

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

November 2, 2017

1:30 PM

WMAO Conference

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, OEPA- DSW
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC Quarterly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alauddin Alauddin, OEPA – DEFA• Pejmaan Fallah, OEPA - DEFA• Emily DeLay, OEPA - DSW• Mike Eggart, OEPA – DDAGW• Rodney Tornes, ODNR• Keith Banachowski, USGS• Greg Nageotte, ODA• Annie van Blaricom, ODSA• Annie Baas, PUCO• Sue Daly, PUCO• Linda Weavers, OSU• David Straub, USGS• Richard Lorenz (City of Westerville)
	Next meeting February 14, 2018 at OWDA

AGENDA TOPICS

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE MEETING NOTES

A. ALAUDDIN

DISCUSSION	Alauddin Alauddin conducted the meeting which started at 1:30 PM. Alauddin welcomed everyone and asked if there were any comments on the previous notes. There were no comments.
CONCLUSIONS	None.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS OWRC BYLAWS

A. ALAUDDIN AND SUE DALY

DISCUSSION	<p>This was the first look and discussion at new draft bylaws for the Ohio Water Resources Committee. Sue Daly drafted the new bylaws and led discussion. It was determined that this meeting would be the first look at the new bylaws, and at the next meeting in February comments will be provided by members.</p> <p>Questions/Comments after first look:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (Under 3) Have 2 representatives for ODNR, since the Agency is now spilt into the Geological Survey division and the Water Resources division.2. (Under 3) Change name of Ohio Department of Development to Ohio Development Services Agency.
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	<p>3. (Under 3) Add OEPA – DEFA to members.</p> <p>4. (Under 3) Change Ohio Department of Agriculture to Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation.</p> <p>5. (Under 3) Reach out to Ohio Lake Erie Commission Office, Ohio Public Works Commission, and Ohio Emergency Management Agency to ask if they want to be a part of OWRC.</p> <p>6. (Under 3) Should we elect a leader annually?</p> <p>7. (Under 4) Set a limit on meeting times – 2.5 hours.</p> <p>8. (Under 6) Discussion about keeping the Strategic Action Plan as part of OWRC’s responsibility.</p> <p>9. (Under 6) Should research be named specifically in the SAP?</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	<p>We should elect a leader annually.</p> <p>The Strategic Action Plan should continue to be a part of OWRC’s responsibility.</p>	
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Review draft bylaws and make any final changes at Feb 2018 meeting.	All members	2/14/2018

PROGRAM UPDATES

SACG MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	<p><u>ODA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now have rules for follow up on manure runoff for small farms (less than 700 animal units). Anything greater than 700 animal units is DLEP who permits those facilities. If the farm is recalcitrant, ODA can issue a civil fine (used to be a Director’s order). Talking to SWCDs about how they are handling complaints. • 2 to 5 small statewide RFP for watershed coordinator grants. Only SWCDs eligible because GIRF is funding source. Up to \$40k grants with \$8k cash match for watershed coordinator’s compensation. Looking for counties where there has not been a coordinated effort, but the SWCD is working in a functioning partnership and there’s stakeholder interest in that watershed. Want accelerated implementation. Reaching out to funding partners and asking where they want a watershed coordinator. <p><u>OEPA – DSW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSW is working on our 2018 Integrated report, due in April, which will include our nutrient mass balance report. • USEPA has been sued for not making Ohio list the open waters of Lake Erie as impaired. Ohio EPA is working with University of Toledo, OSU and BGSU to gather data on algae blooms in Lake Erie. • USEPA will be asking POTWs to complete a survey about their nutrient capabilities as part of a national study focused on nutrient removal at municipal WWTPs. This survey is scheduled for the first part of 2018, and the goals of the study are: 1. Obtain nationwide data on nutrient removal to help set more realistic and achievable nutrient reduction targets. 2. Encourage improved POTW performance with less expense, 3. Provide a forum for stakeholders to share best practices. • Ohio EPA is developing a state specific storm water permit for oil and gas activities. Federal law exempts oil and gas industry from needing a storm water permit and we have had numerous problems with gas pipeline installations. • Public notice of Ohio’s Domestic Action Plan was given, and we are working through the
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comments received. The DAP is required by the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and is to be submitted to USEPA.

USGS:

- USGS is officially the new water science center for Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, and new director is Mike Griffin out of Louisville.
- Will have an open house fall 2018 to show off some of the capabilities they will gain from other states (drone, eco-mapper and other things).
- Working with MS and ODOT to measure the effectiveness of some best management practices.
- Got a project with GLRI for E. coli and HABs along Lake Erie.
- Installing gauges for OEPA for western LE basin. WQ sites have a super gauge to monitor continuous P and Nitrate at the border of the Maumee and Antwerp gauge. 2 more gauges at Wilshire on the St. Marys and on the St. Joe right at the border.

ODNR:

- Dealing with a lot of fracking oil and gas infrastructure issues, underground gas storage, salt cavern development, reservoirs of surface for saltwater storage.
- Water withdrawal requests for fracking use have continued to increase. Working through noncompliant reporters.
- Still pushing for dam rehabs and some removals (eastern OH and mining dams) throughout the State.

OWRC:

- Proposed RFP deadline just passed. Got about 15-20 proposals this year. Looking to figure out who to fund in the next month or so.
- Finished strategic plan in the spring. Want to do a better job of connecting researchers that they fud with water stakeholders in the state. Planning to roll out an RFP where the investigators need to have a stakeholder or identify a stakeholder to have more relevance with the state.
- Quarterly luncheon (with WMAO) 2 weeks ago with Kent State.

OEPA – DDAGW:

- Two DW rules proposed. New lead rules that came out of HB 512 and Op Cert rules.
- Working on asset management rules for water systems (result of SB 2), out for Interested Party Review.
- Disruption of service rules are drafted.
- Drafting policy soon on manganese advisory levels. USEPA does not have an MCL level for manganese, they have other non-enforceable standards.
- SB2 – issue about selling water. Trying to figure out if accounting for all water being sold (i.e. condos). Grey zone about who has the authority to maintain waterlines on certain properties.
- UIC Class I deep well injection permit for Husky Oil. They installed wells in Lima and expecting a permit to operate to come in some time in February.
- Received a permit to operate from Buckeye Brine – want to convert class II injection well to class I. In the process of reviewing application. Will send to DNR for comments. First new wells permitted in 35 years.
- GW: updating 3 chapters of guidance manual for hydrogeologic modifications and groundwater monitoring. Will be posted for public comments.

- Process of developing statewide groundwater report for constituent variance based on ambient monitoring data.

OEPA – DEFA:

- WPCLF funding program is about to finalize a program management plan for 2018. In effect as of Jan 1, 2018. Already have a potential list of projects for funding.
- Jan and Feb: accepting nominations for drinking water projects.
- Webinar topic for Jan is WSRLA (no date yet). Offering an incentive for asset management.

PUCO:

- No updates.