



**Water Quality Council
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.
TMACOG Boardroom, Toledo OH**

Members, Alternates, and Guests Present: Carol Contrada, Chair, Lucas County Commissioner; Jon Eckel, Vice-chair, City of Perrysburg; Howard Brebberman, City of Maumee; Sally Gladwell, Mannik-Smith Group; Alice Godsey, City of Perrysburg; Kevin Laughlin, Wood County Engineers; Tim Murphy, CEC; Angie Ruiz, City of Fremont; Shawn Valentine, Spencer Township;; Shannon Nabors, OEPA; Joe Cappel, Lucas County Port Authority; Tom Stalter, NWWSD; Melissa Hopfer, Lucas County Commissioners; John Hull, Hull & Associates; Kurt Erichsen, Citizen; Mark Coppeler, Ottawa County Commissioner; Rick Meiring, City of Waterville; Rob Krain, Black Swamp Conservancy; Monica Aspacher, UT Grad Student; Janine Douglas, Rotary Club of Toledo; Mike Libben, Ottawa SWCD; Joey Sink-Oiler, Lucas SWCD; Shawn Valentine, Spencer Township. **TMACOG Staff:** Kari Gerwin, Director of WQ; Sara Guiher, WQ Planner; Kris Barnswell, WQ Planner; Mary Pat McCarthy, Communications; Gilda Mitchell, Membership; Tim Brown, President; Joy Minarcin, Administrative Assistant.

Welcome:

Carol Contrada, Lucas County Commissioner, WQC Chair, called the meeting to order. Round table introductions were made. Members and guests in attendance are noted on the sign-in sheet for today's meeting and are listed above.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

Commissioner Contrada asked for a *motion to approve* the meeting minutes from the July 9, 2018 WQC meeting, and the Agenda for today's meeting. Sally Gladwell, Mannik & Smith *moved to approve* the meeting minutes and agenda and was *seconded* by Kevin Laughlin, Wood County. **Motion carried.**

Reports for WQ Council & Committee Leadership:

Public Water Supply:

John Hull, chair reported.

- Continue to provide professional development opportunities for operators and engineers.
- Continue to provide comments on post regulatory legislation.
- Continue to update committee on the concept of regional water

Watersheds Committee:

Tim Murphy, chair reported.

- Sara Guiher will now be the TMACOG coordinator for the committee
- The February meeting will focus on the work plan for 2020
- To stay connected with the tri-state watershed alliance, the committee would like to meet at a central location, taking the meeting "on the road".
- TMACOG could possibly be a clearing house for 9-element plans (nonpoint source implementation strategies - NPS-IS.)

Wastewater Committee:

Alice Godsey, chair, reported.

- At the last meeting, a presentation was given on the removal of phosphorus in wastewater plants.
- Kris Barnswell, TMACOG, gave an update on the nutrient inventory report that is being worked on.
- Discussion at meetings continues on HSTS rules, replacements, and upgrades.
- The FPAs included in the 208 Plan will begin the updating process in early 2019.

SWC:

Kevin Laughlin, chair, reported

- At the October 19 meeting, Ken Kilbert, UT led the discussion of any legal ramifications of declaring a watershed impaired or distressed.
- Approved the AFLE
- Work continues on education and outreach through SWAG
- HBA recently renewed their TMACOG and SWC membership
- HBA will be hosting 2 workshops in January/February – details to follow.
- On-going discussion off cooperation between HBA and municipalities

PRESENTATIONS:

TMACOG Water Quality Department 2018 Wrap Up

Kari Gerwin, Kris Barnswell, Sara Guiher

A powerpoint presentation was given introducing Water Quality staff and each ones' duties. Kari Gerwin reviewed the department's programs, accomplishments, and goals. Gerwin, Barnswell, and Guiher highlighted the various committees and programs each is responsible for. Their individual presentations detailed 2018 projects completed, with outcomes, current work, and plans for 2019. The presentation was followed by Q & A.

Mary Pat McCarthy, TMACOG, showed the video "Farming in Northwest Ohio". This is a 4-minute video previewing a TMACOG documentary about agriculture in the Western Lake Erie Basin. The video is available on the TMACOG website. The first couple of articles in the series, Farming in Northwest Ohio, were included in the WQ meeting packet.

Agenda for Lake Erie:

Carol Contrada, chair, WQC

The Agenda for Lake Erie was presented to WQC for recommendation to the Board of Trustees for adoption. After discussing the Agenda, Carol Contrada asked for council for a *motion* to approve the document as presented pending the following changes:

1. Develop cover letter with introduction, signed by leadership
2. Factual review of the complete document
3. Final grammar and punctuation review
4. Final edits from Wastewater Committee on the HSTS paper which includes language of best available technology and current legislation

Kevin Laughlin, Wood County, *moved to approve*, and John Hull, Hull & Associates, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

A red-lined, edited version of the document will be e-mailed to council members

Water Quality Operating Procedures:

Kari Gerwin, TMACOG, reviewed the Water Quality Operating procedures. A copy of the updated document was included in the meeting packet. Carol Contrada, chair, asked for a *motion* to approve the operating procedures as presented and recommend to the Board of Trustees for adaption. John Hull, Hull & Associates *moved to approve*, Mark Coppeler, Ottawa County Commissioner, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Water Quality Council Leadership:

Kari Gerwin, TMACOG, led the discussion for the need to elect leadership for 2019. Carol Contrada, current chair, and Jon Eckel, current vice-chair, expressed they would continue their current seats, if the council so voted. Gerwin asked for open floor nominations. Hearing none, Gerwin asked for a

motion to approve Carol Contrada as chair of the Water Quality Council, and Jon Eckel as vice-chair of the council. Jon Hull, Hull & Associates, *moved to approve*, and Alice Godsey, City of Perrysburg, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Water Quality Council 2019 Meeting Schedule:

Carol Contrada, chair, discussed the 2019 WQC meeting schedule as presented on the agenda for the WQC meeting. After discussion and hearing no further comment, Carol Contrada, chair, asked for a motion to approve the 2019 Water Quality meeting schedule to meeting bi-monthly the second Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom. The meeting dates are January 14, March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, and Thursday, November 14. John Hull, Hull & Associates, *moved to approve*, and Tom Stalter, NWWSD, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

None

Future Meetings:

All at 1:30 PM in TMACOG Board Room unless otherwise announced

Adjournment:

Commissioner Contrada, called the meeting adjourned.