

Public Water Supply

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2020– 1:30 p.m. – TMACOG Boardroom, Toledo, OH 43604

Welcome:

John Hull, Hull & Associates, welcomed everyone and round table introductions were made. Those in attendance are noted below.

Steve Pilcher	Village of Whitehouse
Rick Meiring	City of Waterville
Shannon Nabors	Ohio EPA
Andy McClure	City of Toledo
John Hull	Hull & Associates
Ryan Yackee	Village of Swanton
Jim Shaw	Lucas County Sanitary Engineer
Frank Butwin	Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor
Alice Godsey	City of Perrysburg
Kari Gerwin	TMACOG
Joy Minarcin	TMACOG

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

John Hull, Chair, requested that amendment be made to the agenda to add a discussion on activated carbon performance testing and Michigan PFAS standards. John Hull asked for a *motion to approve* the minutes from December 5, 2019 and the meeting agenda as amended. Kevin Aller *moved to approve* and was *seconded* by Andy McClure, City of Toledo. **Motion carried.**

FY2021 Annual Work Plan:

Kari Gerwin reviewed with the committee the proposed update and changes for the PWS committee's FY2021 annual work plan. A copy of the proposed plan was distributed in today's meeting packet. After discussion, item G under Objectives will be changed to read, "Protecting the public from unnecessary expenditures on duplicative resources."

Kari Gerwin asked for a *motion to approve* the FY2021 PWS AWP as presented, with change. Andy McClure *moved to approve* and Alice Godsey *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

PRESENTATION:

Collins Park Ozone Milestones and Impact to Lead and Copper Monitoring
Andy McClure, City of Toledo

Drone footage was shown of Collins Park and the upgrade process. The construction of basins 7 & 8 is about 90% complete. Basin 7 will be used for redundancy and Basin 8 was built to address future capacity. McClure explained the upgrades that have been made to the plant and how the upgrades will improve the quality of the treatment process.

Activated Carbon Performance Testing

John Hull, Hull & Associates

The following topics were discussed:

- Carbon performance testing
- Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) vs Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)
- Discussed how ozone treatment should reduce chlorine treatment and TTHM, (Total Trihalomethane) that is a disinfectant by-product associated with chlorine.

Understanding and Supporting Water Treatment Plant Responsibilities and Challenges

- The importance of lead & copper testing notification to community operators
- The importance of outreach to community leaders. Various videos are available such as “The Value of Water” program and “Water Is Life”. A good place to start would be to showcase something at the 2021 General Assembly.
- Members expressed interest in developing a “Water Summit” similar to TMACOG’s Transportation Summit. Water Quality Council and the other committees could also be involved. Various vendors, sponsors, contact hours, labs, consultants, and ethics could be incorporated. Will report back after discussing with WQC and other committees.

Michigan PFAS Standards

- Michigan PFAS guidelines have been finalized. These were compared to the proposed Ohio guidelines. (A copy of the MI PFAS document will be emailed to members).
- Ohio’s validation process of PFAS was discussed.

Agenda For Lake Erie:

Kari Gerwin

The Agenda for Lake Erie is being updated this year and the final updated agenda slated for final approval by the TMACOG Board of Trustees in December 2020. The water/wastewater portion of the agenda was explained. Comments/edits need to be given to Kari Gerwin before the PWS meeting in June. when PWS will vote to approve and forward to WQC. A copy of the current document was included in meeting packet.

Member Comment:

- The Water Environment Federation aired a webinar from February 25 concerning the corona virus. Kari Gerwin will email the link to members.
- The City of Perrysburg has issued an RFP for a 4-year water/sewer rate study.
- Shannon Nabors stated that Mike Deal, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, will be attending the PWS meetings and Ms. Nabors will be phasing out her attendance.

Staff Report:

Kari Gerwin

- The hiring of a Water Quality Planner continues. An offer has been made to a perspective candidate.
- The Water/Wastewater training will be held on June 11 at the United Way building. A couple of topics to be presented on are PFAS and lead testing requirements. More to follow.

Expanding on the W/WW training, the committee suggested the following:

- Residual management – contact Brian Bullinger with Ohio Northern University
- PFAS – joint presentation with OEPA and the Ohio Department of Health
- Lead & copper rules and the communication requirements of results
- Disruption of service – OEPA, new rules
- Residuals management as a joint topic
- Federal cyber vulnerability analysis – contact consultants

Future Meetings:

The next PWS meeting will be held June 4, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Location details to follow.

Public Comments:

None

ADJOURN: