

QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, September 25, 2014 10:00 a.m.

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Oak Harbor, Ohio

AGENDA

10:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Welcome and Agenda Overview..... Craig Butler, OLEC Chair/Director, Ohio EPA

Prior business:

- **ACTION: Approval of Minutes**

Lake Erie Protection Fund

Grants Committee Report Amy Jo Klei, Grants Committee Chair

- **ACTION: Approval of 2 Quarterly Small Grant Projects**

Announcement of 2014 “Life on Lake Erie” Photo Contest Winners Craig Butler, Chair
Introduction by Gail Hesse, Executive Director, OLEC

2014 Ohio Lake Erie Awards..... Craig Butler, Chair

- **ACTION: Approval of Lake Erie Awards**

Following the recording of the vote for the award recipients, there will be a presentation of the Lake Erie Individual and Organization Awards.

Special Reports

2014 Biggest Week in American Birding Event Overview and Regional Economic Impact
..... Kimberly Kaufman, Executive Director, Black Swamp Bird Observatory
..... Larry Fletcher, Executive Director, Lake Erie Shores and Islands- West

Update on Summer 2014 Algal Bloom Events

..... Karl Gebhardt, Chief, Division of Surface Water, Ohio EPA

Ohio Lake Erie Commission Office Updates Gail Hesse, Executive Director

- Lake Erie Quality Index update
- Ohio Balanced Growth Program
- Ohio Coastweeks 2014

Agency ReportsEach Commission member will provide a brief update as time allows

Agency Partner Reports

- Ohio Sea Grant College Program
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
- Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments

Public Comment: *Interested parties are welcome to make a brief comment prior to the close of the meeting*

12:00 Adjourn