

OALPRP Board Meeting
Zoom Virtual Meeting
September 26, 2023 10:00 am

Amanda Gamby called the meeting to order around 10:05 a.m. on September 26, 2023.

Those members present were: Amanda Gamby, Julie Riley, Louise Holliday, Brandi Schnell, Bonnie Martens, Krista Fourman Unger, Keri Murphy, Chris Hoffman, Wanda Schaad, Alexa Schwaderer, & Jim Jerek.

Absent: Kathleen Rocco, Angela Carbetta, Matt Baugher & Ernie Stall.

Secretary's Report – Krista Fourman presented the minutes from the virtual meeting held on May 23rd, 2023. Bonnie Martens moved and Brandi Schnell seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried. The 2023 Membership Dues were discussed. Chris Hoffman said at this time, we have 29 paid memberships.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Hoffman sent the Treasurer's report before the meeting. The current balance in the checking account is \$20,621.71 and the balance in all funds is \$32,782.70. Alexa Schwaderer moved and Jim Jerek seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

Conference Committee -- The Partner's Conference will be October 23-25, 2023 in Cincinnati. Amanda Gamby stated that the agenda draft is final! Rumpke is a big sponsor this year! There will be pre-presentations before the tours. At this time there are over 50 paid registrations, so it looks to be a successful conference. Brandi Schnell said that on Monday there will be a reception, Tuesday will be the education and tech tracks, and an evening event. Then Wednesday there will be educational sessions in the morning with tours later. The conference should end around 2 or 2:30 p.m. There will be a OALPRP sponsorship table at the conference. Brandi will check with Angela Carbetta to see if she has the brochures and information. It was also noted that Kathleen Rocco may have the information. Amanda Gamby said that someone needed to take the lead and Recreate our display. Alexa has volunteered to take on the task!!!
One-Day Event – Brandi is looking at Northeast Ohio. She is looking into the WasteManagement MRF @ Oakwood Village. There was a FREE Full-Membership Meeting on July 25, 2023. If you have any feedback about this event, please let Brandi know.

Finance – Chris Hoffman noted that there was \$250 budgeted for giveaways to be purchased for the conference.

Scholarship – Jim Jerek noted that Allie Carter and her parents planned on attending the conference as well as Andrea Krava from Licking Co our Scholarship winners.

Website—Keri Murphy has been making small changes.

Social Media – Brandi Schnell has been busy making posts as things of interest to membership become available.

Fundraiser/Silent Auction – Wanda Schaad said that donations were still needed. October 16th was the “drop dead” date for donation pictures to be given to Angela or Wanda to get on our online platform.

EPA -- Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant (SWIFR). U. S. EPA awarded Ohio EPA with \$471,126 in grant funds for an organics study. Ohio EPA will begin working on the project beginning on October 1, 2023. Review the SWIFR Fact Sheet for Ohio EPA’s project.

The Lucas County Solid Waste District also received a SWIFR grant to help fund its new MRF. There were lots of great applications and Lucas County was one of 25 total grants awarded nationwide for the SWIFR Grant for Communities! Review the Lucas County, Ohio SWIFR Fact Sheet.

State Solid Waste Management Plan - At the September 20 MMAC meeting, members agreed to begin rewriting the state solid waste management plan to develop new waste reduction/recycling goals for the solid waste management districts. MMAC will begin discussions on a strategy at the November 15 meeting.

Grants - Ohio EPA changed the timeline for the recycling and litter prevention grants.

- Online Grant Application Opens: October 2, 2023
- Informational Grant Webinar: October 2, 2023 at 10am
- Grant Draft Review Deadline: November 17, 2023
- Online Grant Application Closes: December 1, 2023
- 2024 Grant Period Begins: April 1, 2024

The agency also has a total budget of \$8.5 million for 2024 (\$1.0 million for scrap tire grants)

Art Show - Ohio EPA is also holding a National Recycling Day art show from November 7 to November 11. Ohio EPA will showcase artwork created from repurposed materials.

For more information about the grant program and the art show, contact Marie Barnett at (614) 705-1019.

Scrap tire education and outreach grants - Ohio EPA has a new scrap tire education and outreach grant program that will make money available to health departments and solid waste management districts to provide outreach to scrap tire generators. For more information about that program, contact Channon Cohen at (614) 728-5353.

OSWDO – Krista said there is much discussion about SB119.

SWANA – Julie Riley stated Precycle is taking plastics 3-7

With no further business to be discussed, Chris Hoffman moved and Brandi Schnell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Krista Fourman Unger
Secretary

Our next meeting will be in person on 11/28/2023 @ 10:00 AM @ GT Environmental