



**Water Quality Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.  
TMACOG Boardroom, Toledo OH**

**Welcome:**

Carol Contrada, WQC Chair, was unable to attend today's meeting. Jon Eckel, City of Perrysburg, vice-chair, led the meeting, welcomed all and called the meeting to order. Roundtable introductions were made. Those in attendance are listed on the WQC sign-in sheet and the WQC roster.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:**

Jon Eckel asked for a *motion to approve* the meeting minutes from the November 5, 2018 WQC meeting, and the Agenda for today's meeting. Angie Ruiz, City of Fremont, *moved to approve* the meeting minutes and agenda and was *seconded* by Kevin Laughlin, Wood County. **Motion carried.**

**Water Quality Member Roster for 2019:**

Kari Gerwin, TMACOG, Director of Water Quality, reviewed the WQC Roster for 2019. Ms. Gerwin explained that each membership category has a set number of voting seats. A copy of the WQC appointment form with detailed information on WQC membership was included in the meeting packet. Jon Eckel asked for a *motion to approve* the Water Quality Membership Roster for 2019. Tom Stalter, The District, *moved to approve*, and Mike Libben, Ottawa SWCD, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

**Agenda for Lake Erie:**

Jon Eckel and Kari Gerwin presented to WQC the final version of the Agenda for Lake Erie (AFLE). The document will be updated biennially. Committees will reconvene in early 2020 to begin the updating process. Copies of the AFLE were available at the meeting.

**Reports from WQ Council Committee Leadership:**

Committee Chairs presented their committee's hot topics from 2018 that could use attention in 2019

- Stormwater Coalition – Kevin Laughlin reported. There is a need for changes to ORC 307.79 to allow unincorporated areas timely enforcement authority of construction site stormwater violations. SWC will engage statewide associations to garner support and eventually approach the legislature
- Public Water Supply – Andy McClure reported. The committee is focusing on providing continuing education for operators, restoring public confidence in public drinking water systems, and regionalization. The group has begun looking into emerging contaminants of concern (e.g. PFAs).
- Wastewater – Alice Godsey reported. Although more than 80% of the nutrient load is attributed to non-point sources, the committee is concerned about proposed tighter P effluent limitations which could pose challenges for WWTPs. HSTS monitoring and record-keeping requirements are also an ongoing concern for health districts.
- Watersheds – Tim Murphy reported. The committee has been engaging Ohio EPA in the prioritization, development, and maintenance of non-point source implementation strategies (NPS-IS or 9-element plans). Keeping these plans up to date will be important for securing

grant funds for work in our region. The committee also aims to engage the new OEPA WLEB point person.

- Water Quality Council – Jon Eckel reported. The formation of an agriculture Committee is being considered. This could be done by forming an ad hoc committee to set goals and direction for an agriculture committee.

### **Round Table Discussion – Goal Setting for 2019:**

- Use the Agenda for Lake Erie as a guide for planning meetings and work of WQ program.
- Members would like us to begin engaging the new State administration and legislators. Specifically, invite participation of OEPA and ODA Directors. With Senator Randy Gardner’s appointment as the Chancellor of Higher Ed, we should engage his replacement.
- Members also would like staff to keep tabs on Lake Erie Related legislation and rulemaking.
  - They would like a “Legislative Update” to be a standing agenda item.
  - Members do not want the committee process to hold up letter writing or other responses to legislation but would like to be looped in and given the opportunity to provide input via email.
- Members would like to be made aware of grant opportunities for funding the priorities of the AFLE. This can be done through email and a funding update on WQC meeting agendas.

Members discussed ideas for integrating tours into the meeting schedule and offered some suggestions -

- Angie Ruiz with Fremont offered a tour of the Ballville Dam removal site and a restoration site that Black Swamp Conservancy is working on.
- Don Sahloff with Whiteford Township offered a tour of their new water treatment plant
- Kari Gerwin informed members that Aaron Heilers with the Blanchard River Demonstration Farms offered a tour via email. Jessica Wilbarger with Lucas SWCD offered Blue Creek Conservation Area in Whitehouse as a closer alternative.
  - Tim Murphy, Watersheds Chair said that the Watersheds Committee would be interested in the Blanchard tour.
- Research labs like Stone Labs or the Lake Erie Center could be an off-site meeting/tour option.

Members would like to see the following from Water Quality staff in 2019-

- A presentation on the Clear Choices Clean Water campaign.
- Standard agenda item listing funding opportunities from GLRI, 319, Urban Waters, etc.

### **Member Updates:**

None

### **Staff Report:**

Kari Gerwin reported.

- SWC workshops are being held at the Home Builders Association. January 30, 2019 is a half-day workshop on sediment and erosion. February 11 and 12, is the CESSWI workshop and testing. Detailed flyers were available.
- The farming video documentary, which is approximately 15 minutes, will be rolled out at the General Assembly.

- The Water/Wastewater training will be held May 22, 2019 in the Grand Lobby. Details to follow.
- The stakeholder workshop for the Portage Water Trail will be held February 7 at the Ottawa Resource Center.
- Gerwin referenced the TMACOG flyer of upcoming events included in the meeting packet.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Future Meetings:**

March 11

May 13

July 8

September 9

November 14

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

**Adjournment:**

Jon Eckel, called the meeting adjourned.

Water Quality Council Roster			2019 Water Quality Council Meetings					
Category	Appointee	Jurisdiction/Organization	1/14/19	3/11/19	5/13/19	7/8/19	9/9/19	11/14/19
Chair (M)	Carol Contrada	Lucas County	E					
Vice Chair (M)	Jon Eckel	City of Perrysburg	X					
WW Chair (M)	Alice Godsey	City of Perrysburg	X					
WW Vice-chair (A)	Jeff Lamsen	City of Fremont						
SWC Chair (M)	Kevin Laughlin	Wood County	X					
SWC Vice-chair (A)	Shawna Towns	City of Toledo, Environmental Services	X					
PWS Chair (M)	John Hull	Hull & Associates	p					
PWS Vice-chair (A)	Vacant							
Watersheds Chair (M)	Tim Murphy	Civil & Env. Consultants	X					
Watersheds Vice-chair (A)	Deanna Bobak	Civil & Env. Consultants						
Lucas County (M)	Carol Contrada	Lucas County	E					
Lucas County (A)	Vacant							
Wood County (M)	Theodore H. Bowlus	Wood County Commissioner	X					
Wood County (A)	Tom Stalter	NWSD	X					
Ottawa County (M)	Mark Coppeler	Ottawa County Commissioner						
Ottawa County (A)	Mike Libben	Ottawa SWCD	X					
Sandusky County (M)	Scott Miller	Scott Miller, Commissioner						
Sandusky County (A)	Vacant							
Monroe County (M)	Dave Thompson	Monroe County						
Monroe County (A)	Ryan Simmons	Monroe County						
Toledo Administration (M)	Andrew McClure	City of Toledo Administration	X					
Toledo Administration (A)	Patekka Bannister	City of Toledo Administration						
Toledo Council (M)	Nick Komives	City of Toledo Council						
Toledo Council (A)	Matt Cherry	City of Toledo Council						
City Caucus 1 (M)	Angie Ruiz	City of Fremont	X					
City Caucus 1 (A)	Vacant							
City Caucus 2 (M)	Rick Meiring	City of Waterville	X					
City Caucus 2 (A)	Ken Blair	City of Waterville						
City Caucus 3 (M)	Jon Eckel	City of Perrysburg						
City Caucus 3 (A)	Alice Godsey	City of Perrysburg	X					
City Caucus 4 (M)	Howard Brebberman	City of Maumee	X					
City Caucus 4 (A)	Joe Camp	City of Maumee						
Township Caucus 1 (M)	Donald Shahloff	Township of Whitford	X					
Township Caucus 1 (A)	Vacant							
Township Caucus 2 (M)	Greg Stewart	Township of Bedford						
Township Caucus 2 (A)	Vacant							
Township Caucus 3 (M)	Vacant							
Township Caucus 3 (A)	Vacant							

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Village Caucus 1 (M)	Gordon Bowman	Village of Pemberville	X					
Village Caucus 1 (A)	Vacant							
Village Caucus 2 (M)	Steven P. Pilcher	Village of Whitehouse						
Village Caucus 2 (A)	Jordan Daugherty	Village of Whitehouse						
Village Caucus 3 (M)	Vacant							
Village Caucus 3 (A)	Vacant							
Districts Caucus 1 (M)	Tim Schetter	Metroparks of Toledo	X					
Districts Caucus 1 (A)	Vacant							
Districts Caucus 2 (M)	Joe Cappel	Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority	X					
Districts Caucus 2 (A)	Brian Perz	Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority						
Districts Caucus 3 (M)	Jerry Greiner	The District - NWWSD						
Districts Caucus 3(A)	Garret Chamberlain	The District - NWWSD						
Non-government Caucus 1 (M)	Kris Patterson	Partner for Clean Streams	X					
Non-government Caucus 1 (A)	Bob Neubert	Partner for Clean Streams						
Non-government Caucus 2 (M)	Sally Gladwell	Mannik & Smith	X					
Non-government Caucus 2 (A)	Vacant							
Non-government Caucus 3 (M)	Vacant							
Non-government Caucus 3 (A)	Vacant							
At Large 1 (M)	Vacant							
At Large 1 (A)	Vacant							
At Large 2 (M)	Vacant							
At Large 2 (A)	Vacant							
K-12 Schools (M)	Vacant							
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Colleges & Universities (M)	Ken Kilbert	UT	X					
Colleges & Universities (A)	Vacant							
OEPA - non-voting (P)	Shannon Nabors	NWOEPA/District Chief						
MDEQ - non-voting (P)	Vacant							
ODNR - non-voting (P)	Vacant							
ODA - non-voting (P)	Vacant							
<b>Guests and Participants</b>								
	Monica Aspacher	University of Toledo GEPL Department	X					
	Jenny Carter-Cornell	Hull & Associates	X					
	Kelly Fry	Ottawa County Sanitary Engineer	X					
	Katie Rousseau	American Rivers	X					
TMACOG Staff	Joy Minarcin		X					
TMACOG Staff	Kari Gerwin		X					
TMACOG Staff	Kris Barnswell		X					
TMACOG Staff	Sara Guiher		X					
TMACOG Staff	Gilda Mitchell		X					