

WCTA Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2018

The fourth quarterly meeting of 2018 of the Williams County Township Association was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio. It was the annual meeting and banquet. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short. Bob welcomed everyone and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Ladies of the Rosary Alter Society.

Entertainment was provided by the Hilltop Cadet Chorale led by Teresa Doran. The performance included contemporary selections and Christmas selections. Those participating were 9th through 12th grade students. The performance was enjoyable.

The speaker was Heather Szuch, education programmer at the Toledo Zoo. She talked about environmental and conservation efforts that are being done at the zoo in coordination with other institutions. She had a power point presentation on endangered species and information on animals that were being raised at the zoo and released back into their natural environments. Also, there was information on current issues with various species.

Various upcoming events were discussed, including the Lights Before Christmas and the opening of the tunnel under the Anthony Wayne trail. The concert series was mentioned along with the current construction projects being worked on at the zoo.

Bob Short introduced local officials and vendors that were in attendance. Those recognized were; Kathy Shaver District Representative with Congressman Latta's Office, Williams County Commissioners Lew Hilkert and Terry Rummel, April McClaine Deputy EMA Director, Kim Herman Clerk of Courts, and Brandi Frisbie Deputy Director for 911/EMS. Also in attendance was Don Fritch and Bill Roth from Red Line Equipment Company, Vicki Ernst and Ginny Ganster of Ernst Paving, Rob Koby with Selking, and Mike Dewire and Hugh Shink with Gerkin Paving.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with twenty-eight (28) members present.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 16th, 2018 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jeff Burkholder made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Rusty Goebel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was then read by Nancy Barnes. Linda Beck made a motion to approve the report as presented. Hugh Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bob Short gave a report on the revolving loan fund through Maumee Valley Planning Commission. He reported there were 3 disbursements from the fund. One was for a qualifying project on a home repair. There was one for \$15,000 for tools and equipment

to support operations at the county airport and a business acquisition loan for \$180,000, that retained 9 jobs, and stabilized a long term business in the county.

Bert Brown also reported that the County Township Association spent \$300.00 at the Williams County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction, he further reported that the support was appreciated and the sale went well.

Bob Short reported that the winner of the US flag from the Williams County Fair was Todd Ernsburger from Pioneer. Bob Short reported that Jim Davis, Former Center Township Fiscal Officer, donated the flag for the drawing at the Williams County Fair. Bob thanked Mr. Davis for his continued support of the flag drawing.

The fair booth for the 2019 Williams County Fair was discussed. Bob stated that the township had the opportunity to move the booth to under the grandstand. Bert Brown made a motion to participate in the 2019 fair and to move the booth to under the grandstand. Jeff Burkholder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Election of officers was the next item of business. Tim Nofziger made a motion to nominate Bob Short as President. Tom Worthington seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bert Brown moved to close the nominations. Tim Nofziger seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bert Brown then made a motion to nominate Jeff Burkholder as Vice President. Richard Moffet seconded the motion. Bert Brown made a motion to close the nominations. Claron Krill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously closed. The motion carried. Tom Worthington then made a motion to nominate Nancy Barnes as secretary/treasurer. Chris Maneval seconded the motion. Tim Nofziger moved to close the nominations. The motion carried. Bert Brown made a motion to nominate Tom Worthington as executive committeeman. Rusty Goebel seconded the motion. Bert Brown made a motion to close the nominations. Del Kuney seconded the motion. The motion carried. There were no additional nominations from the floor for any position.

Bob Short then stated that Williams County has 100% membership with the State Association and complimented the townships for that accomplishment. Bob Short reminded those in attendance that the Ohio Township Winter Conference would be held January 30th, 31st and February 1st, in Columbus. He encouraged all to attend.

St. Joe Township volunteered to publish the snow removal policy in the Bryan Times for all the townships.

Bob Short then reported that a resolution had been drawn up concerning the opposition to the Aquifer by the County Prosecutor and had been put in the records.

Bob Short then talked about the scholarships that are available through the OTA. He noted that the application for the Ohio Township Association Scholarship is posted on the Williams County Engineer's website, under the Townships tab. Those eligible were encouraged to apply.

Door prizes for townships were drawn next. There was a \$250.00 certificate from Selking International Trucks, good for labor services. That was won by Florence Township. Ernst Asphalt donated two \$500.00 gift certificates. One certificate went to Brady Township and one to Springfield Township. There was a certificate for \$200 from AJ Door, good towards overhead door and or services which went to St. Joe Township. Door prizes for attendees had been drawn and were to be picked up from the tables.

Jeff Burkholder stated that Center Township would host the February 21st, 2019 meeting at the Center Township building on Co. Rd. 12, at 7:00 P.M.

President Short thanked the Executive Board for their hard work over the last year, and then thanked everyone for coming.

There being no further business from the floor, Tom Worthington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Burkholder seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Barnes