



July 27, 2022

**LARGE LANDOWNERS MEETING**

**7:00 P.M.**

**SCHEDULE:**

1: Welcome:

Township Administrator Andy Ehrhart welcomed everyone and introduced the Presenters.

2: Presentations:

William Gaberle, Ohio Public Works Commission

Nate Weber – USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Linda Raterman – Miami Soil and Water Conservation District

Ray Davis- OGW Energy Resources

Contact information for the Speakers and a little background.

**About our Speakers and Contact Information:**

**William Gaberle is a Program Representative with the Ohio Public Works Commission.** OPWC has a program called “The Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program”. This program is dedicated to environmental conservation including acquisition of green space and the protection and enhancement of river and stream corridors. Grant recipients agree to maintain the properties in perpetuity.

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**Nate Weber is a Wetland Team Leader with the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service.** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers easement programs to landowners who want to maintain or enhance their land in a way beneficial to agriculture and/or the environment. All NRCS easement programs are voluntary. They provide technical help and financial assistance, but local landowners and organizations are needed to make NRCS easement programs successful.

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**Linda Raterman are with the Miami Soil and Water Conservation District in Troy.** One of the programs they facilitate is the Miami County landowners who want to preserve their farmland can sell their development rights to the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), through the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Program. This is a voluntary program that allows current owner to continue to own the land as well as preserve the productivity of the farm for future generations.

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3: Q&A – General questions for any of the speakers.

There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

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Don Black, Chair

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Julie Reese, Trustee

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Beth Vanhaaren, Trustee

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Deborah Watson, Fiscal Officer