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TO: CCAO DRAINAGE LAW REVISION TASK FORCE

FROM: STEVE STOLTE, TASK FORCE CHAIR & UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONER

SUBJ: TASK FORCE MEETING: AUGUST 2, 2017 – 9 am – 3 pm
Allen County Sanitary Engineer's Office at 3230 North Cole Street in Lima
PLEASE RSVP!

Hello Drainage Task Force Members. You are receiving this email because you were originally on the CCAO Drainage Task Force, have replaced someone on the Task Force, or have expressed interest in being included on the Task Force.

The next meeting of the CCAO Drainage Law Revision Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, August 2, from 9 am – 3:00 pm, at the Allen County Sanitary Engineer's Office, 3230 North Cole Street in Lima and lunch will be served. At this meeting committee members will give "big picture" presentations on the proposed revisions and there will be opportunities to ask questions. My hope is to obtain a consensus agreement on the committee's final recommendations for changes to Ohio's petitioned ditch laws. We expect to forward the revisions package to you no later than July 28. Please rsvp your attendance at this meeting with Mandi Fuerst at mfuerst@ccao.org on or before July 28.

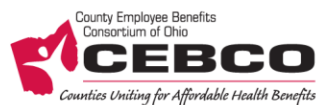
The work of this Task Force began nearly four years ago in the fall of 2013. The work focused on the ditch petition processes in the Ohio Revised Code, specifically on Chapters 940 (previously 1515), 6131, 6133 and 6137. We proceeded in a methodical manner beginning with an email survey and Task Force discussions to pinpoint issues. We spent numerous Task Force Meetings identifying and vetting solutions to the issues.

Following that process, two Task Force Members, Peggy Hall and Amy Milam, volunteered to undertake a thorough review of most sections of the four chapters to improve wording, eliminate archaic phrasing and make sections more understandable. They reached out to attorneys experienced with drainage laws to assist in that effort.

We then involved smaller groups of Task Force members to further review proposed changes



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and improve consistency between chapters and among various sections.

Those combined efforts have led to a comprehensive review of Chapters 940, 6131, 6133 and 6137 which will lead to improved and thorough ditch petition processes.

Once we have consensus agreement on the chapters, we will begin the legislative process. We have invited Representative Bob Cupp to attend the August 2nd meeting also. Representative Cupp has attended a couple of previous Task Force meetings and has been watching our progress with interest.

I hope to see you on August. Again, please rsvp your attendance at this meeting with Mandi Fuerst at mfuerst@cca.org on or before July 28.

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