



COALITION of LARGE OHIO URBAN TOWNSHIPS
Annual Meeting
Monday, April 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Welcome – Chair Tiffany called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. were in attendance in-person: Barry Tiffany (Southwest), Andy Rose (East), Jamie Fisher (Central), Rozland McKee (Central), Michael Vaccaro (East), Gary Boyle (Northwest), Tim Coleman (Northwest), Cheryl Sieve (Southwest), Dee Stone (Southwest), and Paul Wise (Central). The following members were in attendance virtually: Oliver Turner (Northwest), Shannon Hartkemeyer (Southwest), Brook Harless (East). A quorum was present. OTA staff members present included Heidi M. Fought and Kyle A. Brooks.
- II. Procedural
 - A. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair – **Wise moved, seconded by Boyle, to nominate Barry Tiffany to serve as the Chair of the Committee. Sieve moved, seconded by Stone to nominate Andy Rose to serve as Chair of the Committee. By a vote of 9-4, Tiffany was elected as Executive Committee Chair. Sieve moved, seconded by Vaccaro, to nominate Andy Rose to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee. Without objection, motion carried.**
- III. Old Business
 - A. Approval of October 16, 2023, and February 8, 2024 minutes – **Rose moved, seconded by Vaccaro, to approve the minutes of October 16 2023, and February 8, 2024. Without objection, motion carried.**
 - B. Membership Update –Chair Tiffany reported that there were 63 townships that joined as members of CLOUT. Tiffany asked the committee if by-laws should be changed to lower the population or budget requirements to join CLOUT. The Committee discussed surveying the regions for additional members. Discussion was held on a CLOUT newsletter.
 - C. Financial Update – Chair Tiffany reported that the CLOUT fund balance, as of February 8, is \$137,655.45. Chair Tiffany discussed spending funds on direct mailers for membership recruitment.
 - D. Winter Conference Recap - The Committee discussed continuing the CLOUT sponsored snack break at the OTA Winter Conference with additional marketing materials such as a CLOUT banner. Discussion was held on changing the CLOUT Luncheon to a ticketed event for lunches. The ticket could potentially be included in OTA Winter Conference Registration forms. Fought mentioned the meeting time could be modified to accommodate Speakers, workshops, and those CLOUT members moderating workshops.

IV. Legislative

- A. Brooks provided a legislative update. The Coalition members received a legislative status sheet and a copy of the CLOUT priorities with notations for which items had passed or were pending in current legislation. Items discussed were HB 315, the Township Omnibus Bill, and the Senate Select Committee on Housing. The Committee discussed updating the CLOUT Legislative Priorities list. Fought asked the Committee for examples of uses of TIFs in CLOUT townships.

V. Amicus Briefs

- A. Fought reported on an Amicus Brief regarding if a school can be considered agriculture-tourism. She reported the Appeals Court determined they did not have jurisdiction, and the lower court ruled in favor of the school. Fought reported the township may re-file.

VI. Items for the Good of the Organization

- V. Adjournment – With no further business, **Wise moved, seconded by Rose** to adjourn the meeting at 1:13. Motion carried.