

## Maumee AOC Advisory Committee

February 22, 2017 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Conference Call # [614-387-7405](tel:614-387-7405)

### MINUTES

**Attendees:** Daryl Dwyer, Julia Gehring, Jenny Carter – Cornell, Sally Gladwell, Tim Walters, Bill Buri, Patekka Bannister, Melanie Coulter, Cherie Blair, Lynn Garrity, Mike Pniewski, Cassie Lovall, Nick Bohland, Joshua Miller, Jeff Guerrero, Mike Cassidy, Russ Terry, Dave Bowman

- **Welcome & Overview:** Kris Patterson welcomed everyone & explained that John Kusnier & Tim Bollin both couldn't make it, unexpectedly. Kris offered to run the meeting.
- **Vote: Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair:** Kris had spoken with John Kusnier and even though he couldn't make it he is willing to accept a nomination to be Chair again. Sally Gladwell nominated him, Bill Buri seconded, and the motion passed with no objections or abstaining. The committee decided to wait until Tim Bollin could be present to ask if he would accept a nomination as Vice Chair again.
- **Review Agenda/Vote to Approve Minutes:** Daryl Dwyer motioned to approve the past minutes. Jenny Carter-Cornell seconded and the motion passed with no objections or abstaining.
- **Review of Maumee AOC Biological MAP report by Tetra Tech:** Cherie Blair, Ohio EPA, explained the report by Tetra Tech, noting that it included proposed projects from the previous one-day HUC working group sessions and proposed projects she has discussed with other parties. It also uses data & statuses that are more current than what is publically available at this time in the DMDS. She is accepting comments on the report until March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Review of Draft MAP and EP lists (v. 1.0) and Proposed Additions:** Cherie presented the committee with an updated set of tables that include draft management action projects (MAP) and evaluation projects (EP) and other proposed additions, such as those in the Tetra Tech report. The committee asked some questions, discussed some ideas that they didn't see captured on the list, and provided some additional information on a few projects. The committee also discussed a set of general principles for evaluating proposed projects to determine which move to a recommended list. Generally, these principles include the following: how shovel-ready a project is, if it has willing implementers & O&M identified, and cost/benefit comparison. This assumes the projects are also screened for how well they fit the BUI targets & metrics. These weren't defined as hard criteria but rather general principles to guide discussions. This helped identify projects that the committee wants more information on or that will be re-evaluated once more detailed plans are developed and those that are shovel ready and appear to meet BUI targets & metrics. The committee felt it important to act on approving some projects at this meeting because US EPA has indicated that there is funding available and it is uncertain what funding opportunities will exist in the future. It is also important to demonstrate that the MAAC has identified priority projects & is identifying priority projects for other agencies to consider. Projects not ready to be included on the list will be kept on an evolving potentials list to keep projects in the "pipeline." The following projects were approved for the updated Recommended MAP/EP list (v. 1.0) (see spreadsheet for details):
  - P-3-16: Sally move & Bill seconded. Patekka Pope-Bannister & Sally Gladwell abstained. Six others voted to include this project. Motion passed.

- P-26-16: Bill moved. Jenny seconded. Sally abstained. Seven voted to include this project. Motion passed.
- P-28-16: Melanie Coulter motioned & Bill seconded. Julia Gehring, Sally, & Jenny abstained. Five voted yes. Motion passed.
- P-38-16: Bill motioned. Daryl seconded. Julia abstained. Jenny abstained. Six voted for the motion. Motion passed.
- P-45-16: Daryl motioned. Melanie seconded. Jenny & Patekka abstained. Six voted for the motion. Motion passed.

There were no updates for the Evaluation list. Cherie will update the list and submit it to her management for consideration.

- **Ohio EPA Report:** Cherie provided a written report and highlighted a few items. The US EPA AOC Conference is March 29 -30 in Grand Rapids, MI. She encouraged people to go. She also noted that the Maumee AOC will be getting a new US EPA TFL, due to re-organization at US EPA. She asked for comments on the proposed Ohio EPA sampling sites by Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. The list was distributed. Other updates are included on the written report.
- **Facilitating Organization's Report:** Kris briefly updated the group that she, Cherie, and the consultant have been working extensively on the DMDS & Version 2.5 just launched with updated data sets, corrected "behind-the-scenes" technical issues, and updated statuses for some BUIs. The support grant is nearly 50% spent, and ends in Sept. Kris will be working on a number of objectives remaining and has already exceeded objectives for meeting & committee support & other deliverables. Kris will reach out to those interested in working with her on brainstorming outreach activities and actively engaging in broadening outreach, prior to the next application for AOC support funding. She reminded committee members about State of Ohio Ethics Training. Kris also mentioned that Duck Creek may be moving towards a GLLA cleanup and beginning their outreach with the community. She will update the group more in future meetings.
- **SEP Fund Update:** Due to time, Kris referred committee members to review this update on their own. She will highlight it again at future meetings.
- **Partner Reports**
  - Update from Ducks Unlimited on Toussaint East/West projects: Russ Terry, Ducks Unlimited, shared a brief update on these projects. He distributed maps and summarized the progress and next steps.
  - Other Partner Reports: Josh, with US EPA, reminded the group that he is working on the MALMR and will be reaching out for more input & to share results.
- **Future Meeting Frequency, Dates, Times (Kris)**
  - The group discussed future meetings and couldn't come to agreement on a date. Kris will send out a Doodle poll.
- **Public Comments:** At the beginning of the meeting, Mike Cassidy distributed a recent newspaper article about the Ottawa River NRDA settlement and talked about how he was glad to see it had moved along & gotten resolved after so many years.
- **Adjourn:** Sally motioned to adjourn & Jenny seconded. The motion passed with flying colors.