



**TMACOG Public Water Supply Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 7, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.**  
**TMACOG Boardroom**  
300 Dr M.L.K. Jr. Dr., Str. 300, Toledo, OH 43604

**Welcome:**

Andy McClure, Vice Chair, City of Toledo, began the meeting with welcome. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. He stated that as quorum had not been established, the agenda would be reordered.

**Regional Water Commission Update:**

Andy McClure stated that the City of Toledo is working on its CIP update, AMI discussion and cash funded CIP. They have a minimum 100-year cycle for replacement instead of the current 400-to-500-year plan. The present H2O website will become the website for Regional Water updates. A subcommittee has been looking at cost of service elevation - new water rates sent to city council. Community Updates – Last phase of equalizing rates, the last 2 years of the rate increase reduced from 6% to 4%.

**Discuss 2024 Water Quality Committee Restructure and Annual Work Program:**

Sara Guiher presented the plans for a restructuring of Water Quality subcommittee schedules and meeting format. This structure has been reviewed and approved by current subcommittee leadership and has also been presented to all other WQ subcommittees over the past 2 months.

Noting the need for member input during the 208 Plan overhaul process and an overlap in membership and topics, TMACOG staff proposed that two Planning Groups are formed to hold combined meetings of 5 subcommittees: Infrastructure Planning would combine Wastewater and Public Water Supply, and Watershed Planning would combine meetings of Watersheds, Agriculture, and Portage River Basin Council. Each subcommittee will retain a separate work program and leadership. Staff will work with chairs to plan meetings that allow members to provide feedback on 208 work, engage speakers for special topics, and offer continuing education credits.

She then gave an overview of the Annual Work Plan. It will be finalized at the January meeting. She discussed possible changes and rationale for them. TMACOG will send current AWP with track changes prior to the next meeting.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

As a quorum was not established, this will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Discuss 2024 Public Water Supply Committee Leadership:**

As a quorum was not established, this will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Approve 2024 Meeting Schedule:**

Proposed: quarterly on 4th Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. January 25, April 25, July 25, October 24. No objections were raised. No vote was taken as a quorum was not established.

**Member Update:**

City of Toledo – Michael Somerville – Toledo completed projects: filter & pipe gallery. Basin 1 & 4 upgrades, punch list by end of year. For 2024, high service pump station, lab improvements – 2 are complete, 3<sup>rd</sup> will be done in 2024, Pump station improvements, Collins Park roadway and site improvements. Lagoon bidding will happen in 2024. Toledo was awarded a \$2.5 million grant from H2Ohio for water mains.

Sylvania- Water line replacement along Rt. 20 area in advance of roadwork. Pump stations – on a cycle, looking at all for maintenance. Working with City of Toledo on master meter replacement.

Whitehouse- Grant for water tower, being planned with help from Kleinfelder, adding 500,000 gallon storage.

Perrysburg – Switching to AMI -75% coverage done, relocating Gateway to get to 90%. Replacing 4” water mains, 1 out for bid, 1 absorbed into design. Master meter replacement near the Trail. Major changes to ground storage, increase reservoir.

#### **OEPA Update:**

Mike Deal – lead and copper rule proposal has been published in the Federal Registry. Initial revision utilized trigger rule at 10 – 20% increase for state on this. The comment period is 60 days beginning yesterday. Virtual public hearing Jan 16, 2024. 3 years from rule adoption to implement – 2027 date. Green construction loans deadline March 1, 2024., put you in running for funding available moving forward. Some 0% interest, always below market value if interest charged.

#### **Staff Report:**

Water Quality Planner position will be posted early 2024. Kari Gerwin and Ann Nair gave an update on Water Workforce

#### **Public Comments:**

None

#### **Adjourn:**

Andy McClure adjourned the meeting at 1:47 PM

Public Water Supply Committee Roster			2023 PWS Committee Meetings			
Category	Appointee	Jurisdiction/Organization	3/2	6/1	8/9	12/7
Chair (M)	John Hull	Verdantas (formerly Hull & Associates)	x	x		
Proxy	Jenny Carter-Cornell	Verdantas (formerly Hull & Associates)				x
Vice - Chair (M)	Andy McClure	City of Toledo			x	x
(A)	Patekka Bannister	City of Toledo				
Proxy	Jake Goetz	City of Toledo	x			
(M)	Mike Fields	City of Bowling Green	x	x	x	
(M)	Angie Ruiz	City of Fremont	x			
(M)	Matt Miles	City of Maumee				x
(A)	Patrick Burtch	City of Maumee				
(M)	Matt Choma	City of Perrysburg	x		x	x
(A)	A.J. Coleman	City of Perrysburg				
(M)	Kevin Aller	City of Sylvania	x			x
(M)	Jim Ludwig	City of Waterville				
(M)	Sandy Bihn	Lake Erie Waterkeeper				
(A)	Tahree Lane	Lake Erie Waterkeeper	x			
(M)	Jim Shaw	Lucas County Sanitary Engineer				
(A)	Nate Inkrott	Lucas County Sanitary Engineer		x		
(M)	Dave Thompson	Monroe County				
(PROXY)	Ryan Simmons	Monroe County				
(M)	Tom Stalter	Northwestern Water and Sewer District	x	x		
(M)	James K Frey	Ottawa County Engineer's Office				
(A)	Zach Muller	Ottawa County Engineer's Office	x			
(M)	Tom Borck	Poggemeyer Design Group			x	x
(A)	Denise Plummer	Poggemeyer Design Group	x			
(M)	Anne Auger	Village of Put-in-Bay				
(M)	Steven Pilcher	Village of Whitehouse	x			x

(M)	Ryan Yackee	Village of Swanton	x			
(M)	Brad Lowery	Jones and Henry		x		x
(A)	Troy Brehmer	Jones and Henry	x			
<b>Participants and Guests</b>						
	Lincoln Frey	Fulton County	x	x		
	Joe Cappel	Toledo Lucas County Port Authority	x			x
	Adam McDowell	City of Defiance		x		
	Jacob Goetz	City of Toledo		x		
	Garett Chamberlain	NWWSD		x	x	
	Steve Gutekunst	City of Oregon		x		
	Sarah Stibana	City of Oregon		x		
	Brent Meek	City of Bowling Green		x		
	Tahree Lane	Lake Erie Waterkeeper		x		
	Gerald Bingham	Ottawa County Health Department			x	
	Donna Dettling	Village of Archbold			x	
	Michael Somerville	City of Toledo			x	x
	Brian Dickens	Toledo Chamber			x	
	Kris Barnswell	OEPA			x	
	Alice Godsey	Citizen			x	
	Mike Deal	OEPA				x
	Tom Jasinski	City of Toledo				x
<b>TMACOG Staff</b>						
TMACOG Staff	Matt Kennedy		x	x	x	
TMACOG Staff	Kari Gerwin				x	x
TMACOG Staff	Zoe Quisenberry				x	
TMACOG Staff	Sara Guiher					
TMACOG Staff	Sandy Spang				x	
TMACOG Staff	Eric Kostecky					x
TMACOG Staff	Ann Nair		x	x	x	x