Mark Luetke, City of Sylvania
- Tom Schoen, Ohio Nursery Landscape
- Donna Kirkbride, Ohio Public Works Commission
- Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG
- Sue Horvath, representing Metroparks of the Toledo area

Non-members in attendance are so noted on the sign-in sheet and are listed as follows:

Tim Schetter, Metroparks of the Toledo Area
George Demasco, property owner working with Metorparks of the Toledo Area
Ken Filipiak, Administrator, City of Oregon

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Rick Bryan called meeting to order. NRAC members and others present introduced themselves.

Rick Bryan noted changes in the minutes be made. Rick Bryan should be noted as the Lucas SWCD representative and Tom Schoen's name needed to be corrected.

Gail Abood, Olander Park System, moved for approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting as corrected, and agenda for today's meeting; Dick Meyers, American Society of Landscape Architects, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clean Ohio funds Available

Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG, explained to the committee three options available as to the distribution of grant money. The options are as follows:

- Select \$1,012,864 worth of projects now, and do another RFP for \$253,216 this fall, or
- Hold the \$253,216 till the next grant round (\$1,266,080 for Round 6 plus the \$253,216 hold over for a total of \$1,519,296), or

- Select \$1,266,080 worth of projects now with the stipulation of identifying \$253,216 worth of projects that would have to wait till October for funding

Whether the \$253,216 additional funds for Round 5 will be available will be determined by April 1 with the approval of the state transportation bill. The transportation bill also includes \$1,266,080 for Round 6 funding. If these items remain in the final budget, additional funding may be available in July.

Upon closing of discussion of the funding options, Dick Meyers moved to select \$1,266,080 worth of projects now with the stipulation of identifying \$253,216 worth of projects that would have to wait till July for funding. Mark Luetke, City of Sylvania seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Proposal Discussion

Ken Filipiak, City of Oregon and Tim Schetter, Metroparks of the Toledo Area presented their proposals to the committee and answered questions from the committee.

Selection Process

The committee reviewed their tallied project proposal scores. Kurt Erichsen reviewed the tallied scores with the committee and explained the scoring sheet. After discussing the scores, the committee decided the following ranking of projects:

Based on the District 12 methodology, NRAC/12 members recommend funding projects in the following order for the amounts of Clean Ohio Fund grants noted:

1. Kitty Todd 2: \$243,198
2. Sandair: \$743,990

These two projects total \$987,188 in requested Clean Ohio Funds and we recommend they be funded with the \$1,012,864 of presently available Round 5 funds, leaving a balance of \$25,676.

NRAC further recommended that the balance of \$25,676 plus the proposed additional Round 5 funds of \$253,216 (subject to appropriation by the Ohio General Assembly) be allocated to the following projects:

3. West Winds: \$108,560
4. Secor: \$80,712

After funding these projects, the total use of Round 5 funds would be \$1,176,460, leaving a balance of \$89,620. NRAC recommend offering these remaining funds to projects in the following order. Should the first project on the list not be able to use the funds, they should then be offered to the next project, until Round 5 funds are exhausted.

5. Sylvan Prairie: \$533,400

6. Berkey Southern: \$306,800
7. Irwin: \$47,200
8. Parcel 44-26147: \$148,362

A motion was made by Sue Horvath, representing Metroparks, to approve funding of the above list. This was seconded by Terry Seidel, The Nature Conservancy. Motion carried.

It was further decided, for Round 5 only, in case of a tie, the tie would be broken by considering the number of firsts, second, and thirds each project received. The tie-breaking scoring would be based on 3 points for each first, two points for each second, and one point for each third.

A motion was made by Dick Meyers, American Society of Landscape Architects, to approve a tie score would be determined by this point ranking. Mark Luetke, City of Sylvania seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Methodology Issues

During the course of the discussion of projects and ranking marks, there were several concerns on the current methodology being used. Before the next round of applications, the committee would like to review the methodology and reconsider the criteria for awarding points. The committee identified the following as an initial list of issues they would like to consider:

- Use of matching funds in score weighting
- Definition of head water streams, and whether manmade ditches are streams
- Use per acre cost as a criterion, and whether the price exceeds assessment
- Point weighting throughout
- Whether a “plan” supports a project – area vs. project
- Number of applications per agency
- Tie-breaking methodology
- Corridors

The committee would like to see how other NRAC districts address these concerns. Donna Kirkbride, OPWC, will provide this information prior to the next meeting for members to review. An April 29, 2009 meeting has been scheduled to address these methodology issues.

Staff Report – Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG

Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG, reported vice president of the committee, Patty Camacho has left the area and will not longer serve on the committee. Mr. Erichsen will contact Ms. Camacho and ask for a formal letter of resignation.

A solicitation process must begin to fill the vacant spot before the next funding round. The position is for the business sector in which the previous appointee represented HBA/AGC/real estate. Mr. Erichsen will follow the solicitation process used in the past. Appointments are formally made by the Lucas County District Integrating Committee.

This development has left an open position on the committee for vice president. Dick Meyer, American Society of Landscape Architects nominated that the vice president position be filled by Greg Lipps, Oak Openings Green Ribbon Initiative. This was seconded by Sue Horvath, representing Metroparks. Motion carried.

Asking for public comment and hearing none, a motion to adjourn by Rick Bryan, Lucas Soil & Water was made. Meeting adjourned on motion.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 2009. 10:30 am, TMACOG Boardroom