

Stormwater Coalition April 17, 2025– 1:00 -2:30 p.m. TMACOG Boardroom Toledo, Ohio

Attendance:

Alexa Vogel, Andrea Beard, Lorie Haslinger, Doug Holland, Josh Hollinger, Rob Nash, April McDonald, Kylie Nissan, Josh Belknap, Amanda Gamby, Rachel Sizer, Dave Kuhn, Lauren Rush, Mike Moulton, Kelly Moore, Archie Lundsey, Matt Mace, Destrey Roeber, Dan Bogoevski, Brittany Brockmann, Eric Kostecky

TMACOG Staff: Kari Gerwin, Tiara Davis, Melissa Hopfer, Ann Nair

Welcome

Andrea Beard, Chair, City of Oregon, began the meeting with welcome. She reminded everyone to please sign in for our records and asked for round table introductions.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Andrea Beard stated that a quorum was reached. She asked for comments or corrections on October 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Lorie Haslinger, City of Toledo, *moved to approve*, Amanda Gamby, City of Bowling Green, *seconded*. **Motion carried**.

Andrea Beard asked for comments or corrections on January 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mike Moulton, Middleton Township, *moved to approve*, Josh Belknap, Wood County, *seconded*. **Motion carried**.

Stormwater Coalition FY2026 Annual Work Program Approval

Tiara Davis, TMACOG, gave an overview of the FY2026 AWP, and addressed significant changes. She asked for comments. Archie Lundsey, OEPA, offered assistance to guide the PCB sampling that TMACOG is going to do.

Andrea Beard asked for a motion to approve the FY2026 Annual Work Program as presented. Kylie Nissan, Ottawa County, *moved to approve*, Dave Kuhn, City of Northwood, *seconded*. **Motion carried**.

Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful Programs and Update

Andrea Beard introduced Adam Cassi, Executive Director, Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful.

Adam Cassi introduced why this program is important. He briefly discussed global warming and its effects. KTLCB educates about 5000 students yearly and has many educational programs for adults as well. Some of their major focuses are on waste reduction, litter clean-up, recycling,

composting and adopt-a-road. They have a new program to recycle green house trays and plant pots. They are also working with OI on glass recycling. His presentation was followed by Q & A.

SWC Lake Erie Starts Here update

Tiara Davis stated that as the contract with CCCW expired on March 31, 2025, she will be providing one final quarterly report from this program. In January, TMACOG applied for an OEEF grant, which unfortunately was not funded, however, we are going to work on incorporating ideas from the grant proposal into our LESH program. Specifically, HSTS education coordinated with local health departments. We are still looking for funding for this.

TMACOG has the new material printed from the LESH campaign. Please make sure to pick yours up before you leave today. If you didn't order but would like some material, TMACOG has a limited supply that we can make available.

We are working on a way to coordinate on what events are going on in the region

Staff Report

Tiara Davis TMACOG is looking to provide professional development on illicit discharge training in FY2027. Also, on updating good housekeeping resources. We have some 604B funding that can be used.

Data Management for MS4 – GIS specialist training for municipalities.

Ohio Stormwater Association library link is on TMACOG Stormwater resources page. Several other resources as well.

Asked members if they knew how their communities have used the PBC funding from the settlement. Many communities were told to wait to cash these checks, and they do not know what the status of that is. Archie Lundsey, OEPA, said that a lot of these funds were used for education, some of it was used for remediation. OEPA is working to find the best way to leverage the money for remediation. He can help us find education information from other communities.

OEPA Update

Archie Lundsey - New Director – Anne Vogel is now the Region 5 Administrator for the USEPA. She was replaced by John Logue, who comes from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation, with no EPA background. Seems pragmatic and approachable. Not expecting quick changes.

Dan Bogoevski, Stormwater Supervisor for the NE, SE and NW districts in Ohio, introduced himself, and the 2 area stormwater inspectors, Brittany Brockman and Eric Kostecky. He discussed the areas they each focus on in inspections. He reminded members that their reports were due April 1st and said they had a grace period of 30 days, so make sure the reports have been turned in.

Next year will be the renewal of MS4 permits and OEPA will be reaching out for input from all permit holders. They do have to align with the USEPA requirements, so some items are not

negotiable. The OEPA will then draft the permits and then there will be a public comment period. Both the USEPA and the OEPA are doing audits this year across the state.

Member Update

Lauren Rush, City of Perrysburg, has a new title, Natural Resources Manager, and they will be hiring a stormwater position soon.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn:

Mike Moulton moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.