

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

May 21, 2014

9:00 AM

OWDA Offices

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, OEPA- DSW
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC SACG Bi-monthly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Grossman, OWDA • Brian Hall, OEPA-DSW • Marie Barnett, OEPA – DSW • Scott Jackson, USGS • Denise King, ODA • Gail Hesse, Ohio Lake Erie Commission (via telephone) • Ashley Ward, EPA-DSW • Mike Eggert, DDAGW • Sue Daly, PUCO • Dick Bartz, USGS • Matt Nisenoff, Ohio League of Conservation Voters • Zuzana Bohrerova, OSU-OWRC • Matt Parrill, ODOT • Eric Lockage, CORD • Rodney Torres, ODNR

AGENDA TOPICS

REVIEW LAST MEETING NOTES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	Brian Hall conducted the meeting which started at 9:00 AM; Brian welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves.	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

STATUS OF OWRC AND FUTURE DIRECTION

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water has a new Chief and Deputy Director for water resources, Karl Gebhardt. • The expectations of the new Ohio EPA Director, Craig Butler regarding the OWRC have not been made clear yet. • ODNR is switching servers and the OWRC website was down. It is back working but
-------------------	--

	there is a new link that Brian will send out.		
CONCLUSIONS	None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send out working link to OWRC website.	Brian Hall	6/9/2014	

MORPC UPPER SCIOTO RIVER BALANCED GROWTH

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	The workgroup has already technically reviewed the plan. MORPC is anxious for endorsement and there is not a Council meeting currently scheduled, Brian recommends endorsement through an absentee vote.		
CONCLUSIONS	Nobody raised concerns over endorsement through absentee vote.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send absentee vote forms and briefing memos to SACG members so they can brief their Directors.	Brian Hall	6/16/2014	

WORK GROUP UPDATES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>Each workgroup presented an update on their action/task items. Brian's goal is to have a Council meeting in August or September to have the Strategic Plan and Action Items endorsed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Watkins (OEPA, Chief of Environmental Education) is willing and excited to coordinate with other Agencies. 2. Watershed Management 3. Water Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workgroup needs to work more with Jeff Deshon on Action Item 3. 4. Water Quantity 5. Data and Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Alexander is running the Water Quality Steering Committee. • There are concerns about how the public may interpret or use available data. • Action Item 2 is too general. • Dick will work with Cathy on tasks. • Action Item 3 is also general. Brian would like to make the OWRC website a resource. 6. Water Resource Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone from Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water and possibly someone from Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters should sit in on workgroup meetings. • Do we see new regional facilities being discussed? Yes – in unsewered areas. 7. Water Related Natural Hazards
-------------------	---

CONCLUSIONS	Group	Status		
		Action Items	Tasks	Objectives
	Education and Outreach	✓	Missing	✓
	Watershed Management	Needs revisions*	Started, needs revisions*	Missing
	Water Quality	Needs revisions*	✓	Missing
	Water Quantity	✓	✓	Missing
	Data and Information	Needs revisions*	Started	✓
	Water Resource Infrastructure	✓	✓	✓
	Water Related Natural Hazards	Needs revisions*	Missing	Missing

* See March meeting notes

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Complete and submit to Ashley Ward, revised and completed Action Items, tasks and objectives	Action Item work groups	June 23
Compile updated action items into format of current version and send out to SACG for review.	Ashley Ward/Brian Hall	July 2
Review Action Items, tasks and Strategic Plan and come to next SACG meeting with comments prepared.	SACG	July 16

UPDATES

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION
	<p>ODA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would it be appropriate to use OWRC funds for SB 150 outreach to landowners, letting them know their obligation for certification? The previous Ohio EPA Director had specific ideas on what he wanted to accomplish through OWRC, but the new Director hasn't given the OWRC direction yet. <p>OLEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quarterly Ohio Lake Erie Commission meeting will be held June 16, 2014. The meeting will be followed by a briefing and sampling demonstration for Lake Erie Caucus members. • The summer of 2014 is the US and Canada's Lake Erie Year. • OLEC gave out 4 quarterly grants through Ohio's Lake Erie Protection Fund. • There is a special category for winter photos in the photo contest. <p>ODOT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Conference will be July 15th and 16th and registration is now open. • Ohio Transportation and Engineering Conference will be held October 28th and 29th.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The climate variability adaptation study is still ongoing. • ODOT will be spending approximately \$22.5 million on land preservation for the Portsmouth bypass project. <p>OEPA, Drinking and Ground Waters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Baker is at a conference in Texas about infrastructure needs. • OCAPP Conference will be September 23rd and 24th. • Division is working on deep well injection permit. <p>USGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under contract with DNR to install 7 new stations. Almost all are operating properly. • USGS is doing work on Laker Erie, sediment sampling. • The existing understanding for funding and implementation of the stream gauge network is expiring this year. • There is an effort for NOA, USGS and Army Corp of Engineers to all work together. MOU was signed 4-5 years ago. They are looking for input from the water resources community: what data and resources could the group provide? <p>OEPA, Division of Surface Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical advisory group for nutrients has been working for 6-8 years and they are hoping to have a rule making soon. • Dredging: Toledo, Lorain and Sandusky harbor certifications will be issued soon. • US EPA proposed a rule to clarify what waters can be regulated under the Clean Water Act. <p>ODNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a significant increase in money for park improvements such as water, sewer and dam upgrades. <p>OWDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Muskingum Conservancy District obtained money from oil and gas and created a revolving loan fund, which OWDA will be managing. • One year ago OWDA gave out its first storm water loan. It was an economic development tool that went to new development in Butler County. They are building a mall similar to Easton. The loan went towards capturing storm water and then controlling the release of it. OWDA recently gave a second similar loan and just received another request from Dublin. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<p>ODA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is approximately \$250,000 in the budget that could be used for projects. Data and information may propose a project to get data into the WQE. • Denise will have a proposal ready for July's meeting. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Have a project proposal ready to present to SACG.	Denise King	7/16/2014