

# **LSPOA Meeting with Marcy Kaptur Representative 7/17/25**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **ATTENDEES:**

Austin Serna – Congressional Assistant and Liaison

Ken Kyte

Cindy Theigs

Jack Fakhoury

Verna Grocki

Dale Grocki

Richard Stout

Randy Bernath

## **FULL AUDIO AND TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

Discussion about Lake Seneca needs that Congresswoman Kaptur could assist with

- Dredging
- Roads
- Dam maintenance/ Emergency Action Plan

Attendees were given handouts

- Grant Guide
  - How to identify grant or loan programs
  - How to create a grants.gov account for the lake
    - Access to find grants and other programs available to us
  - Congresswoman Kaptur or her offices do not write or administer grants
  - Tutorial of agencies that may be of assistance
  - How to apply for a grant
    - Lucas County Public Library offers a grant and technical assistance in writing an application
    - Program is for businesses and non-profits
    - Speak with Linda Lucas to determine any fees for this

Congresswoman Kaptur is the most senior member of the House Appropriation committee

Discussion about grants we've applied for and outcomes

- Collected feedback from grant applications to use to help in writing future ones

Discussion about water and wastewater programs

- There is a conglomerate of state and federal agencies including
  - Ohio EPA
  - ODNR
  - Ohio Water Development Authority
- Grants and other funding requests are handled on a state-by-state basis
- Handout on state agencies that handle funding requests including
  - Lake Erie Commission
    - Dredge Material program
  - Ohio EPA

- Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources
- H2Ohio (primarily for wetlands)

Discussion about funding for the dam – USDA Rural Development loan

- Currently USDA is primarily loan programs

ODNR is primary source for funding these types of projects

Discussion about current dredging plan

- How we're paying for it
- Scope of the project
- Preventing silt from coming in
  - Need to get engineering input into this project
- Suggested to have certified estimates for any grant or loan applications

Discussion about Roads

- History of efforts to get funding from County and township to resurface roads
- Discussion about whether our roads are public or private
- May be funding available through Maumee Valley planning through the CDBG program (Community Development Block Grant) – Reach out to Dennis Miller
  - May need to work with Denis to get a new income survey completed as basis for funding
- Question about coordinating with the Health Department on a plan for roads
- Rural Surface Transportation Grant program – federal program

Letters of support for grant applications are helpful if not key

- Examples include County or Township authorities, Congresswoman Kaptur's office, Bryan Business Association, etc.

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Ken Kyte, Secretary