

OWRC SACG Meeting

Minutes

May 20, 2015

9:00 AM

OWDA Offices

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, OEPA- DSW
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC SACG Bi-monthly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail Hesse, OLEC (via telephone) • Brian Hall, OEPA-DSW • Marie Barnett, OEPA-DSW • Ashley Ward, EPA-DSW • Zuzana Bohrerova, OSU • Greg Nageotte, ODNR • Sue Daly, PUCO • Pejmaan Fallah, OEPA- DEFA • Charles Dietz, USDA • Steve Grossman, OWDA • Rebecca Fuggit, ODH • Mike Baker, DDAGW • Dick Bartz, USGS • Erin Hazelton, ODD • Presenters from PUCO • Katie Salvator/ Presenters from PUCO • Zachary Hoffman/ Presenters from PUCO
	Next meeting July 15, 2015, OWDA 9:00am

AGENDA TOPICS

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>Brian Hall conducted the meeting which started at 9:00 AM; Brian welcomed everyone. There were no comments on the last meeting notes, which have been posted the OWRC website.</p> <p>There was good discussion at the Council meeting and it was well attended. The next Council meeting will likely be in February.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

PROJECT IDEAS FOR SFY 2016 AND 2017

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>Katie Salvator and Zachary Hoffman from PUCO presented a project proposal, OH20.</p> <p>The OH20 Project centers on a few key elements that target multiple audiences throughout Ohio including supportive educational materials, a web page, social media, posters and videos and a storm water drain/ fountain painting contest for children with a cash prize for the winners' Art classes.</p> <p>The project would be a campaign to educate the public on the main source of water pollution and pollution prevention. PUCO is enthusiastic at the prospect of partnering with other state Agencies on the project.</p> <p>There is potential to contact corporate sponsors who could donate paint to schools.</p> <p>There are currently four proposals seeking funding. How does OWRC choose which proposals receive funding? There needs to be a clear format for proposal submission and evaluation.</p> <p>Gail Hesse may submit a fifth proposal for Balanced Growth technical assistance for communities in the Ohio River Basin.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Brian will discuss the PUCO project idea with Carolyn Watkins. The proposal was well received. The next step is for PUCO to submit a formal, standardized request.</p> <p>Brian will draft a standardized project application form. He will send out an email to SACG members listing the four current proposals that the group is asking to complete the standardized form and will ask for more proposals with a deadline of the next SACG meeting.</p> <p>The PAG has been copied on all of the emails discussing proposals.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Develop and email standardized form.	Brian Hall	6/3/15

2015-2019 STRATEGIC ACTION ITEMS

B. HALL

DISCUSSION	<p>The last time the Action Plan was worked on was August 2014. It needs updated and tracked. Typically, updates are given on half of the items every SACG meeting.</p> <p>Should written updates be provided prior to the SACG meetings?</p> <p>Is there a way everyone can have access to the document without posting it on the web?</p> <p>Do funded projects go on the Action Items tracking sheet?</p>
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written updates are not required by the contact person, verbal updates are enough and will be used to update the action item by the administration team • SharePoint may be a good way for everyone to have access and be able to make changes

	<p>to the Action Items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded projects should go on the tracking sheet. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
The Action Items will be updated so that it is aligned with the Strategic Action Plan and sent out. Everyone needs to look over the Action Items and submit revisions to Ashley Ward and Brian Hall.	SACG group	ASAP

UPDATES/OTHER BUSINESS

B. HALL

	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>PUCO Former Chair Johnson is now Commissioner and Andre Porter is a new Chair. New Chief of Staff Jason Rafeld. PUCO is busy with energy efficiency. There was a kids’ water festival on May 19. About 500 fifth graders attended and it went really well.</p> <p>ODSA Busy collaborating with DEFA and USEPA. They did energy audits of four WWTPs and are moving forward to implementing the recommendations of the audit.</p> <p>OSU Extension Busy with sustainability research and they are currently working on the project report.</p> <p>OEPA – OCAPP DEFA is new and improved by fusing with OCAPP. Pejmaan and Alauddin are now working on outreach.</p> <p>ODH RFP for HSTS are complete. ODH has \$1M to give in the Lake Erie Basin. They received 32 proposals totaling \$5M. The proposals are scored.</p> <p>ODH is scheduling training on septage management.</p> <p>It is nearly beach monitoring season. ODH has been working with US EPA on HAB messaging for healthcare facilities. USEPA has new 10 day health advisory standards for mycrosystin and cylindrospermopsin. USEPA has advised that these are to be treated like not to exceed standards. These new standards are for drinking water, not recreation.</p> <p>OLEC NOAA has a new HAB forecast for Lake Erie; it has been a dry spring so this year’s bloom is predicted to be milder than in recent years.</p> <p>OLEC, EPA and USGS are working on a monitoring atlas for an easy to understand tool on how we</p>
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are doing with nutrient loading. The next Commission meeting is on June 24 at Heidelberg. The Phosphorus Task Force is meeting on June 26.

USGS

USGS is doing water quality work with the Muskingum Conservancy District. Installing specific conductance monitoring at 14 gage sites for early warning detection.

Performing baseline monitoring in reservoirs.

ODNR

Senate Bill 1 passed. Manure can no longer be applied to saturated or frozen ground. Small operations have two years to comply and medium operations have one year to comply, if they apply. This is in the western Lake Erie basin only. Manure needs to be stored until conditions are right for land application. GLRI to fund some storage. ODNR needs to work on rules.

There is a new education and outreach person at ODNR.

WMAO conference will be November 17th and 18th. There is a call for presentations; abstracts can be submitted at wmao.org. Typically, there is a good mix of public and private attendees at the conference.

OWDA

Sue Farmer retired at end of the year, OWDA has hired Kim Killian who started at the end of April.

OEPA - DSW

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled in the Fairfield County case that TMDLs need to be a rulemaking. OEPA is trying to decide how to address the issue and are looking into several options. One option is a legislative change that requires TMDLs to be an action of the Director instead of a rulemaking.

Senate Bill 1 prohibits open lake disposal of dredge material by 2020.

DSW is preparing for HAB season. There is a new satellite to monitor for HAB blooms. Once a bloom is reported, the state park beaches will be monitored by ODNR.

CONCLUSIONS	None.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE