

OWRC SACG Meeting

MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2012

8:45 AM

OWDA OFFICES

MEETING CALLED BY	Brian Hall, Leader, OWRC-SACG
TYPE OF MEETING	OWRC SACG Bi-monthly
ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Grossman, OWDA • Joe Bonnell, OSU Extension • Jim Morris, USGS • Sue Daly, PUCO • Ted Lozier, ODNR • Greg Nageotte, ODNR (Alternate) • Mike Baker, OEPA- DDAGW • Mike Eggert, OEPA-DDAGW (Alternate) • Beth Bailik, OEPA - DSW • Brian Hall, OEPA - DSW

Agenda topics

REVIEW LAST MEETING NOTES

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Welcomed everyone and asked if there were any changes to the December meeting notes		
CONCLUSIONS	No changes were identified		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
None			

OWRC BUDGET

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Reviewed spreadsheet handout that includes information on OWRC spending authority, current cash balance and estimated cash balance bases on billing agencies what was billed in SFY 2011. Discussed options for billing this year.		
CONCLUSIONS	Will recommend to Council to bill agencies based on 20% reduction from last year. (\$12000) This will allow OWRC to fund at least one project that is associated with OWRC Action Items		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Will include briefing and recommendation for agency billing (allotment) at February 21 Council meeting	Brian	February 21, 2012	

OWRC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Discussed the need/desire for OWRC to fund project(s) of interest to the Council. It was suggested that any projects must be aligned with OWRC Action Items. We then discussed projects of interest. These included: Western Lake Erie/nutrients (ODNR mentioned their focus on Blanchard and Portage watershed), Shale gas impacts(OU interested in gathering pre-drilling air/water, economic information), balanced growth (Hall provided update on BG projects, upcoming SAWG meetings and revisions being made to the Best Local Land Use Practices agreement with Cleveland State), OSU Extension proposal to measure
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	changes as a result of Watershed Action Plans (could also be applied to measure changes from BG plans also), and drinking water well test interpretation tool	
CONCLUSIONS	The group believes that there are enough water focused projects and they should be highlighted at the February Council meeting. The group recommends that a portion of the OWRC budget should go towards funding project(s). It was also recommended that the Council give the OWRC Chairman (Director Nally) the authority to approve funding an OWRC project or two.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Receive budget allotment approval from Council	Brian	February 21, 2012
SACG members are to bring suggestions on project selection process to the March SACG meeting	All SACG	March 21, 2012

REVIEW OF 2/21/12 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Group reviewed draft agenda for February 21 Council meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS	Budget will be its own topic on the agenda (see recommendation above). The overview and strategic plan topics will be a PowerPoint that highlights the OWRC history, past projects, current action items, and future needs.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Develop OWRC PowerPoint that will be presented at Council meeting, solicit salt pile pictures from DDAGW for PowerPoint	Beth & Brian	February 1, 2012
Finalize Agenda, work with presenters on briefings. Confirm Rebecca will be presenting geothermal wells	Beth & Brian	February 14, 2012
SACG members should brief Director's on meeting, Brian will call absent SACG members to ask them to brief Director's, Steve will discuss with William Murdock	All	February 14, 2012

PROGRAM UPDATES

ALL

DISCUSSION	<p>OWDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A multiagency Small System Work Group has been put together. The group has been developed to identify ways to bring cost effective solutions for wastewater collection and treatment to small communities. The group will be made up of the following sub-groups: community, planning/design, funding, and technology. Their first meeting is scheduled for late January <p>ODNR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Division of Soil and Water Resources has a new chief - Karl Gebhardt. Karl was with ODNR in 1972 working in Parks, then Natural Areas, and then with the legislative office of then Director Bob Teater. He also worked with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation for over 18 years where he served as Organization Director in Crawford, Morrow and Richland Counties, Regional Supervisor in Southwest Ohio then in Columbus as Director of Membership and finally as their lobbyist on local government, environmental and natural resource issues. Karl also served as the first Executive Director for the Office of Farmland Preservation at the Ohio Department of Agriculture. And he owned a consulting firm for nearly 10 years focusing on government relations, community relations and issues management primarily in Natural Resources, Agriculture and Energy. Working on Compact Legislation with Governor's Office Soil and Water Conservation Taskforce has completed its work and submitted a report on looking at ways to make the local SWCD more effective
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	USGS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are consolidating USGS MI and OH service. Jim is spending alternating weeks at each office
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

NEXT MEETING

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	The next SACG meeting (March 21) is scheduled for the same time as the Ohio Lake Erie Commission meeting.
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CONCLUSIONS	It was proposed to change the meeting start time from 8:45 am to 2:00 pm
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Check on the availability of the OWDA conference room	Steve	ASAP

OBSERVERS	None
RESOURCE PERSONS	NA
SPECIAL NOTES	None