

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 25, 2023

There was a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission on **Tuesday, July 25, 2023**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

Shaunna Basinger brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Alice Curth, virtual	Delphos Senior Citizens
Mike Hensley	Allen Council on Aging
Brandon Fischer	Allen County Health Department
Carole Enneking	Family & Children First Council
Joe Lewis	Marimor Industries
Josh Luke	OJFS

STAFF

Shaunna Basinger Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF CAC MINUTES – April 18, 2023

Motion 2 (7-25-23) DCC

Michael Hensley made the motion that the minutes from April 18, 2023 be accepted. Seconded by Charles Schreck, motion carried.

3. LRTP UPDATE

Ms. Basinger informed the committee that the Long-Range Transportation Plan is currently in the comment period, which will end on July 31st. Open Houses were held on July 18th at the RTA with 4 attendees and on July 19th in the LACRPC with approximately 12 attendees. The final approval of the LRTP will take place on August 17th.

4. UPWP UPDATE

Ms. Basinger informed the committee that all needed materials have been submitted to ODOT. An updated table of numbers will be integrated in August as is the established UPWP update process.

5. OTHER

Ms. Basinger shared that the Spencerville ADA Transition Plan is complete and available for public comment on the LACRPC website in the “Recently at RPC...” Section. City of Delphos and Village of Bluffton will be next to have ADA transition plan work done.

Ms. Basinger shared that he Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is complete and has been adopted by the Village of Bluffton City Council.

Ms. Basinger shared an update on the East Regional Waterline Project:

Project Summary

This project consists of a waterline with fire hydrants from Westminster serving the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette as well as Allen East Schools. An elevated water storage tank was also constructed as part of this project and is located near Allen East Schools.

This project is almost complete! There are a few small items still being worked on at the water tower but other than that the lines are in the ground and the water is available.

Estimated Project Cost and Funding Assistance

1. Current Total Estimated Project Cost = Approximately \$11 million with just shy of \$7 million of that coming from grants and local contributions!

2. Sources of Funding Assistance:
 - o USDA 1.75% Loan - \$3.98 mill
 - o USDA Grant - \$4.282 mill
 - o Community Development Block Grant - \$1.5 mill
 - o Ohio Public Works Commission 0% Loan – Approx. \$300k
 - o City of Lima - \$250,000
 - o Allen Water District - \$250,000
 - o Allen County Commissioners - \$150,000
 - o Allen County (Revolving Loan Fund) - \$300,000

Estimated Project Debt Service Fee (used to repay USDA/OPWC loans) - \$27/month based on current project cost. This amount is being billed by the City of Lima on the monthly water bill and residents began receiving this bill in June.

The City of Lima has installed the taps/meter pits in the Village of Harrod and is now working the Village of Lafayette.

6. ADJOURNMENT