



LUBGWMA Committee Meeting 6

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Agenda

Time	Action Item
11:00 am -11:05 am	Welcome; present agenda and recap Salini Sasidharan
11:05 – 11:10 am	Introduction LUBGWMA Committee Members
11:10 am– 11:15 am	Appointment of Morrow County Primary Member DEQ
11:15 am – 11:40 am	Alternate member's introduction and appointment Salini Sasidharan and LUBGWMA Committee
11: 40 am – 12:25 pm	Statutes Evaluation, Defining the Role and Responsibilities, and Discussion DEQ, in collaboration with Justin Green
12:25 pm – 12:30 pm	Break
12:30 pm – 12:55 pm	Funding opportunity for interested parties in LUBGWMA from DEQ
12:55 pm – 1:40 pm	Subcommittee Themes and discussion Salini Sasidharan, LUBGWMA Committee, and Interested Parties
1:40 pm – 1: 55 pm	Presentation of 11th Public Member Nominees Salini Sasidharan
2 pm	Adjourn

Designating Agency – Department of Environmental Quality

LUBGWMA Committee – November 4th, 2022

1. **Morrow County** – Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Interim Tamra Mabbott
2. **Umatilla County** – Commissioner Dan Dorran (**committee vice chair**)
3. **Tribal Government** – Eric Quaempts, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)
4. **City Government** – Aaron Palmquist, City Manager, City of Irrigon
5. **Science and Research** – Dr. Salini Sasidharan, Oregon State University (**committee chair**)
6. **Irrigated Agriculture** – Aaron Madison, Madison Farms
7. **Livestock/Dairy/CAFO** – Greg Harris, Threemile Canyon Farms
8. **Industry and Business** – Brian Crawford, Lamb Weston
9. **Environmental** – Karen Lewotski, Oregon Environmental Council
10. **General Public #1**) Kristin Anderson Ostrom, Oregon Rural Action
11. **General Public #2**) TBD

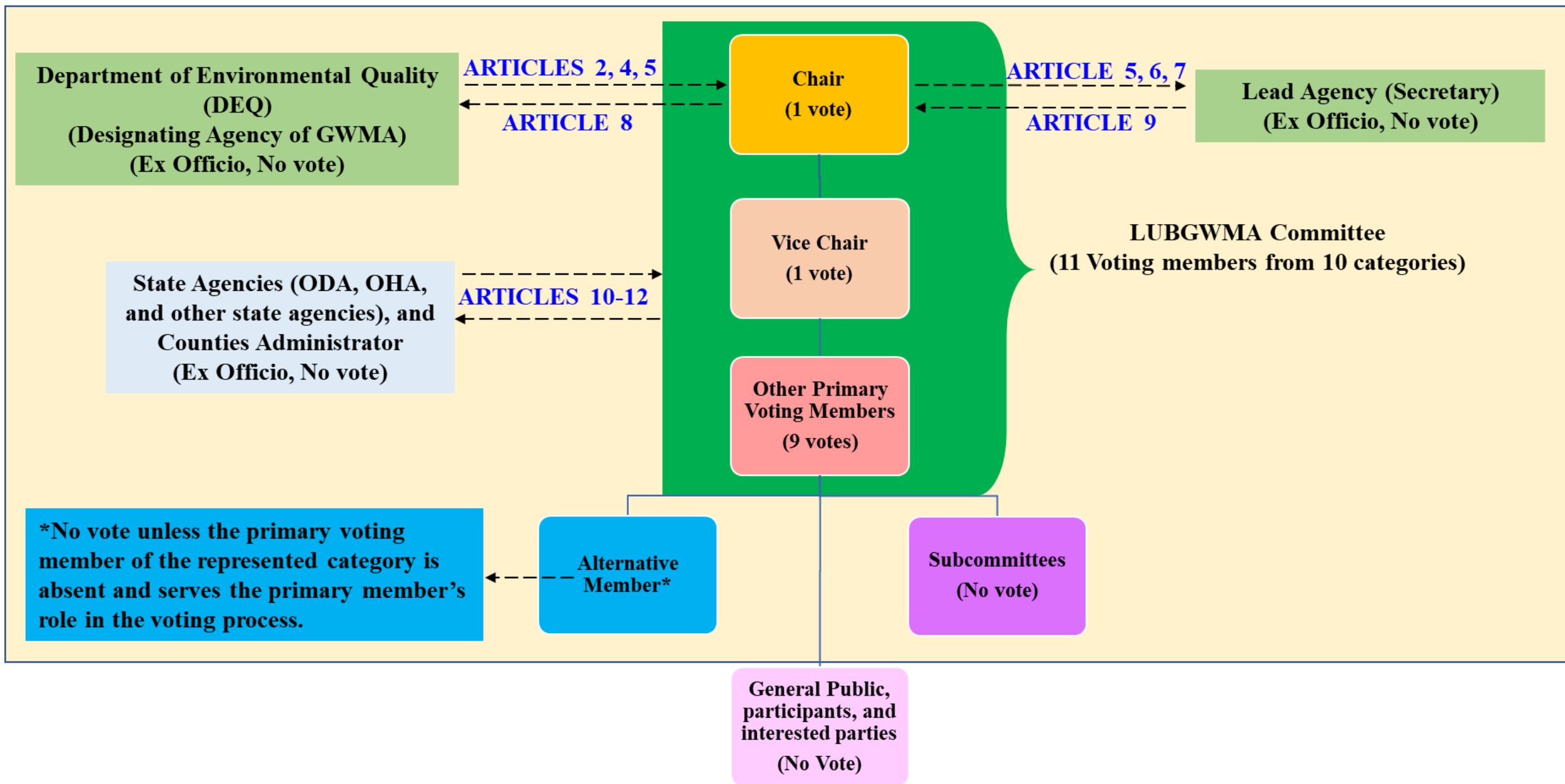
Lead Agency

Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District, **Secretary** - Kevin Payne

Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA) Committee Bylaws and Policy Annex, February 17 2023, Version 2

Administrative Recap

LUBGWMA Committee Organizational Structure



Ground Rule

- Please identify with your name and affiliation every time you speak.
- Address your comment to the Chair
- Members will give each other an equal opportunity to talk about each issue
- Members will listen to and try to understand one another's views
- Members will stick to the agenda in terms of both topic and time and will follow the facilitation by the chair
- No one or two individuals should dominate the discussion
- **Rule of speaking order**
 - Speak for 2 min (maximum) per person
 - Once you spoke once, you should wait until 3 other people have spoken

Introduction

LUBGWMA Committee Members

Appointment of Morrow County Primary Member

Commissioner Roy Drago Jr
By DEQ



Alternative member's introduction and appointment (11:15 AM – 11:40 AM)

1. **Morrow County** – Tamra Mabbott
2. **Umatilla County** – Robert (Bob) Waldher
3. **Tribal Government** – Kate Ely, CTUIR
4. **City Government** – TBD (David Stockdale at the City of Umatilla)
5. **Science and Research** – TBD
6. **Irrigated Agriculture** – TBD
7. **Livestock/Dairy/CAFO** – Jennifer Maleitzke, Threemile Canyon Farms
8. **Industry and Business** – Debbie Radie, Boardman Foods, Inc
9. **Environmental Nonprofit Organizations** –
10. **General Public** – #1) Kaleb Lay, Oregon Rural Action
11. **General Public** – #1) TBD, TBD

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- Develop and promote long-term strategies and plans to reduce groundwater nitrate levels in the LUBGWMA to less than 7.0 mg/l
- Provide local knowledge and expertise to assist in decreasing nitrate groundwater concentrations
- Fulfill statutory obligations provided in the Oregon Groundwater Quality Protection Act
- Develop and promote local action plan for the LUBGWMA
- Evaluate portions of local action plan that achieved a reduction in contaminant level
- Advise state agencies to develop "State Action Plan"
- Analyze local action plans developed to determine why the plan failed
- Work with relevant federal and state agencies and experts to ensure actions proposed to reduce nitrate concentrations are based on accurate and current scientific principles
- Review information provided by local and lead Agencies implementing nitrate mitigation
- Receive and review information from stakeholders regarding actions and projects to reduce nitrate concentrations
- Identify funding opportunities to reduce nitrate groundwater concentrations in the LUBGWMA

Statutes

- [ORS 468B.179 - Ground water management committee](#)
- [ORS 468B.183 - Duties of ground water management committee after declaration of ground water management area](#)
- [ORS 468B.184 Designation of lead agency for development of action plan](#)

Statutes Evaluation, Defining the Role and Responsibilities, and Discussion

Laura Gleim, DEQ

David Anderson, DEQ

Justin Green, Justin Green Consulting

(11:40 AM – 11:25 AM)

12:25 pm – 12:30 pm

Break

Funding opportunity for interested parties in LUBGWMA from DEQ

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(12:30 pm – 12:55 pm)

Subcommittee Themes and discussion

(12:55 pm – 1:40 pm)

Bylaw Subcommittee

- **Salini Sasidharan** – Assistant Professor, OSU
- **Kevin Payne** - District Manager, Morrow SWCD
- **Aaron Palmquist** - City Manager, City of Irrigon
- **Karen Lewotsky** - Oregon Environmental Council
- **Justin Green** - Justin B. Green Consulting

Postdoc Subcommittee

- Commissioner Dan Dorran (Subcommittee chair)
- Commissioner Melissa Lindsay
- Greg Harris, Threemile Canyon Farms

Supervision

- Dr. Todd Jarvis, Institute of Water and Watershed
- Dr. Salini Sasidharan, Oregon State University

Proposed Subcommittee

Strategy Funding Subcommittee

Research Fund

- Dr. Salini Sasidharan, Oregon State University

Administrative Fund

- Morrow County
- Umatilla County

Local Action and Outreach Fund

- Morrow County Soil Water Conservation District



What we currently Have

- LUBGWMA First Action Plan
- LUBGWMA Second Action Plan
- LUBGWMA Bylaw
- LUBGWMA Committee
- Lead Agency
- Active engagement of DEQ, ODA, and OHA
- County, Tribal, and City government
- Industry and Public

Past Members (Prior to September 2022)

Scott Lukas – Chair, OSU Extension
Janet Greenup – Lead Agency Implementing Local Action Plan, Morrow SWCD
Miff Devin – Committee Vice-Chair & Food Processor Sub-Committee Chair, Public Water Systems Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Port of Morrow
Scott Morris – Public Water Systems Sub-Committee Co-Chair, City of Stanfield
Aaron Madison – Irrigated Agriculture Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Madison Farms
Mark Millard – Irrigated Agriculture Sub-Committee Co-Chair
Pete Meenderinck – CAFO Sub-Committee Co-Chair, M&P Dairy
Dixie Echeverria – CAFO Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Columbia Feeders
Carla McLane – Rural, Open, & Green Space Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Morrow County Planning
Eileen Laramore – Rural, Open, & Green Space Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Tour of Knowledge
Kyle Waggoner – Livestock Sub-Committee Chair, Umatilla SWCD
Tom Straughan – Livestock Sub-Committee Chair, Umatilla SWCD
Aaron Palmquist – Education / Outreach Sub-Committee Chair, City of Irrigon
Tom Demianew – Committee Member, Oregon Dept of Agriculture

Prior Subcommittees

- Food Processor
- Public Water Systems
- Irrigated Agriculture
- CAFO Sub-Committee
- Rural, Open, & Green Space
- Livestock
- Education / Outreach

New Subcommittees

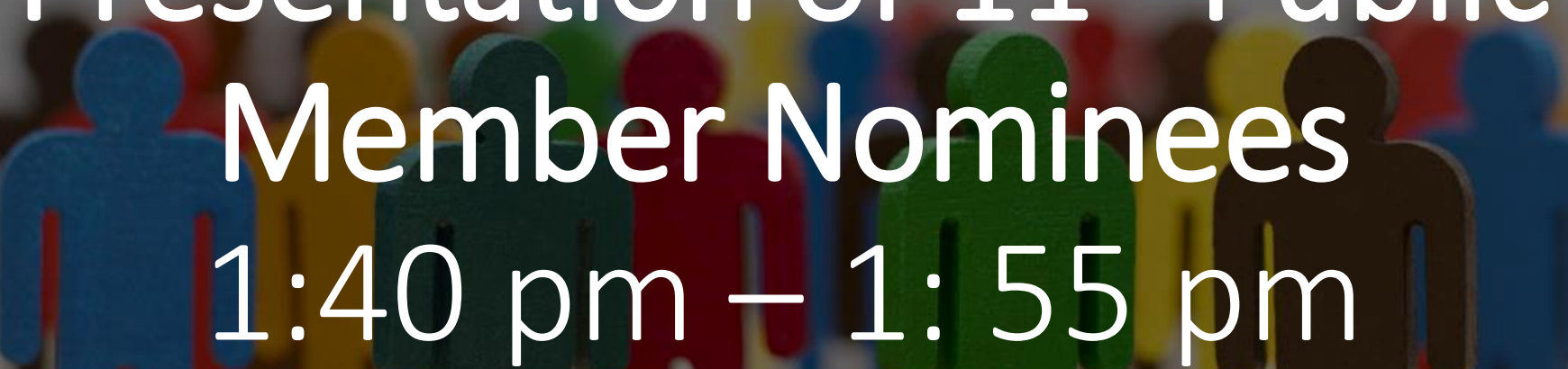
Possible Subcommittees

- Action plan management and administration
- Capacity and Strategy Funding
- State Revolving Funds
- Data Management
- Technical Assistance
- Groundwater Outreach and Education
- Aquifer Restoration
- Nitrate Application Outreach and Education
- Nitrate Loading Reduction Practices
- Regulatory Framework and Policy
- Local BMP Monitoring and Evaluation
- Public health

Survey

[Google Survey](#)





Presentation of 11th Public
Member Nominees
1:40 pm – 1:55 pm

LUBGWMA Committee Rural Residential Community Representative

Responsibilities:

- Participate in LUBGWMA Committee meetings and provide input from the rural residential communities
- Participate in LUBGWMA Committee meetings, cast votes for the Public Category, and involve in the LUBGWMA Committee decision-making process.
- Represent the interest of non-municipal residents of the LUBGWMA to the LUBGWMA Committee
- Attend relevant meetings and events to stay informed and up to date on LUBGWMA Committee-related matters
- Provide feedback and input to the LUBGWMA Committee on the implementation of initiatives
- Liaise in the effort of the LUBGWMA Committee to educate rural residential communities about LUBGWMA Committee goals and initiatives and nitrate pollution and its effects

Requirements

- Knowledge of rural residential communities and their needs
- Awareness of nitrate contamination in groundwater and the LUBGWMA
- Ability to communicate and interact with a diverse group
- Ability to participate in and lead community outreach and public engagement
- The candidate should be a LUBGWMA resident

Carla McLane, Carla McLane Consulting, LLC

- Over 18 years of experience working on and advocating for GWMA issues
- Previously served as cochair of the rural, open, and green spaces (ROGS) subcommittee
- Contributing author of the 2nd LUBGWMA action plan.
- Worked as the Morrow County Planning Director for 17 years
- Solid understanding of the issues around rural residential and agricultural impacts related to both water quantity and quality, and has extensive knowledge of a variety of rural issues
- Candidate brings public speaking and writing expertise, and has extensive experience in water quantity and quality issues
- As a resident of the City of Umatilla, candidate understands the requirements incumbent upon a homeowner with a domestic well and onsite septic system.
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Karmen Carlson

- Candidate is an experienced Chief Human Resource Officer for a Non-Profit Organization,
- Candidate currently living on 20+ acres in west rural Boardman.
- The advertisement for Rural Residential Community Representative with LUBGWMA sparked their interest because of their well water testing 48+ p.p.m. for nitrates and the committee being filled with a wide variety of community-oriented leaders.
- Candidate has a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management with a minor in HR, people-centric nature, career skills and compassion for Eastern Oregon's rural community
- Candidate is excited to bring their comprehensive set of skills to the LUBGWMA Committee and the communities of Morrow and Umatilla County.

Philip Hamm

- 33 year resident of Umatilla County
- Former position with Oregon State University (OSU) as Regional Plant Pathologist and Researcher, and then Director for 15 years
- Interacted with individuals from throughout the irrigated regions of Morrow and Umatilla County
- Knowledge of the needs of regional communities
- 45 years experience working with OSU, with 400+ public speaking events and hundreds of reports/publications
- Ability to communicate and participate in outreach and engagements with diverse groups
- Vested interest in protecting and improving the quality of region's water

Kelly Doherty

- Candidate is a citizen of Morrow County
- Own 5 wells in Morrow County and two tested 27 ppm.
- Candidate has experience in irrigation scheduling, soil monitoring and tissue sampling, and worked for Agri-Check Laboratories and IRZ Consulting
- Candidate has a certificate in mediation and dispute resolution
- Candidate has attended all citizen and community meetings in the area regarding the ongoing nitrogen contamination.
- Candidate is determined to carry the public's voice to the committee and back, and to do the right thing to protect the health and welfare of citizens.
- Candidate has a flexible schedule and is willing to attend meetings, field trips and other activities for the committee.

Todd Crosby

- Todd Crosby interested in serving on LUBGWMA committee
- Graduated from University of California at Davis with Plant Science major and Soil Science minor
- Worked with Wilbur-Ellis Company in Southern Kern County, CA developing markets for proprietary fertilizers and farm chemicals
- Served on Groundwater Quality Committee in Kern County
- Moved to Pasco, WA for WECO and responsible for pest control and fertility on 10,000 acres
- He has experience with monitoring waste disposal in Kern County, CA, and has experience with Waste Discharge permits in Pasco, WA.
- Moved to Hat Rock area in Aug 1992
- He has observed increasing Nitrate levels in the Hat Rock State Park spring, the primary drinking water source for the community, and has taken action to dilute the spring water.
- He has also encountered issues with government agencies not properly following up on permits.

Wes Killion

- The candidate and family of 6 lives in LUBGWMA
- Resident and property owner for 23 years
- President and COO of Northwest Feeders
- Served on the Board of the Morrow County 4H and FFA Organizations
- Volunteering has helped them to know the families in the LUBGMWA in all socio-economic classes.

Next Meeting

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May 5th, 11:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: TBD

