PRBC Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021– 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting
Utilizing GoTo Meeting

Welcome:
Mark Coppeler, Ottawa County, Chair, welcomed all and called the meeting to order.

Virtual Meeting Intro:
Sara Guiher, TMACOG, explained the meeting would be recorded. Everyone logged in was asked to enter their name and affiliation in the chat box. This will be used to keep track of attendance. Those in attendance will be listed on the PRBC Committee roster at the end of these meeting minutes.

Home Sewage Treatment System Mapping:
Matt Kennedy, TMACOG, spoke to the process of creating mapping and coordinating it so the data is accessible and able to be maintained. This has been and is continuing to be done for Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties. Each county has their own system for this data so one of the goals it to make the data easier to use for everyone. This is an ongoing, long-term project.

HSTS Outreach and Education Needs of County Health Departments:
Sara Guiher, TMACOG, sent out a survey to area counties to find out how TMACOG could help with HSTS. The first question was if the county could use help with outreach and education. 100% said yes. Topics that homeowners need to know about are maintenance and monitoring, replacement, soil type. She suggested some ideas that the committee could investigate to help in these areas. Sara asked for input from people on the call about how the counties did their outreach.

Portage Water Trail: UPDATE
Sara Guiher, TMACOG, work on the Portage Water Trail went very slowly during 2020 due to COVID. Design work is done. Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge remain the fiscal agents. They have the designs for the brochures and signs and are accepting proposals for the printing. The funding is in two rounds, so hopefully the printing will be in the next few months then signs will be installed. We need to talk about the potential launch date. As long as funding from ODNR stays on track, we are hoping for a launch date at the end of August.

Staff Report:
Wood SWCD, Beth Landers
Wood County has been working on H2Ohio, 120 agreements are in place that cover about 78,000 acres. Implementation will start this spring.

Ottawa SWCD, Becky Simpson
Ottawa County is working on wetland installations to drain agricultural lands. They are donating about 400 trees to 4th graders. The 2021 Ag Breakfast was held and over 160 participants attended. The Women in Conservation series is staring again, with the first two events virtual and then moving to in-person in June.

TMACOG, Sara Guiher
Kari Gerwin received an email from ODNR that Sara will forward; there is $5,000,000 in emergency assistance grants for erosion issues available to coastal towns. Matt Kennedy is working with members to plan the annual water/wastewater training. We need to start talking about when to go back to in-person meetings. If the August meeting is in-person we will need to find a location.

Member Update:
Dave Hower: Ribbon cutting in Elmore and Genoa on April 22nd for the North Coast Inland Trail.

Mike Shadoan: Working to extend the North Coast Inland Trail through Genoa and then to Millbury. Working with Wood County as Mlllbury is in Wood County. The Park District is creating a job description for a chairperson and looking to hire a full-time person for that position.

Public Comment:
None

Future Meetings:
August 8, 2021 Dave Hower volunteered to host the August meeting in Elmore,
November 9, 2021

Adjournment:
Mark Coppeler adjourned the meeting at 2:03 PM.

PRBC Committee Roster			2021 PRBC Committee Meetings			
Category	**Appointee**	**Jurisdiction/Organization**	**4/13/2021**	**8/10/2021**	**11/9/2021**	
Chair (M)	Mark Coppeler	Ottawa County Commissioner	X			
Vice - Chair (M)	Becky Simpson	Ottawa SWCD	X			
(M)	Doug Clark	City of Bowling Green	X			
(M)	Jacob Ardner	Materion Brush Beryllium & Composites	X			
(M)	Jerry Bingham	Ottawa County	X			
(M)	Keith Kruse	Village of Woodville	X			
(M)	Beth Landers	Wood SWCD	X			
(M)	Dave Hower	Village of Elmore	X			
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Guests and Participants						
Martha Bowen		Sandusky County	X			
Peggy Christie		OEPA	X			
Duane Abke		Wood County	X			
Doris Herringshaw		Wood County	x			
Michael Shadoan		Ottawa County Park District	x			
TMACOG Staff						
TMACOG Staff	Sara Guiher		X			
TMACOG Staff	Kari Gerwin					
TMACOG Staff	Matt Kennedy		X			
TMACOG Staff	Eric Kostecky					
TMACOG Staff	Ann Nair		x			