MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS
Technical / Public Education Committee Meeting
June 23, 2023
11:00 am

@OHM Office - Livonia

Attendees: Valerie Novaes, OHM; Elizabeth Thacker, OHM; Liz Whiddon, OHM; Andrea Paine, HRWC; Noel Mullett, ECT; Sue Thompson, Wayne County; Leah Groya, Consultant; Mary Trzeciak, OHM; Vicki Putala, OHM

- Housekeeping
  - **We Miss You Noel!** The group had lunch and gave Noel a gift of thanks for his many years at Wayne County and for being part of the leadership of the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds for so many years. Noel’s new email is nmullett@ectinc.com.
  - **Wayne County Rep** – Include Sue Thompson as the WC rep for the ADW moving forward.
  - **EGLE Rep** – Kathleen Sexton is the EGLE rep while Jessica is out on maternity leave.
  - **Update the ADW letterhead with Val’s info**
  - **Invoicing** – All is smooth.

- Collaborative ADW Plans
  - Val had conversation with EGLE – the collaborative plans need to be uploaded to the Wayne County permit. All of the plans are in good shape, just need to accept changes and get them out to the member communities for final review. Plan is to distribute to the ADW members by end of June and give until July 21st for review and comment. The County will then upload to MiWaters in early August. In PEP, identify permit required items vs. non permit required items. **OHM will distribute the plans by next Friday.**

- Gathering Feedback from Members
  Some discussion took place regarding and on-going topic about how to determine if members feel they are getting value by being an ADW member, what other support might they need, and about recruiting additional ADW members. A number of ideas were discussed. As a first step, **OHM will setup a conversation with Kathy Hood and Sumpter Township to see what they think and any suggestions they might have.** **Note:** Kathy Hood has since retired.
• Updates
  • Pet Waste letter went out to several member communities with list of addresses to send it out to.
  
  • Post Construction Reporting – SEMCOG will be sending each community their summary.
  
  • Chemistry/Flow Monitoring
    • Half way through the season – it’s been very dry. SWUA partnership for lab work is going well.
  
  • Collaborative GSI – RFP for marketing consultant and branding is out.
  
  • E-news – 32% open rate in June. Next one will go out in early September.
  
  • Great Lakes Restoration Celebration will be September 22nd. Val is submitting info to ARC staff. The ADW will be having a table and slides in a video.
  
  • Green Schools – Sue Thompson is happy to help promote, review materials and communicate with the schools as needed.

The next PE/Tech meeting will be held August 31st at 11:30am (virtual).