

The Hocking Valley Scenic Trail, HVST, met 530pm August 21, 2024, at the Hocking County Health Department, HCHD 350 SR 664 North, Logan, Ohio.

Ten (10) members were in attendance;

Brice Frasure	Chair HVST, Logan-Hocking School District
Nikki Hankinson	Co-Chair HVST, Hocking County Health Department
Dennis A Daubenmire	Secretary HVST, American Electric Power, ret.
Fonda Welker	HVST Advisor, Hocking Hills Inspire, ret.
Lisa Frasure	HVST Advisor, Logan-Hocking School District, Starr Township Trustee
Brian Blair	HVST Advisor, Environmental Protection Agency, ret.
Nyla Vollmer	HVST Advisor, HCHD, ret., Hocking Historical Society, pres.
Gary Silcott	DLZ Engineering
Sara Peden	DLZ Engineering
Tracy Shoultz	DLZ Engineering

Brice Frasure opened the meeting and greeted all in attendance. HVST Chairperson requested review of the HVST meeting of May 15, 2024 by the secretary. Meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed with no changes or additions noted.

A letter received from the Ohio Department of Transportation, ODOT, on August 20, 2024 was discussed. ODOT has selected the HVST Phase 1 Priority Project, will received funding for the Transportation Alternative Program, TAP. Funded using 80% Federal TAP funds and remaining 20% matching Federal Safety funds. Funding award of \$950,000.00 Federal monies will be available in the State Fiscal Year 2027.

HVST discussed the need for greater presence within the community. Providing any additional or requested information to the City of Logan, Hocking County and the community in general of our endeavor to create a healthier and an economical benefit to the area. HVST wishes to provide easy and additional connectivity to shops, schools, medical facilities, restaurants, parks, libraries, food bank, housing and tourism. HVST also plans to provide connections to existing area trails.

A need for outreach and information may necessitate a Public Meeting, to provide information on our proposed plans, with in the City of Logan, Hocking County and extending into numerous surrounding counties, i.e., Jackson, Vinton, Athens and Perry counties. All have expressed interest in connectable trail proposals.

HVST may no longer be apart of the City of Logan Chamber of Commerce 501c3, as was in 2023. This may require HVST to obtain some form of 501c3 status or remain as ADVISORS to the City of Logan and Hocking County.

The next HVST meeting will be September 18, 2024, 530p, at the Hocking County Health Department, HCHD, 350 State Route 664 North, Logan, Ohio. All interested parties are invited to join and share their thoughts, concerns and expertise.