

Ottawa River Coalition Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2025 8:00 am EMA
March 2025 Bi-monthly meeting

In attendance:

Lydia Archambo, Allen SWCD
Dakota Clay, City of Lima
Chad Reynolds, Allied Science
Adam Haunhorst, Regional Planning
Drew M, EMA

Ron Meyer, Sanitary Eng.
Melinda DeLaRosa, ASWCD
Megan Hurd, Alloway
Jared Gessler, EMA
Phil Z, EMA

Ron Meyer welcomed the group to the March 2025 meeting..

Ron Meyer introduced the minutes from January 2025 annual meeting

Motion by Jared G. to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Megan Hurd and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report-

- Lydia Archambo presented the March 2025 financial report.

Motion by Jared G. to Approve treasures report. Motion seconded by Megan Hurd and carried.

- Membership:
 - Allen County Health
 - Beam Designs LLC
 - City of Lima
 - LACNIP

Executive Committee – Adam Haunhorst

- The executive committee met February 20
- Discussion was had on the Fish Fry and Lydia/ASWCD check was signed

Fundraising Committee -Lydia Archambo

- We are in good shape for the fish fry!
- We have at least \$1,100 from placemat sales!
- Let Lydia Know if you are able to help out and volunteer!

Tired of Tires/Clean up – Lydia Archambo

- Ottawa River Clean up is April 26 please come out and support!

Stormwater Committee-

- Adam Haunhorst on behalf of Joe Gearing (County)
 - Updating the County SMESCR
 - 2 stage ditch projects
 - Figuring out how to take advantage of more funding
- Dakota Clay (city)
 - Central Ave project will start work in January

- Catalpa and homes project updates will start in 2025
 - Lima Community Aquatics project
- Lydia Archambo and Melinda DeLaRosa (County)
 - Annual Report Season
 - Updating the County SMESCR

Old Business

New Business

- EMA LEPC Exercise
 - Drew M. gave an explanation of the State mandated Exercise completed on March 5th
 - Many city and county entities gathered at the EMA office to represent their different agencies and walk through a mock spill incident as if it were to have really happened. The incident was Triazene being spilled into the Ottawa river upstream of the City water intake. All agencies had to conduct appropriate actions for how they would act/ who they would call/how they would handle different curve balls being thrown at them from.
 - A lot was learned, and it is considered a success
 - Next exercise will take place October 26th if you would like to be an observer

Committee Reports

- Megan H.
 - Alloway busy season is coming up
 - Lots of Hazardous testing taking place
 - John and rad are wrapping up some reports
- Chad R.
 - Allied has taken on some more clients and they (allied) are their primary spill control
 - Getting ready for busy season
- Ron m.
 - Shawnee treatment plant is still underway
 - Contractors needing sewer extensions
- EMA
 - No spills yet in 2025
 - Updating hazmat plans
 - Getting ready to update hazard mitigation plans

- Hazmate operations and tech training coming up – date TBD
 - April 17 – hosting a storm spotting training
 - New command bus
- Adam H.
 - Starting to ramp up for the season
 - Community assessments of TWP.
 - Rebekah Phillips new director

Motion by Jared Gessler to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Dakota Clay and carried.

Next meeting will be May 15th, 2025 Location TBD

Minutes transcribed by Lydia Archambo, Executive Director