

**Water Quality Council
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2018 – 1:15 p.m.
Grand Lobby of the TMACOG Offices**

Welcome:

Carol Contrada, Lucas County Commissioner, Chair, called the meeting to order. Commissioner Contrada introduced herself to those present, along with Tim Brown, TMACOG President; Kari Gerwin, TMACOG Director of Water Quality; and Jon Eckel, Vice-chair of the Water Quality Council, City of Perrysburg.

Members and guests in attendance are noted on the sign-in sheet for today's meeting and are listed at the end of the meeting minutes.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

Commissioner Contrada asked for a *motion to approve* the meeting minutes from the March 12, 2018 WQC meeting, and the Agenda for today's meeting. Kevin Laughlin, Wood County *moved to approve* the meeting minutes and agenda and was *seconded* by John Hull, Hull & Associates. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Water Quality Annual Work Program FY19:

Kari Gerwin, Director of Water Quality Planning

Explanation/review of the Water Quality department's annual work program for FY19 was given. Items of significance include the addition of the following programs for the department:

- 51305- Home Sewage Treatment Systems Mapping where TMACOG will assist health districts within the planning area to map home sewage treatment systems, helping to identify potential sources of nutrient and bacterial loadings into waterways and Lake Erie.
- 52132 – TMDL Outreach and Implementation. The coordination of stakeholder engagement in the region for TMDL public outreach and regional coordination of implementation plans.

Individual committees under the Water Quality department had previously approved their respective work plans. TMACOG staff requests Council approval of the AWP FY19 and recommendation to TMACOG Board of Trustees for approval.

John Kusiner, Davey Resource Group, *moved to approve*; Tim Murphy, CEC, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Areawide Water Quality Management "208" Plan 2018:

Alice Godsey, Chair, Wastewater Committee, City of Perrysburg

Explanation/review was given to the 2018 version of the "208" Plan. A brief introduction to the Plan and the various major changes to specific facility planning areas was reviewed. A handout depicting specifics of the changes was included in the meeting packet. Also included in the meeting packet was a resolution to be presented to the TMACOG Board of Trustees for approval. Included in the resolution is a concise staff report of changes made to the Plan. A copy of the entire draft report was available for members to view.

Carol Contrada, chair, asked for a *motion to approve* the 208 Plan-2018 and to recommend to the TMACOG Board of Trustees for approval. Kevin Laughlin, *moved to approve*, and Steve Pilcher, Village of Whitehouse, *seconded*. **Motion carried.**

Staff Report:

Kari Gerwin, TMACOG

Gerwin explained the Water Quality Council is the top programmatic committee of the Water Quality department. Other committees include the Public Water Supply, Stormwater Coalition, Wastewater, and Watersheds. Each committee addresses current/pertinent issues as categorized through

discussion, presentations, and/or speakers. If anyone would like more information on any of these committees, please see Ms. Gerwin, or visit the TMACOG website.

Public Comment:

None

Future Meetings:

July 9 – Pearson Park with Howard Marsh Tour

September 10

November 5

January 14, 2019

All at 1:30 PM in TMACOG Board Room unless otherwise announced

Adjournment:

Commissioner Contrada, called the meeting adjourned.

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Immediately following the Water Quality Council business meeting, the Water Quality Council hosted a panel discussion titled “Lake Erie Impaired. What’s Next for the Western Lake Erie Basin.”

Commissioner Carol Contrada, Chair of the Water Quality Council, moderated the panel discussion. Commissioner Contrada introduced the panel that included Director Craig Butler, Ohio EPA; Representative Steve Arndt, District 89; and Professor Ken Kilbert, University of Toledo College of Law.

Contrada also recognized elected officials in attendance.

The panelists discussed legal tools, proposed legislation, and state agency actions that are needed to address the impairment of Lake Erie. Panelists took questions from Water Quality Council members, state legislators, members of the public, and the media. Attendance was approximately 100.

Attendees are listed at the end of the minutes.

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Richard Hannum	City of Waterville
John Hull	Hull & Associates
Scott Miller	Sandusky County Commissioner
Carol Contrada	Chair, WQC Lucas County Commissioner
Mike Libben	Ottawa County Soil & Water Conservation District
Anne Cook	The Andersons, Inc.
Tim Schetter	Metroparks of Toledo
Rob Krain	Black Swamp Conservancy
Alice Godsey	City of Perrysburg
Mark Coppeler	Ottawa County Commissioner
Howard Brebberman	City of Maumee
Jim Sass	Ottawa County Commissioner
Ken Kilbert	UT College of Law
Doug Wagner	City of Oregon
Kay E. Reiter	Sandusky County Commissioner
Tim Murphy	CEC
Deanna Bobak	CEC
Kevin Laughlin	Wood County Engineer
Katie Rousseau	American Rivers
Melissa Greene-Hopfer	Toledo Lucas County Sustainability Commission
Rachel Tippett	Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission
Ron Lajti	Ottawa County Engineer
Shawn Valentine	Spencer Township Trustee
John Kusnier	Davey Resource Group
Steve Pilcher	Village of Whitehouse
Tom Stalter	The District
Sally Gladwell	Mannik & Smith Group
Kris Patterson	Partners for Clean Streams
Ryan Simmons	Monroe County Planning
Patekka Bannister	City of Toledo
Sandra Kosek-Sills	Ohio Lake Erie Commission
David Thompson	Monroe County Drain Commission
Kelly Fry	Ottawa County Sanitary Engineer
Jon Eckel	City of Perrysburg

Lake Erie Impaired Panel Discussion Attendance – May 14, 2018

In addition to the attendees for the Water Quality Council Meeting, event attendees included:

Craig Butler	Director, Ohio EPA
Shannon Nabors	Ohio EPA
Heidi Griesmer	Ohio EPA
Ken Kilbert	UT College of Law
Steve Arndt	Representative Ohio District 89
Kay Moesser	Resident – City of Toledo
Mike Ferner	Resident – City of Toledo
Joey	Citizen
Larry Fletcher	Lake Erie Shores & Islands
David Zanac	Board of County Commissioners
Ann Longsworth-Orr	Senator Sherrod Brown's Office
Theresa Lane	LEF/ACLE
Michael Sheehy	Ohio House of Representatives
Nancy Elzinga	ACLE
Beth Diesch	Seneca Conservation District
Bill Myers	
Jenna Sommers	Sandusky Co. Engineer's
Jim Moyer	Sandusky Co. Engineer's
Kathy & Bob Mockensturm	ACLE
Ken Stein	ACLE
Beth Ash	BGSU
Evan Lewis	BGSU
Greg Telecky	PDG
Karen Chapman	Environmental Defense Fund
Garry Griffith	
Pat Wright	LEF/ACLE
Jerome Cunningham	Farmer
M L Bernstein	Activist
Kim Baker	City of Toledo, Council
Alex DiBell	
Kay Moesser	City of Toledo, Resident
Rachel Barlock	SEMCOG
Tom Henry	The Blade
Kristina Moazed	ACLE
Earl Campbell MD	LEWK LET
David Wirt	Office of Congressman Latta
Sandy Bihn	LEF
Tim Schneider	TRCC
Frank Szollosi	National Wildlife Federation