



County Caucus Video/Teleconference

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.-Noon

See Outlook calendar invitation for instructions on how to join this session.

Meeting Agenda

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| 1. | Call to Order/Welcome | Mark W. Stahl
Commissioners, Ottawa County |
| 2. | Welcome participating state legislators | Mark Stahl |
| 3. | Overview of meeting – Discussion of Issues | Mark Stahl |
| 4. | Discussion Topics | Caucus Members |
| A. | Ohio Water & Sewer Rotary Loan Program – purpose of program is to provide no interest loans to governments for AG land assessment deferrals relating to water/sewer projects. Programs primary benefit is to provide gap funding for deferred agricultural lands that would then allow development to occur while protecting farmland. | |
| B. | HB 168 - \$250 million water and sewer project program. CEAO and Department of Development working on structure details. Deadlines fast approaching. | |
| C. | COVID-19 Impact, Best Practices, Learning Experiences, Successes, and Mistakes – Updates from Members. | |
| D. | Teleconference authority ended by Ohio legislature. Ohio representatives Lisa Sobecki and Jim Hoops have legislation granting permanent permissive authority pending in the Ohio House of Representatives. Updates? | |
| E. | Michigan/Ohio Bills addressing long term financing of Lake Erie Water Quality Initiatives. (H2Ohio program in Ohio.) Maintaining funding to effectuate Lake Erie/Watershed Algae Reductions is imperative. How it all fits with TMACOG’s Agenda for Lake Erie and Ohio’s stated Goal of achieving a 40% Phosphorus Reduction. | |
| | o Increasing water levels in Lake Erie – updates? | |
| F. | Opiate/Heroin Drug Epidemic continues to impact communities and budgets, best practices to share? | |
| G. | Michigan/Ohio state general operating budgets – issues for discussion? | |
| H. | Any Additional Issues? | |
| 5. | What legislative action might be helpful? (last ½ hour) | State Legislators |
| 6. | New Business / Next Steps | Caucus Members |
| 7. | Adjourn Meeting | Mark Stahl |

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