



Maumee AOC Advisory Committee

August 11, 2022 9:30am – 11:30am

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MINUTES

- **Welcome & Meeting** (Mike Pniewski, Chair)
Attendance: Cherie Blair, Kris Patterson, Amanda Kovach, Jim Carter, Colin Kelly, Jenny Carter-Cornell, DJ Mears, Ryan Allison, Madeleine Dewey, Kris Barnswell, Archie Lunsey, Andrew Timmis, Vanessa Steigerwald Dick, Edith Kippenham, Marisa Stewart, LaShawna Weeks, Ashlee Decker, Sally Gladwell, Ashley Binion Zuccaro, Deanna Bobak, Tom Denbow, Lynn Ackerson, Beth Sparks-Jackson, Lynn Garrity, Leah Medley, Tim Schetter, Liv Simkin Bullock
- **Vote: Minutes** Jenny asked for a vote on the June minutes. Jim Carter motioned to approve the minutes and Ashlee Decker seconded. With 6 yes votes, the minutes were approved.
- **BUI 1 Removal Update and Next Steps** Cherie Blair, Ohio EPA gave a brief overview of the 30 day comment period (14 days public, and 14 days preview for the MAAC) on the proposed removal of BUI 1. Only a few clarifying questions were asked and the document was revised to expand the explanation and references, primarily for the turtles section, more. No comments from the general public were received. Ohio EPA and the Lake Erie Commission request an endorsement letter from the MAAC to include with the package to US EPA.
- **VOTE - BUI 1 Removal Letter Endorsement** Jenny asked for a motion to submit the proposed letter, circulated with the meeting materials, to Ohio EPA to support BUI 1 removal. Jim Carter made a motion, Ryan Allison seconded, and with 6 yes votes, the motion passed.
- **BUI 11 Removal Document & MAAC actions** Cherie updated the committee that the BUI 11 removal package was still being developed internally and then would then go through Ohio EPA and US EPA review before being shared with the MAAC. Cherie plans to distribute the package before the December meeting in anticipation of a brief public comment period, if necessary, and then action from the MAAC in December.
- **US EPA Task Force Leader Report** Leah Medley, GLNPO commented that the review of MAP funding requested from GLNPO went well and there are lots of projects going or getting funding soon in the Maumee AOC.
- **Ohio EPA AOC Coordinator Report** Cherie provided a written report and briefly went over the highlights. 15 more projects (all of the requests) were funded for AquaMAP projects and all of the WildMAP projects had already been allocated and have now received awards. A few projects falling under the NOAA Partnership program are still to be decided. More data should be available on the GLLA sediment projects at the December meeting.
- **Facilitating Organization's Report** Kris Patterson, PCS gave a brief update. ERIE19 grant closed, with about \$24,000 of the funding remaining due to the interruptions from COVID and change in activities and staffing. The new grant started recently. PCS has been updating and generating content for the newsletters and social media. We also supported several project management teams. In December, Kris plans to ask for 2023 summer activities & projects to highlight in 2023. Kris also mentioned that work is progressing on the chlorides reduction project with UT and TMACOG.



• **MAP Spotlight**

- Several City of Toledo staff gave updates on several habitat and stream restoration projects underway and at various stages. The staff provided updates on projects underway at Delaware Creek and Park, Detwiler, and Bandor and Paisley Parks.

- **Partner Updates** Partners were given the opportunity to share any informal updates. No Public Comments given & meeting was adjourned.

• **Next meetings for 2022**

December 8 at 930am Add in person option (at Ohio EPA-NWDO) for hybrid meeting?