



TMACOG Wastewater Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

TMACOG Boardroom

300 Dr M.L.K. Jr. Dr Ste 300, Toledo, OH 43604

Welcome:

Kevin Aller, Chair, City of Sylvania began the meeting with welcome. He asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Kevin Aller asked members to review the meeting minutes. Hearing no corrections, he asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jerry Griener, NWWSD, moved to approve. Steve Pilcher, Village of Whitehouse, seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss 2024 Water Quality Committee Restructure and Annual Work Program

Sara Guiher, TMACOG, discussed the plans for a restructuring of Water Quality subcommittee schedules and meeting format. This structure has been reviewed and approved by current subcommittee leadership.

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. Q & A during discussion.

Ms. Guiher 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.

Discuss 2024 Wastewater Committee Leadership

Kari Gerwin, TMACOG, asked for a motion to open nominations – Steve Pilcher, Village of Whitehouse *moved to open*. Jerry Bingham, Ottawa County Health Department, *seconded*. Kari Gerwin asked for nominations. John Motycka, City of Oregon, *nominated* Kevin Aller as Chair. Jerry Griener *seconded*. Hearing no other nominations, Kari Gerwin asked for a motion to close nominations. Jerry Griener *moved to close*. Jerry Bingham *seconded*. Kari Gerwin asked for a motion to approve nominations. Matt Miles, City of Maumee, *moved to approve*. John Motycka *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Approve 2024 Meeting Schedule

Proposed: quarterly on 4th Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., January 25, April 25, July 25, October 24. Kevin Aller proposed changing the time to 1:00 p.m. instead of 9:30 a.m. He asked for a motion to approve the 2024 meeting scheduled with the 1:00 p.m. time. Steve Pilcher *moved to approve*. Nate Inkrott, LCSE, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

2023 208 Plan Update:

Sara Guiher presented the 208 Plan FPA updates and the updated timeline for the overhaul. She identified the 2023 updates to chapters 2 and 5. She stated the county meetings for 2023 were combined into the September WQC meeting with outreach to the FPAs/DMAAs. Starting in 2024, the FPA updates will be on a five-year cycle with one county submitting updates each year.

Kevin Aller asked for a motion to recommend advancement of 2023 208 Plan Update to Water Quality Council. Jerry Griener *moved to recommend*. John Motycka *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Policy Updates

Kari Gerwin – Maumee nutrient TMDL has been approved. The group phosphorus NPDES permit should be in development. Kari asked Ryan Gierhart to provide more information about the permit.

OEPA Update:

Ryan Gierhart – General Permit effective November 1, 2024 and will be implemented in March with phosphorus testing. Looking for input from facilities - top 39 dischargers in Maumee watershed. The group permit will require additional reporting steps – end of critical season March through October. Individual permit limits have not changed. Mr. Gierhart is willing to present to the group if requested. The Euclid permit, which has been a point for past discussion due to USEPA’s objection, has not been finalized. Ohio EPA Central office hired a new staff member Eric Aiken to work with communities on 208 planning. Nutrients NPDES permits pretreatment of phosphorus will be evaluated.

Member Update:

Jerry Bingham – Ottawa County is finalizing report for survey for HSTS in the Curtis/Williston critical sewer area. Meeting with OEPA in next few weeks. Of 406 HSTS, 36% not failures, 35% failure, 29% undetermined. The plan is to treat the wastewater at the Oregon WWTP.

Nate Inkrott – Lucas County has submitted the plan to OEPA to extend service to Village of Monclova. Also, met this week with Ottawa and Wood counties to develop a general plan for development along the 280 corridor. Also working west towards Fulton County. Possibility of EV plant in future.

Kevin Aller – Sylvania updated the electricity discharge plan, took this to the council for approval.

Staff Report:

Eric Kosticky introduced himself as the interim staff coordinator for the Wastewater and Public Water Supply Committees. Water Workforce update – 14 of 24 seats are filled. Plant tours are scheduled. Owens recruitment events have been well-attended.

Public Comments:

None

Adjourn:

Steve Pilcher, Village of Whitehouse *moved to adjourn*. Kevin Aller adjourned the meeting at 2:08 PM

| Wastewater Committee Roster | | | 2023 Wastewater Committee Meetings | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Category | Appointee | Jurisdiction/Organization | 2/01/2023 | 5/03/2023 | 8/09/2023 | 11/01/2023 |
| Chair (M) | Kevin Aller | City of Sylvania | | x | x | x |
| Vice - Chair (M) | Jeff Lamson | City of Fremont | x | | | |
| (M) | Matt Miles | City of Maumee | x | | | x |
| (A) | Patrick Burtch | City of Maumee | | | | |
| (M) | John Motycka | City of Oregon | x | x | X | X |
| (A) | Don Nelson | City of Oregon | | | X | |
| (M) | AJ Coleman | City of Perrysburg | x | x | X | X |
| (A) | Matt Choma | City of Perrysburg | | | | |
| (M) | Tom Jasinski | City of Toledo | x | | X | X |
| (A) | Christine Minor | City of Toledo | | | | |
| (M) | Jim Ludwig | City of Waterville | x | | | X |
| (A) | Ken Blair | City of Waterville | | | | |
| (M) | Troy Brehmer | Jones & Henry | x | x | X | |
| (A) | Brad Lowery | Jones & Henry | | | | |
| (M) | Nate Inkrott | Lucas County Sanitary Engineer | x | x | | X |
| (A) | VACANT | Lucas County Sanitary Engineer | | | | |

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| (M) | David Thompson | Monroe County | | | | |
| (M) | Jerry Griener | Northwestern Water and Sewer District | | | | X |
| (A) | Tom Stalter | Northwestern Water and Sewer District | | | | |
| (A) | Zach Mulder | Ottawa County | x | | | |
| (M) | Gerald Bingham | Ottawa County Health Department | x | | x | X |
| (M) | Jack Jones | Kleinfelder | | | | |
| (A) | Denise Plummer | Kleinfelder | x | | | X |
| (M) | Ritu Chakravarti | University of Toledo | x | | | X |
| (A) | Saurabh Chattopadhyay | University of Toledo | | | | |
| (M) | Marc Glotzbecker | Village of Gibsonburg | | | | |
| (A) | Paul Clark | Village of Gibsonburg | | | | |
| Proxy | Brad Hershey | Village of Gibsonburg | x | | | |
| (M) | Randy Genzman | Village of Oak Harbor | x | | | |
| (M) | Mikaela Stiles | Village of Swanton | | | | |
| (A) | | Village of Swanton | | | | |
| (M) | Steven Pilcher | Village of Whitehouse | | x | X | X |
| (M) | Craig LaHote | Wood County Board of Commissioners | | | | |
| (M) | Lana Gore | Wood County Health Department | x | | | X |
| (A) | Kelly Bechstein | Wood County Health Department | | | | |
| Participants and Guests | | | | | | |
| | Ryan Gierhart | OEPA | x | x | | X |
| | Chuck Campbell | City of Toledo | | x | | |
| | Eric Akin | NOACA | x | | | |
| | Pam Davis | NOACA | x | | | |
| | Marisa Stewart | City of Toledo | | x | | |
| | Carrie Johnson | City of Toledo | | x | | X |
| | Mark Stoffan | Campbells | | x | | |
| | Edith Kippenhan | City of Toledo | | x | | |
| | Alice Godsey | Citizen | | x | X | X |
| | Alex Slawinski | Lucas County | | x | | |
| | Jason Collins | Lucas County | | x | | |
| | Todd Haggard | City of Toledo | | x | | |
| | Mike Carson | Citizen | | x | | |
| | Kris Barnswell | OEPA | | | X | |
| | Donna Dettling | Village of Archbold | | | x | |
| | Michael Somerville | City of Toledo | | | x | |
| | Brian Dickens | Toledo Chamber | | | x | |
| | Garret Chamberlain | NWWSD | | | x | |
| | Alexander Bodette | Proxy Jones & Henry | | | | x |
| | Conner Ferguson | Proxy Monroe County Drian Commission | | | | x |
| TMACOG Staff | | | | | | |
| | Matt Kennedy | TMACOG Staff | x | x | x | |
| | Kari Gerwin | TMACOG Staff | x | | x | x |
| | Sara Guiher | TMACOG Staff | x | | | x |
| | Eric Kostecky | TMACOG Staff | x | | | x |
| | Alex Aspacher | TMACOG Staff | | | | |
| | Sandy Spang | TMACOG Staff | | | x | |
| | Zoe Quisenberry | TMACOG Staff | | | x | x |
| | Ann Nair | TMACOG Staff | x | x | x | x |