

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 15, 2020
Via Microsoft Teams hosted by Ohio EPA/OCAPP

CAP members Present via Teams: Glorianna Corman, Christina O’Keeffe, John Pierko and Dan Sowry

Absent: Carolyn Cybulski, Rep. Shane Wilkin, Ben Stratton

Non-member participants: Jerry Rouch, Steve Canter, Lexie Andrews and Jessica Cáceres, Brooke Grant

Roll Call: Lexie opened the meeting at 10 a.m. followed by introductions and roll call.

Opening Remarks: Lexie kicked the meeting off by introducing herself (Ohio EPA’s Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) Supervisor). Lexie reviewed the agenda and introduced the CAP to Holly Tucker from Ohio EPA’s Director’s Office.

Virtual Inspection Planning: Holly Tucker provided updates to the CAP on how Ohio EPA has been working on virtual inspection planning. The virtual inspection plan was piloted in the summer of 2020. Surveys have been sent out to receive feedback from stake holders which included Ohio EPA’s regulated facilities and inspectors. Revisions to the plan are scheduled for August 2020.

Ohio EPA Updates: Jerry Rouch provided updates on how Ohio EPA continues to work from home, that the Agency is beginning to plan for budget for state fiscal year 2022-2023, the H2Ohio Program and funding for lead services lines. Jerry also informed the group that the Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants were suspended for fiscal year 2020-2021. Jerry provided more information on the Governors H2Ohio initiative. Jerry informed the group that this initiative administers funds through three state agencies, Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Ohio EPA’s Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance along with the Division of Surface Water has just completed year one and produced a report of the accomplishments overall. Jerry shared that there were seven infrastructure projects for water and wastewater that were funded as well as funds for seven local health departments and the Greater Cincinnati Water Works.

Lastly, Jerry shared information about a new initiative in DEFA, through the State Revolving Loan Funding Program, to replace lead service lines. This funding is available to all Ohio public water systems.

SBEAP/SBO Business Assistance Providers Leadership Award: Dan highlighted that the newest CAP member, Glorianna Corman, received the National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program 2020 Environmental Leadership Award. Dan shared that Glorianna was nominated for her continuous efforts to promote OCAPP’s services for over a decade, involvement in the Bureau of Workers Compensation’s Safety Congress, and her efforts to organize and present industry specific workshops. Dan continued to share that Glorianna is an essential component to marking and encouraging small businesses to utilize OCAPP’s services. Dan shared that over the years Glorianna has assisted in promoting Ohio EPA’s Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) programs, conference, webinars and has helped collaborate on compliance assistance documents.

Ohio EPA Updates: Dan informed the group that registration is now open for the [2020 Virtual Compliance Assistance Conference](#). The conference is schedule to be over a three-week period starting

September 21 through October 8. Dan also shared the that planning team put together a virtual program or [eBinder](#) for the conference and encouraged the CAP members to view it. Dan also shared that OCAPP has been working on a new webinar series that focuses on educating local leaders, such as mayors, township trustees, city officials and more, about important environmental regulations. The series is called the, “In Your Community” webinar. The next webinar is called “[Nuisance Waste Sites, Illegal Dumping, and Scrap Tires in Your Community](#)” will take place on October 28 from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Lastly Dan shared information about another webinar that is a collaboration between OCAPP and the Bureau of Workers Compensation OSHA On-Site Consultation Program. The webinar, “[Virtual Assistance and Resources from Ohio EPA & OSHA’s On-Site Consultation Program](#)” will take place on November 4 from 10:00 – 11:00 am.

SBO Updates: Christina informed the CAP that effective July 1, 2020, the Small Business Assistance Grant Program was restructured. Eligible small businesses can now receive up to 20% of a maximum of \$20,000 of the total cost of a Clean Air Act compliance strategy exclusively to pay:

1. Reimbursement of legal fees, closing fees, authority fees and other fees associated the Authority’s bond financing

After reimbursement, the remainder of the 20% or \$20,000 maximum will be awarded for:

2. Principal payment of the loan incurred that will provide the necessary capital to fund the air quality facility

After the update regarding the restructuring Christina shared OAQDA’s new factsheet.

Agenda & 2021 Meeting Schedule: Lexie informed the group that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday November 17 and that a virtual meeting invite will be sent out. Lexie also discussed recording future meetings with the team so those unable to attend can view the virtual meeting. All participants on the call agreed that Teams was a sufficient platform for meetings moving forward and they agreed with the meetings being recorded in the future.

Open Discussion: Lexie opened the meeting up for an open discussion.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at ~11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Lexie Andrews, OCAPP Supervisor/CAP Secretariat