

The Hocking Valley Scenic Trail, HVST, met 5:30 pm April 17, 2024, at the Hocking County Health Department, HCHD 350 SR 664 North, Logan, Ohio.

Ten 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.
Christa Myers	HVST Advisor, Buckeye Hills Regional Council
Nyla Vollmer	HVST Advisor, Vice President Hocking County Historical Society
Lisa Frasure	HVST Advisor, Starr Township Trustee
Steve Saines	HVST Advisor, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Bill Shaw	HVST Advisor, Hocking County Highway Department Engineer, ret.
Christa Myers	HVST Advisor, Buckeye Hills Regional Council

Brice Frasure opened the meeting and greeted all in attendance. HVST Chairperson requested review of the HVST meeting of March 20, 2024. Meeting minutes were reviewed with no changes or additions noted. Members contact list was updated and corrected as needed.

Brice Frasure had previously sent a letter, emailed to the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway president, Chris Hartley in March and has not received return communication. It was mentioned that Mr. Hartley was possibly not the current HVSR president. A joint in person meeting is being considered.

It is vitally important to obtain HVSR cooperation to utilize their existing easement and right of way. All reasonable efforts can be accomplished to accommodate mutual benefits for safe enjoyment and expansion for area health and tourism for both entities.

TAP Grant that was submitted January 2024 for paths and sidewalks along Front Street & Linton Road from Old Town Aqueduct Park to the Logan-Hocking Middle School campus may be awarded late summer 2024.

US DOT Grant for Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program was not awarded to HVST. Sara Peden of DLZ was to contact their tech group for a debrief of our situation. Sara commented that upper levels of political influence and larger communities have a more likely ability to receive grants. City of Logan and surrounding cities do not have the population growth to usually achieve such grants.

Appalachian Community Grant Program along with the Hocking College proposal for the Logan-Hocking Middle and High School campus trail connector's announcement is pending and imminent.

Gary Silcott of DLZ will be in contact with the Athens County Engineers for support of our HVST trail connections to the Hock Hocking Adena Bikeway.

Nikki Hankinson and other HVST members has noted numerous local work force using their bicycles as their primary mode of transportation within the city.

Next HVST meeting will be at 530p on May 15, 2024 at the HCHD, 350 SR664N, Logan.