

OWRC SACG Meeting

MINUTES

MAY 16, 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 • Dick Bartz, USGS • Sue Daly, PUCO • Ted Lozier, ODNR • Greg Nageotte, ODNR (Alternate) • Mike Baker, OEPA- DDAGW • Mike Eggert, OEPA-DDAGW (Alternate) • Brian Hall, OEPA - DSW • George Elmaraghy, OEPA-DSW • Denise King, ODA • Bill Cody, ODOT • Rebecca Fugitt, ODH

AGENDA TOPICS

REVIEW LAST MEETING NOTES

BRIAN

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

OWRC COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE (HELD ON 2/21/12)

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	<p>Reviewed actions that the Council took at their February 21, 2012 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4 OWRC sponsored Balanced Growth Plans have been completed and the Council endorsed them. Endorsement letters have been sent out to Clermont Co SWCD, Trumbull Co Planning Commission, Medina Co SWCD and MORPC. For more information on the BG Plans http://www.balancedgrowth.ohio.gov/BalancedGrowthPlanning/WatershedPlanningPartnerships.aspx • The Council approved the revised 2011 BG Strategy. http://www.balancedgrowth.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=gTs9v-az2T0%3d&tabid=56 • Geothermal Technical Guidance approved by Council. The Council requested clarification on Geothermal Legislative Recommendation before it could be approved. The Geothermal Workgroup is working on the clarification and should have an update in the near future. • The OWRC approved the biennium budget and the fees for each Agency (\$12,000/yr). All agencies were invoiced and have paid their 2012 fees. • The Council authorized the Chair of OWRC (Director Nally) to enter into subgrant agreements as long as they didn't exceed the budgeted amount.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The approved OWRC biennium budget included \$125,000 for projects/subgrant agreements. Chairman Nally would like to use these funds for 3 projects – 1. fish tissue: \$25k; 2. HAB treatment technology: \$50k; and 3. brine treatment technology: \$50k. Additional SACG proposals included OSU effectiveness of existing watershed groups and creating an OEPA/DDAGW interactive web site to interpret results of private water well sampling. There was confusion and discussion on the process of how selection of OWRC projects/subgrant agreements is to occur– top down or bottom up process. The Council approved the recommendation to renew all Public Advisory Group members terms for 2011 and 2012. A PAG meeting has been scheduled for May 23, 2012. 	
CONCLUSIONS	1. Geothermal Legislative Recommendation document revision is nearing completion	
	2. Grant Lake St Mary/Lake Erie Microcystin Fish Tissue proposal has been drafted; and	
	3. Clarification of OWRC project/agreement selection process is needed	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email Fish Tissue proposal to SACG	Brian	5/17/12
Discuss OWRC project/subgrant agreement selection process with Chair	Brian	6/1/12
Complete revision to Geothermal Legislative Recommendation document, prior to presenting to Council	Rebecca	9/1/12

**WATER QUALITY MONITORING
COORDINATION WORKGROUP**

GEORGE

DISCUSSION	Recent OWRC focus has been on balanced growth. It was suggested that OWRC change the focus to encourage better coordination of water quality monitoring within the state. One example where better water quality monitoring could be improved is GLSM. Several Federal, State and Universities are collecting samples from the lake and throughout its watershed. Ohio statute requires OEPA to be the clearinghouse for all state collected water quality data through the credible data law.	
CONCLUSIONS	State could benefit from better coordinated ground water and surface water quality monitoring. Create steering group that includes Cathy Alexander-OEPA, Denise King-ODA, Rebecca Fugitt-ODH, Ted Lozier-ODNR and Jim Morris-USGS	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Create draft Charter and schedule meeting	Cathy	Mid-June

**LEGAL REVIEW OF OWRC MEETING
REQUIREMENTS**

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Received private citizen requests to attend OWRC meetings and how items are put on agenda. OEPA legal reviewed Ohio's sunshine laws and determined that they apply to OWRC, SACG and Public Advisory Group. http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/files/Publications/Publications-for-Legal/Sunshine-Laws/Sunshine-Laws-Manual.aspx (starting on pg 81)	
CONCLUSIONS	OWRC's web page has been changed to indicate when OWRC meetings are scheduled and notes from meetings are to be posted.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OWRC WEB PAGE UPDATES

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	OWRC web page is now being regularly updated. The OWRC web page now includes a member's page, meeting schedule page, outreach & efforts page, guidance documents page and strategic action plan page. The Geothermal Technical guidance has been posted. The need to post council resolutions, strategy, budget and Advisory Group to the web was discussed.	
CONCLUSIONS	Council resolutions can be added to the meeting minutes. Strategy and Advisory Group information can be added to the web as needed. There doesn't seem to be a reason to add budget information to the web page.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Review OWRC web page and provide updates to Brian	All	

PUBLIC ADVISORY MEETING

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	A meeting with the Public Advisory Group (PAG) is scheduled for May 23, 2012 at 10 a.m.. The meeting will take place at OEPA Central Office in the Center for Excellence. Chairman Nally is scheduled to attend a portion of the meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS	The meeting agenda was reviewed and revised based on SACG comments.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Revise PAG Agenda and send out to PAG and SACG, get head count for meeting	Brian	5/17/12

ACTION ITEM REVIEW/UPDATE

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	Action Item Leads provided updates on Education/Outreach, Watershed Management, and Data/Information.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Update Action Item Status Report	Brian	ASAP

NEXT MEETING

BRIAN

DISCUSSION	The next SACG meeting is scheduled for July 18 but needs to be rescheduled.	
CONCLUSIONS	It was proposed to change the meeting date to either July 11 or July 25.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Check on availability for July 11 or 25	All	May 25, 2012

OBSERVERS	
RESOURCE PERSONS	
SPECIAL NOTES	