

# Public Water Supply Committee March 2, 2023 - 1:00 p.m. TMACOG Boardroom

### Welcome

John Hull, Chair, Verdantas, welcomed everyone and stated that Andy McClure, Vice Chair, City of Toledo, had sent a representative as he could not be here.

# Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2022

John Hull asked for comments or feedback on the meeting minutes. Hearing none, John Hull asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Tom Stalter, NWWSD, moved to approve. Matt Choma, City of Perrysburg, seconded. **Motion carried**.

#### Approval of the FY2024 Annual Work Program

Matt Kennedy, TMACOG, discussed the changes to the AWP. He also discussed the Water Workforce Development Project as part of the AWP and Madhouse as the marketing company. He asked for questions. Hearing none, John Hull asked for a motion to approve the FY2024 AWP. Steve Pilcher, Village of Whitehouse, moved to approve. Angie Ruiz, City of Fremont, seconded. Motion carried.

### **Regional Water Commission Update:**

Tom Stalter gave an overview of the regional water update. City of Perrysburg replaced Alice Godsey, who retired, with Matt Choma. Patekka Bannister is changing positions and will need to be replaced eventually. He asked Jake Goetz from the City of Toledo to give an update. The City of Toledo drafted and sent a letter to the EPA to ask for an extension for the alternate water source and it has been approved. They are working on replacing the raw water main, Collins Park Water Treatment Plant Capital Improvements. They are also working on elevated storage on 3 sites with a total of 4 towers holding 2 million gallons each.

#### Great Lakes Advisory Board Region 5 - Climate Change Impacts on Infrastructure Update

John Hull stated that these projects have a 65% Federal and 35% state/local funding. There are 3 projects in Toledo. He is looking for comments on the infrastructure side from committees. He will send links to Matt Kennedy to forward. Followed by Q & A.

## **208 Drinking Water Chapter Regional System Inventory Discussion**

Matt Kennedy stated that we need more information on drinking water, such as source water, system location and service areas. We want to include a map of service areas that will be online and will be interactive. What depth of information would the committee like to see? Who is the audience? (Developers, contractors, municipalities) John Hull asked for a template of what the chapter might look like to be sent to committee members for feedback. Followed by Q & A.

#### **Member Update**

The City of Toledo is working on purchasing property for the elevated storage discussed earlier. They are hoping to complete these storage facilities in 2024. 2 of 3 locations are finalized.

Tom Stalter stated that NWWSD is working on development and expansion. Many of their senior management are getting within 5 years of retirement. Will soon not make any water of their own.

Steve Pilcher stated that Whitehouse has a \$500,000 tank to be started in late summer near the bus garage.

Kevin Aller stated that Sylvania has a couple of larger projects, the city has 5 crossings over US23, and they need to replace the mains.

#### **OEPA Report**

None

## **Staff Report**

Matt Kennedy, TMACOG

- Planning for operator training topic pumps maintenance and engineering. Will be for both water and wastewater operators.
- Water Workforce is doing outreach for mentors, trainers, and internships.
- Monday March 13, WQC will host a panel discussion with OEPA and ODA on animal permitting.

# **Public Comments**

Tahree Lane, Lake Erie Water Keeper talked about the Lawsuit the USEPA has against the OEPA. The deadline for commenting is March 8<sup>th</sup>. She gave some background on animal manure and said that manure is not discussed in the Maumee TMDL. If you want a sample letter, she can send one to you.

Kevin Aller moved to adjourn the meeting. John Hull adjourned at 2:15 pm

## Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2023

Public Water Supply Committee Roster				2023 PWS Committee Meetings				
Category	Appointee	Jurisdiction/Organization	3/2	6/1	9/7	12/7		
Chair (M)	John Hull	Verdantas (formerly Hull & Associates)	х					
Vice - Chair (M)	Andy McClure	City of Toledo						
(A)	Patekka Bannister	City of Toledo						
Proxy	Jake Goetz	City of Toledo	х					
(M)	Mike Fields	City of Bowling Green	х					
(M)	Angie Ruiz	City of Fremont	х					
(M)	Matt Miles	City of Maumee						
(A)	Patrick Burtch	City of Maumee						
(M)	Matt Choma	City of Perrysburg	х					
(A)	A.J. Coleman	City of Perrysburg						
(M)	Kevin Aller	City of Sylvania	х					
(M)	Jim Ludwig	City of Waterville						
(M)	Sandy Bihn	Lake Erie Waterkeeper						
(A)	Tahree Lane	Lake Erie Waterkeeper	х					
(M)	Jim Shaw	Lucas County Sanitary Engineer						
(A)	Nate Inkrott	Lucas County Sanitary Engineer						
(M)	Dave Thompson	Monroe County						
(PROXY)	Ryan Simmons	Monroe County						
(M)	Tom Stalter	Northwestern Water and Sewer District	х					

(M)	James K Frey	Ottawa County Engineer's Office			
(A)	Zach Muller	Ottawa County Engineer's Office	х		
(M)	Tom Borck	Poggemeyer Design Group			
(A)	Denise Plummer	Poggemeyer Design Group	х		
(M)	Anne Auger	Village of Put-in-Bay			
(M)	Steven Pilcher	Village of Whitehouse	х		
(M)	Ryan Yackee	Village of Swanton	х		
(M)	Brad Lowery	Jones and Henry			
(A)	Troy Brehmer	Jones and Henry	х		
Participants and	Guests				
	Lincoln Frey	Fulton County	х		
	Joe Cappel	Toledo Lucas County Port Authority	х		
TMACOG Staff					
TMACOG Staff	Matt Kennedy				
TMACOG Staff	Kari Gerwin				
TMACOG Staff	Sara Guiher				
TMACOG Staff	Eric Kostecky				
TMACOG Staff	Ann Nair				