



**Water Quality Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.  
TMACOG Boardroom, Toledo OH**

**Welcome:**

Carol Contrada, WQC Chair, 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 attached to the minutes.

**Ag Committee:**

Carol Contrada reported - The initial meeting for forming the Agricultural sub-committee under the WQC was held on March 1, 2019. The purpose of the committee is to establish goals and objectives through and with the agricultural community. Joey Sink-Oiler (Lucas SWCD), Mike Libben (Ottawa SWCD), and Jim Carter (Wood SWCD) who were in attendance are participants of the committee. The committee will be ad-hoc until it has been officially established through the Water Quality Council operating procedures.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:**

Carol Contrada asked for a *motion to approve* the meeting minutes from the January 14, 2019 WQC meeting, and the Agenda for today's meeting. Angie Ruiz, City of Fremont, *moved to approve* and Jon Eckel, City of Perrysburg seconded.

**Motion carried.**

**Annual Work Program 2020:**

Kari Gerwin reviewed the FY2020 AWP with members. A copy of the AWP was distributed in the meeting packet. Gerwin noted the addition of the Agriculture Committee and changes to 51200-Water Quality Program Development. Carol Contrada asked for a *motion to approve* the AWP2020. Kevin Laughlin, Wood County, *moved to approve* and Jon Eckel City of Perrysburg, *seconded*.

Before the vote, Alice Godsey, City of Perrysburg, was concerned about the omission of objective #10 listed under 51200: "Coordinate with state of Ohio water infrastructure funding agencies by participating in the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Group." After discussion, consensus was reached that the objective should remain in the work program, but with updated language. The objective should read: "Coordinate with state of Ohio water infrastructure funding agencies by tracking and participating when appropriate in the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Group."

Kevin Laughlin Wood County, and John Eckel City of Perrysburg, *confirmed their motion and second to approve* the work plan as amended. **Motion carried.**

**Update on Ohio's State Water Quality Legislation:**

*Representative Steve Arndt, Ohio's 89<sup>th</sup> House District*

Representative Arndt provided information on legislation moving through the Ohio legislature that affects Lake Erie. Arndt mentioned Bill 299 which passed in last year's session. That bill provided funding to build capacity to address phosphorus reduction, primarily through Ohio's Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD). In northwest Ohio, these funds were used to retain employees and purchase equipment. Arndt is currently working on a bill that proposes a \$1 billion 10-year bond program for \$100 million per year. The goal of the bill is to fund agricultural practices that are known to reduce the amount of dissolved reactive phosphorus reaching waterways. The bond would support agricultural best management practices - VRT, controlled water structures, edge of field practices, and cover crops, that are shown to be effective at keeping nutrients on the fields and out of waterways. The bond would also address legacy hot spots that contribute to nutrient loads even when nutrients are no longer applied. Long term commitment and practices that provide long term return on investment are necessary. Some of the recommended tools – extensive soil testing for example – are too expensive for small farmers to put in place without subsidies or other help. It also includes funds for in-stream monitoring.

Arndt noted that the language stated in the bill is general enough to have flexibility throughout the 10 years. Representative Arndt recommended TMACOG establish good communication with the State Legislature, follow the progress of the legislation, and address comments to different committees as they are writing up the bill, and have representatives from WQC and SWCD's ready to lobby.

Q & A followed.

#### **Reports from WQ Council Committee Leadership:**

- **Stormwater Coalition** – Kevin Laughlin reported. SWC last meet in January 2019. The sediment and erosion control workshop at HBA was well received with approximately 60 attendees. Stormwater Coalition will begin to engage associations across the state regarding ORC 307.79, which limits counties' enforcement authority of Ohio EPA's sediment erosion control rules. SWC is also considering approaching the legislature about the issue. .
- **Wastewater** – Alice Godsey, City of Perrysburg, reported. The Wastewater Committee met in early February 2019. The focus of the meeting was the need for Water/Wastewater training for operators. Rhodes State College out of Lima, OH presented an operator apprenticeship program they are currently developing. In May 2019 the committee will tour the Bowling Green wastewater treatment plant.
- **Public Water Supply** – John Hull, Hull and Associates, reported. The committee met on March 7, 2019. They approved the goals and objective of the PWS committee. The committee will try to provide contact hours for meetings. The Rhodes State College apprenticeship program was discussed along with the cost of treatment chemicals, testing, and reporting. The committee would like TMACOG to compile an inventory of water infrastructure across the region. A meeting at the Ottawa County Regional Water Plant is scheduled for September. Andy McClure, City of Toledo, Water Treatment, was named vice-chair of the PWS committee.
- **Watersheds** –Tim Murphy, Civil and Environmental Consultants, reported. The committee met in January 2019. Watersheds committee has formed a technical advisory group to address work being done on NPSIS Plans and prioritize GLRI funds are available for work on NPSIS Plans. Committee would like to see NPSIS coordination continue through TMACOG's 604(b) supplemental planning funds. An invite will be going out to the new director of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission to speak at a future meeting. The next "On the Road" meeting may include a tour of the Blanchard Demonstration Farms. At the April meeting, the committee will be discussing SB2, which proposes providing funds to SWCDs for watershed planning work.

#### **Member Updates:**

None

#### **Staff Report:** Kari Gerwin, Sara Guiher, and Kris Barnswell reported.

- Work continues on updating the 208 Plan. Final approval is slated to go before the Board of Trustees in May.
- Water and Wastewater training for operators will be held on May 22 in the Grand Lobby of the TMACOG offices. Operators and engineers will be eligible to receive up to six contact hours.
- Work continues on the planning of the Portage River Water Trail. Three public meetings will be scheduled to take place in Pemberville, Oak Harbor, and Elmore in May.
- Canoemobile will take place on June 26-29 at various locations. June 26-28 are for targeted organizations and a public community day will be held at Walbridge Park on June 29.
- A meeting with OEPA is set for the upcoming week to discuss work to be completed in FY20 using federal 604(b) funds passed through Ohio EPA.

Kari Gerwin distributed a summary sheet from USEPA requesting nominations for members to the Great Lakes Advisory Board, asking if the WQC would like to submit a member for consideration that would represent the council. After review

and discussion, the council decided to forego a submittal at this time. It was noted that John Hull, representing Hull & Associates has put in his nomination.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Future Meetings:**

May 13 – at the Water Reclamation Plant in Fremont, OH with a tour of the Ballville Dam removal site.

July 8

September 9

November 14

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

**Adjournment:**

Carol Contrada, 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	X				
Vice Chair (M)	Jon Eckel	City of Perrysburg	X	X				
WW Chair (M)	Alice Godsey	City of Perrysburg	X	X				
WW Vice-chair (A)	Jeff Lamsen	City of Fremont						
SWC Chair (M)	Kevin Laughlin	Wood County	X	X				
SWC Vice-chair (A)	Shawna Towns	City of Toledo, Environmental Services	X					
PWS Chair (M)	John Hull	Hull & Associates	p	X				
PWS Vice-chair (A)	Andy McClure	City of Toledo, Water Treatment		X				
Watersheds Chair (M)	Tim Murphy	Civil & Env. Consultants	X	X				
Watersheds Vice-chair (A)	Deanna Bobak	Civil & Env. Consultants						
Lucas County (M)	Carol Contrada	Lucas County	E	X				
Lucas County (A)	Vacant							
Wood County (M)	Theodore H. Bowlus	Wood County Commissioner	X	X				
Wood County (A)	Tom Stalter	NWSD	X					
Ottawa County (M)	Mark Coppeler	Ottawa County Commissioner						
Ottawa County (A)	Mike Libben	Ottawa SWCD	X	X				
Sandusky County (M)	Scott Miller	Scott Miller, Commissioner						
Sandusky County (A)	Vacant							
<i>Monroe County (M)</i>	<i>Dave Thompson</i>	<i>Monroe County</i>						
<i>Monroe County (A)</i>	<i>Ryan Simmons</i>	<i>Monroe County</i>						
Toledo Administration (M)	Andrew McClure	City of Toledo Administration	X	X				
Toledo Administration (A)	Patekka Bannister	City of Toledo Administration						
Toledo Council (M)	Nick Komives	City of Toledo Council		X				
Toledo Council (A)	Matt Cherry	City of Toledo Council						
City Caucus 1 (M)	Angie Ruiz	City of Fremont	X	X				
City Caucus 1 (A)	Vacant							
City Caucus 2 (M)	Rick Meiring	City of Waterville	X	X				
City Caucus 2 (A)	Ken Blair	City of Waterville						
City Caucus 3 (M)	Jon Eckel	City of Perrysburg	X	X				

City Caucus 3 (A)	Alice Godsey	City of Perrysburg	X	X				
City Caucus 4 (M)	Howard Brebberman	City of Maumee	X	X				
City Caucus 4 (A)	Joe Camp	City of Maumee						
Township Caucus 1 (M)	Donald Shahloff	Township of Whitford	X	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							
Township Caucus 4 (M)	Mark Sattler	Township of Jerusalem		X				
Township Caucus 4 (A)	Vacant							
Village Caucus 1 (M)	Gordon Bowman	Village of Pemberville	X	E				
Village Caucus 1 (A)	Vacant							
Village Caucus 2 (M)	Steven P. Pilcher	Village of Whitehouse		X				
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	E				
Districts Caucus 1 (A)	Vacant							
Districts Caucus 2 (M)	Joe Cappel	Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority	X	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	X				
Non-government Caucus 1 (A)	Bob Neubert	Partner for Clean Streams						
Non-government Caucus 2 (M)	Sally Gladwell	Mannik & Smith	X	E				
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, Esq.	University of Toledo	X	X				
Colleges & Universities (A)	Patrick Lawrence, Ph.D.	University of Toledo						
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	X				
	Katie Rousseau	American Rivers	X					
	Steve Arndt	State of Ohio Representative		X				
	Jim Carter	Wood SWCD		X				
<b>TMACOG Staff</b>								
TMACOG Staff	Tim Brown			X				
TMACOG Staff	Joy Minarcin		X	X				
TMACOG Staff	Kari Gerwin		X	X				
TMACOG Staff	Kris Barnswell		X	X				
TMACOG Staff	Tatiana Burkett			X				
TMACOG Staff	Sara Guiher		X	X				
TMACOG Staff	MaryPat McCarthy		X	X				
TMACOG Staff	Gilda Mitchell		X	X				