

WCTA Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2021

The fourth quarterly meeting of 2021 of the Williams County Township Association was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, OH on November 18, 2021 for the annual WCTA Banquet. The ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a wonderful dinner and the Edgerton High School Choir performed a variety of delightful songs, with Choir Director Alicia Krill and Accompanist Marie Moore.

President Bob Short welcomed all present and thanked them for coming. President Short then recognized our special guest Ed Huff from the Ohio Township Association office. Senator Rob McColley and State Representative Jim Hoops were invited to speak but were unable to attend due to they were still at a legislative meeting in Columbus. President Short stated that Todd Roth, County Engineer, and Jim Watkins, County Health Department, were unable to attend this evening. President Short thanked all of our county officials who were present: President Short also thanked Selking International for attending (who had 8 men in attendance), Bill Roth from Redline, Tim Suter from First Energy. Also present was Bart Westfall, candidate for the Williams County Commissioner's office and Lynn Thompson from the Bryan Times.

Ed Huff recognized the veterans, township officials, the newly elected trustees, and the spouses who were present. Mr. Huff asked Fiscal Officers to make sure they were sharing the Grassroots Newsletter with others. Mr. Huff mentioned that we should all sign up for the Legislative Alerts because it has quite a bit of info. Winter Conference will be January 26, 2022 through January 28, 2022. There will be 80 workshops which will benefit all. Mr. Huff reported on the ARP funds; he said not to get into a hurry to spend the funds, the guidelines are changing, they are lobbying for more funds for the roads, which is most important for the townships.

Katherine Zartman, Williams County Prosecutor, reported that the Federal Covid-19 vaccine mandate should have no impact on townships, however, if the township were to use a federal contract for road improvements, the mandate may affect them, however it does not apply for grants.

Sheriff Kochert reported they hired two new deputies. His plan is to have his deputies stop in at the township meetings throughout the year to see how the sheriff's department can help the townships. Sheriff Kochert stated they want to know about any issues we are having, no matter how small we may think they are. Sheriff Kochert stated their door is always open and we can stop by anytime.

Tim Suter, First Energy, reported that they are working on a couple of transmission projects; currently in the Bryan/Stryker area, in February they plan to start in Holiday City. Mr. Suter also reported that they have safety trailers and can do electrical safety demos, they set up for an outdoor presentation (but can do indoors as well).

**\*\*\* BUSINESS MEETING \*\*\***

The business meeting was called to order by President Bob Short. The meeting started with Bob Short leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary-Treasurer Deanne Batterson completed attendance with twenty-three (23) members present from the following Townships; Brady, Bridgewater, Center, Florence, Jefferson, Madison, Millcreek, Northwest, Pulaski, St. Joseph, and Superior.

The Minutes were read. Hugh Perry made a motion to approve the minutes; Linda Beck seconded and the motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Deanne Batterson. Tod Schlachter moved to approve the report as presented, Bert Brown seconded the motion; motion carried.

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Tod Schlachter reported on the Maumee Valley Planning Commission: CDBG Allocations; Millcreek Township Firehouse Improvement Project, Village of Edon Union Street Resurfacing Project, and the Stryker American Legion Post Improvement Project (Roof & HVAC work). Critical Infrastructure; West Unity Waterline Improvements Project, Bona Vesta Flood & Drainage Project, and Pioneer State Street Improvement Projects. Kunkle Wastewater Collections System Project, the Health Department's ADA Sidewalk Improvements Project, Edon Railroad Street Waterline Improvement Project. Williams County Cares Act, Community Development Block Grants for Sarah's Friends, North Central School District, and Bryan City School District. The Williams County Land Bank has been active through the pandemic; they are looking for more projects and hope to have access to additional grant funds.

Tom Worthington reported that the five year plan has been approved for the Solid Waste Commission. Bert Brown reported on the Junior Fair; fair auction went well. Bert still has the invoice for this and will give the invoice to Deanne (Secretary-Treasurer). President Short reported on the flag raffle, State Representative Hoops donated the flag this year; the flag was flown over the State House in honor of the WCTA. It was noted that Jim Davis, now deceased, had donated the flag for this raffle for many years prior to his passing.

President Short received packet from the Williams County Fair Board for the fair booth for next year. Bert Brown made a Motion to have the same deluxe space fair booth next year, seconded by Hugh Perry and the motion carried.

Election of officers was the next item of business. Dan Gillen moved to nominate Bob Short as President, Michael Elser, seconded the motion. Willie Grime moved to close nominations, Bert Brown seconded the motion; motion carried.

Branden Hinkle moved to nominate Michael Elser as Vice President, Todd Schlachter seconded the motion. Hugh Perry moved to close nominations, Jeff Burkholder seconded the motion; motion carried.

Willie Grime moved to nominate Deanne Batterson as Secretary-Treasurer, Rodney Baker seconded the motion. Tod Schlachter moved to close nominations, Del Kuney seconded the motion; motion carried.

Bert Brown moved to nominate Jeff Burkholder as Executive Committeeman, Richard Moffett seconded the motion. Hugh Perry moved to close nominations, Tod Schlachter seconded the motion; motion carried. There were no additional nominations from the floor for any position.

President Short stated membership at the OTA for WCTA is at 100%, he has the Certificate. The OTA Winter Conference will be January 26, 2022 through January 28, 2022. The new trustees should attend; there is a lot of valuable things to learn at the conference.

Jeff Burkholder said the OTA Scholarship Applications can be printed online, if you know of a Senior, have them sign up. There are 4 - \$1500 scholarships for Williams County.

President Short noted of any former Trustees/Fiscal Officers who passed away this year; Jim Davis of Center Township passed away in February.

President Short brought presented the need for a Township to publish the Snow Plow Policy, noting which Townships have previously took their turn; 2014-Springfield, 2015-Jefferson, 2016-Pulaski, 2017-Brady, 2018-St. Joseph, 2019-Millcreek, and 2020-Florence. Michael Elser of Bridgewater Township said their township will take on this responsibility for this year.

President Short stated that be brought any of the posters/picture frames that were not picked up from the fair booth. Please take your township's home with you.

President Short recognized the trustees who were retiring, and the newly elected trustees. Door prizes were announced.

Next meeting will be February 17, 2022 which will be held at Center Township at 7 PM.

Tod Schlachter made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Michael Elser and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanne Batterson