

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 17, 2020
Via Microsoft Teams hosted by Ohio EPA/OCAPP

CAP members Present via Teams: Carolyn Cybulski, Glorianna Corman John Pierko and Dan Sowry

Absent: Christina O’Keeffe, Rep. Shane Wilkin, Ben Stratton

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

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 provided the following announcements below. Then handed the presentation off to Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) Chief, Jerry Rouch.

Jerry provided updates on how Ohio EPA continues to work remotely and will do so through the end of May 2021. Jerry shared that DEFA and the Agency have been able to accomplish their mission and goals effectively while working remotely. Jerry also provided updates on the State Revolving Fund programs. Jerry shared that the year is not up yet, but it has been very successful year in terms of financial assistance to communities for water and wastewater infrastructure systems.

Jerry continued with an updated on DEFA’s a wastewater compliance assistance unit and how they have been given authorization to go back out into the field in a limited capacity to assist small waste water treatment plants to troubleshoot those that need assistance getting back into compliance.

Jerry also shared that the Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants applications are open to applicants and the cycle is back up.

Jerry provided some updates on infrastructure projects Ohio EPA is involved in that are part of H2Ohio. Jerry informed the group that in program year 2020, the Agency financially participated in a total of 15 projects. Three of these projects were focused on wastewater, four focused on drinking water projects and the remainder went to seven local health districts for home sewage system replacements and upgrades. The last project was for Greater Cincinnati Waterworks to financially assist with the replacement of lead service lines going into were daycares. All projects are currently underway at various forms. As for year two or round two, the Agency is waiting on funding levels, the Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources also have funding available and will be continuing to administer funds to the projects they have funded.

Lastly, Jerry provided an update on other funding projects that the Agency is working on. Jerry shared that the Wastewater Revolving Loan program, has prepared their program plan, it is out for public comment, and the public meeting on Dec 3. Jerry was excited to share that this is the largest number of projects and largest dollar amount of projects in 32 years. Jerry also shared that the drinking water revolving loan program nomination cycle will be kicked off in early 2021 and is an opportunity for

communities to request funding. The Agency is making funding available for the replacement lines for the elimination of lead services lines for public water systems for elimination of lead service lines.

Ohio EPA Updates: Lexie opened the Ohio EPA updates up with an overview of Ohio EPA's first Virtual Compliance Assistance Conference. Lexie provided several highlights about the three weeklong conference. Lexie shared that there were over 10,000 registrations over 7,500 live views and that the recording views continue to climb over 1,000. Of those that attended, there were 37 states and provinces represented including Ontario, Canada and Puerto Rico. Recorded conference sessions can be found [here](#).

Dan continued the Ohio EPA updates sharing information about Ohio EPA's continued external outreach through webinars. Dan provided an updated on the In Your Community webinar series, an update on the Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant applications as well as an update on the recognition programs, Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3), Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Education (E4) and Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Communities (E3C). Dan also provided an update about OCAPP's recent webinar with the Bureau of Worker's Compensation (BWC) titled, "[Virtual Assistance and Resources from Ohio EPA & OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program Webinar](#)." Dan also talked about the continued relationship that OCAPP is building with the OSHA On-Site Consultation Program and his plans for the next outreach effort.

SBO Updates: None at this time. Unfortunately, OAQDA was unable to join today's meeting.

Agenda & 2021 Meeting Schedule: All participants on the call agreed that Teams was a sufficient platform for meetings moving forward and that calls could be shortened to 60 mins. The 2021 meetings will take place via Teams at 10 am on March 16, May 18, August 17 and November 16.

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