

Minutes of RIDU Meeting – July 22, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm by Jon Smith

Committee of Six members present were Jon Smith, Janet Jordan Creln, and Bev Brubaker

The Mission was read by Lisa Marling who also volunteered to take the notes for the minutes.

We had four new people present. And approximately 25 in total.

Janet played a short excerpt from a Heather Cox Richardson video that discussed the need to reach out to non-MAGA Republicans, as well as Independents and Democrats who appear apathetic or uninformed. Education about vital, grass-root topics is so important.

The group discussed the fact that most of Preble County is made up of registered Independents who are not party affiliated. Therefore, there is a good chance to reach and educate people based on the everyday effects of government (or lack thereof) actions.

We welcomed two guest speakers – Dave Schmitz and Leon Knore from Citizens for Common Sense – Greenville. Check out their FB page; make sure you have the Greenville, OH group. They spoke a little about their group and then did an excellent presentation on the data centers. The following is an outline of that conversation.

- AI Programs and Benefits
- AI Misuse
- Electricity Demands
- Water Consumption
- Farmland Perished
- Health Deterioration
  - Light Disruptions of Circadian Rhythms
  - Noise Pollution
- Nondisclosure (NDA) Agreements
  - HB184
- Tax Abatement Incentives
- What Needs to Be Done

For a deeper dive into this discussion, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Schmitz or Mr. Knore.

The meeting was ended by Jon Smith at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Marling, Ph.D.