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October 2, 2023

Carlos A. Baez Sr. P.E., P.S.
Sandusky County Engineer
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Dear Mr. Baez:

This letter is to serve as approval in accordance with the Ohio Scenic River Law, Ohio Revised Code (ORC), Section 1547.82 for project SAN-CR201-0.31 (PID 119051), County Road 201, Bridge repair, Ballville Township, in Sandusky County, Ohio. This approval is required due to the project's location within 1000 feet of the designated limits of the Sandusky State Scenic River and the public funding being utilized for construction of the facility.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Natural Areas and Preserves Scenic Rivers Program staff have completed a review of Sandusky County Engineers request for a waiver of the in-stream low flow work period associated with the removal and repair of the deck and pier cap of this bridge.

It is our understanding that the Sandusky County Engineers Office is requesting a waiver to allow in-stream work associated with this project to extend from July 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024 to facilitate the new construction as described in the Instream Work Restriction Waiver Request dated 08/28/2023. This waiver would allow the project to be completed in a single construction season, thereby eliminating the need for a second season of in-water work.

I herein provide concurrence in accordance with ORC, Section 1547.82 for work to commence on this project and for in-stream work to be conducted within this requested time frame, because of the unique circumstances of this specific project.

This approval is based on the final plan set dated 9/15/2023 received by Northwest Ohio Assistant Regional Scenic Rivers Manager, Rowan Coburn-Griffis. These plans show that all the bridge decking and pier caps will be removed and replaced, however the existing piers will remain.

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Please contact Rowan Coburn-Griffis at (740) 248-0668, or rowan.coburn-griffis@dnr.ohio.gov if you have any additional questions, to set up a preconstruction meeting and to provide her with a date for the start of construction on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
ODNR, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves

cc: Robert Gable, Scenic Rivers Administrator
Rowan Coburn-Griffis, NW Ohio Scenic Rivers Asst. Manager