

Maumee AOC Advisory Committee

June 11, 2020 9:30am – 11:30am

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Microsoft Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Attendance: Melanie Coulter, Matt Kovach, Lynn Ackerson, Ashley Binion-Zuccaro, Cherie Blair, Deanna Bobak, Jenny Carter-Cornell, Scott Butterworth, Chris Cline, Donna Foster, William (Bill) Hintz, Kris Patterson, Leah Medley, Mike Pniewski, Josh Miller, Deborah Millsap, Ryan Darnton, Joey Sink-Oiler, Tim Schetter, Amanda Kovach

- **Welcome, Overview of Agenda:** Cherie Blair welcomed everyone and explained meeting logistics.
- **Vote: Minutes:** Chris Kline moved & Joey Sink-Oiler seconded the motion to accept the April minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2024 Overview and Detailed Timelines (Cherie Blair):** Cherie began by explaining the usefulness/necessity of detailed timelines for each of the BUI project lists in the 2020-2024 time period. She then presented and briefly described each timeline. Questions were taken from the group.
- **Vote: SedMAPs list from Ohio EPA (Cherie Blair):** Jenny Carter-Cornell moved & Melanie Coulter seconded the motion to accept list. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Update from BUI 3a, 14a, 6 Biological (AquaMAP) subcommittee (Josh Miller, USGS):** Josh described the status of the five “placeholder” projects, explained the tentative timeline proposed for project search and asked committee to direct project leads to Amanda Kovach. Josh then described the status of the Maumee River project development. The AOC-wide *potential* project list was also described; the goal of the list is to act as a resource for partners in the future as they look for more projects to pursue towards the benefit of the region/AOC.
- **US EPA Task Force Leader Report (Leah Medley, GLNPO):** Leah summarized the status of the AquaMAP project list. The list is currently being reviewed by GLNPO’s director (Chris Korleski). Leah shared that the list has received much positive feedback and she read aloud a quote from C. Korleski in which he praised the list’s thorough development. She cautioned that the committee that GLNPO’s budget is being used up fast across various the AOCs and that it will be tight moving forward. Leah concluded by stating that work on the SedMAP list is progressing.
- **Ohio EPA AOC Coordinator Report (Cherie Blair)**
 - Summer Field Work: Sediment sampling along the Ottawa River is currently on hold due to COVID-19 precautions and USEPA has not announced their future sampling schedules. Some discussion was had regarding the possibility of hiring of contractors to conduct a portion of the planning sampling. Cherie cautiously suggested that some work (likely not all planned work) may begin towards the end of the summer season. OEPA will focus most of their work this season on Lake Erie.

- BUI Status: Cherie shared an overview of the BUI assessment work by various partner agencies for BUIs 1b, 4, 7, 10a, & 8b & 11. Some work was delayed or put on hold due to COVID but is beginning to pick back up or will be soon.
- MAP Updates: Cherie summarized the status of all MAP lists.
- Maumee AOC Video: Cherie shared that the draft video is currently in the governor's office for review.

- **Facilitating Organization's Report (Kris Patterson)**
 - Financial update: PCS has continued working (remotely) during the pandemic. We have approximately \$58K remaining at the end of May, with some outstanding invoices still, but we are under-spent. We are working on adapting some future work to adjust to the limitations & changing opportunities under COVID19.
 - Support grant update: Kris shared news that PCS's grant to conduct work as the facilitating organization of the MAAC will be extended through March 2022.
 - Outreach activities: A summary of modifications made to outreach work due to COVID-19 was shared. PCS is working to facilitate small (individual/family unit) stream cleanups and is also brainstorming ways to modify future outreach activities per social distancing guidelines. Kris also shared updates on MAP project promotion activities that are in progress or near complete (e.g., rack cards, website page, etc.).
 - DMDS Update: Kris shared information regarding a recent update to the DMDS that was made to enhance the site's security. She also asked that project leads continue to update their project entries.
 - Input on future activities: A discussion was led by Kris to brainstorm an alternative activity for the annual Water Quality Boat Cruise. Several MAAC members provided ideas, including Facebook Live steaming the cruise and/or Facebook Live project site tours. The creation of a DMDS video tutorial for new users was also suggested as an future outreach project.

- **Next meetings for 2020:** likely virtual meeting format
 - August 13th 9:30-11:30am
 - Scott Butterworth asked to present on the H2Ohio Program at this meeting.
 - December 10th 9:30 – 1:00pm

- **Public Comments & Adjourn:** No further comments/questions were received from the committee. Melanie Coulter moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.