

OHIO LAKE ERIE COMMISSION MEETING

The University of Toledo – Lake Erie Center; Oregon, OH.
September 28, 2009

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Sean Logan, Director; Ohio Department of Natural Resources at 10:11 a.m.

Roll Call:

Sean Logan, Director; Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources (ODNR) and Commission Chairman;
Michael Eckhardt, Director's Designee; Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA);
Gail Hesse, Director's Designee; Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA);
Bill Cody, Director's Designee; Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT/Commission Secretary);
William Murdock, Director's Designee; Ohio Department of Development (ODOD); and
Gene Phillips, Director's Designee; Ohio Department of Health (ODH.)

Chairman's Report

The Commission Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Dr. Carol Stepien, Director of UT's Lake Erie Center and her staff for hosting the meeting. The Chairman provided an overview of the facility's amenities and encouraged the attendees to remain and visit the Center. The Chairman reported that it had been a significant year for Lake Erie and the agenda would highlight the commission's vision for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI.) The Chairman reviewed the action items on the agenda, and before the business meeting takes place, the 2009 "Life on Lake Erie" Photo Contest Winners will be announced followed by the recognition of this year's Ohio Lake Erie Awards, presentation of two Balanced Growth Watershed Plans as well as the Lake Erie Protection Fund Grants Report, and special reports on what's happening with the algal blooms in Lake Erie and what future projects the commission may be proposing for the GLRI.

Announcement of the 2009 "Life on Lake Erie" Photo Contest Winners

The Commission Chairman reported that the "Life on Lake Erie" Photo Contest is the Commission's annual contest that has taken place since 1992 and is one of the many events planned for Ohio's Lake Erie public outreach program – *Coastweeks*. The contest captures life along Ohio's shoreline and reflects the heartfelt enthusiasm that Ohioans feel for Lake Erie, its wildlife and its landmarks. Each year a panel of judges is chosen to select the images that truly depict "Life on Lake Erie." Thirteen winners were selected this year out of 336 entries. Eight of the winners were present to receive their certificates of award: Dena Kraft, Oregon, OH; Monnie Ryan, Niles, OH; John Spears, Oregon, OH; Jimmy Trares, Maumee, OH (his parents Sue and Craig Trares accepted the award on their son's behalf); Candice Vlcek, Parma, OH; Lorie Wilbur, Oberlin, OH; Dale Sadowsky, Sandusky, OH who was also recognized as the Judges' Overall favorite; and Tom Green, Tipp City, OH. The remaining winners include: Gabor Balazs, Toledo, OH; Maggi Dandar, Curtice, OH (winning twice); Therese Russell, Bay Village, OH; and Devin Ward, Jefferson, OH. It was further reported that the winning photos will tour the area in a photo gallery and will be on display at UT's Lake Erie Center during September and October, and then will be at Ohio's Statehouse in Columbus for November and December.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes

Motion was made by Ohio EPA and seconded by ODA to approve the June 3, 2009 minutes as presented with no changes. The commission members voted all in favor and the motion carried to approve the June minutes.

Executive Committee Report

Action Request: Approval of the Ohio Lake Erie Awards

The Commission Chairman presented an overview of the Ohio Lake Erie Award Program which began in 1995 and each year since the commission members have honored one individual and one organization that have generously worked to protect and restore Lake Erie and its watershed. The Chairman recognized past award recipients who were present: Edith Chase, OCRMP, as the first individual award recipient of the program; and Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory as the first organization award. Gail Hesse, OEPA, read a citation in honor of Fred Snyder, the Executive Committee's recommendation for this year's 2009 Individual Ohio Lake Erie Award. OEPA, made motion for the Executive Committee recommendation to be approved, and ODA, seconded the motion. The commission members voted unanimously that Fred Snyder, retired Ohio Sea Grant Extension Agent, receive the 2009 Ohio Lake Erie Award for outstanding individual. Mr. Snyder accepted the award. The Commission Chairman read a citation in honor of Ducks Unlimited, the Executive Committee's recommendation for the 2009 Organization Ohio Lake Erie Award. OEPA, made motion to accept the Executive Committee recommendation and ODOD seconded the motion. The commission members voted unanimously that Ducks Unlimited receive the 2009 Ohio Lake Erie Award for outstanding organization. Gildo Tori and Roy Kroll of Ducks Unlimited accept the award.

Introduction of the Watershed Balanced Growth Plans

Ed Hammett, OLEC, introduced the Chagrin River and the Swan Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plans. Both plans are Balanced Growth pilot projects which represents a culmination of three year's work to accomplish these plans. They are being presented today for endorsement by the Commission to quality and to be eligible for future state incentives.

Amy Brennan, Director of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. (CRWP) was introduced and presented an overview of the Chagrin River Watershed Balanced Growth Plan stating that the Balanced Growth Initiative allowed the planning partnership to look at the overarching issues in their communities and watershed. Balanced Growth offers both sides to planning in a community: conservation and development. While looking at a watershed planning prospective, they were able to consider what the Chagrin watershed will look like in 20 years and focused on where there are economic development centers. It was reported that the Chagrin River Plan met their local government support with 28 communities endorsing the Plan representing 82.4% number of communities in the watershed, 80.2% of the watershed population, and 71.2% of the watershed land area. Greg Studen, CRWP, stated that he has been working in the watershed since 1996 and appreciates all the efforts [on developing the Plan] and getting people more engaged in supporting the watershed; that this work will continue on into the future.

Action request: Endorsement of the Chagrin River Watershed Balanced Growth Plan

Motion was made by ODOD and seconded by OEPA to accept the Executive Committee recommendation and approve endorsement of the Chagrin River Plan. The commission members voted unanimously to accept the recommendation and approved the endorsement of the Chagrin River Watershed Balanced Growth Plan.

Kurt Erichsen and Matt Horvat, TMACOG presented an overview of the Swan Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan. Mr. Horvat reported that Swan Creek is located in northwest Ohio and is a very diverse geographic location covering six counties. This Balanced Growth pilot project focused on categories in the watershed using 56 criteria to identify: (1) Priority Conservation Areas (which also included wetlands, rare plants and animals, floodplain areas and riparian corridors); (2) Priority Development Areas; and Priority Agricultural Areas looking at farmland preservation, drainage and working farms. And, the Airport Oak Openings Area (AOOA) was also identified as being a mix of development and conservation in the Toledo Airport area. The next steps will be to develop a plan how to deal with AOOA and set up a formal group to work on this to take advantage of the economic area while creating protection in the area. This plan also met the local government support test with 20 of its 23 jurisdictions endorsing the Plan representing 87% of the jurisdictions, 97% of the watershed populations, and 91% of the watershed land area.

Action request: Endorsement of the Swan Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan

Motion was made by ODA and seconded by OEPA to accept the Executive Committee recommendation and approve endorsement of the Swan Creek Plan. The commission members voted unanimously to accept the recommendation and approved the endorsement of the Swan Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan.

Grants Committee Report – Lake Erie Protection Fund (LEPF)

Small Grants Program

Steve Holland, ODNR-Office of Coastal Management and Grants Committee Co-chair, reported that the primary source of revenue generated for the Lake Erie Protection Fund comes from the sales from the Lake Erie License Plate Program. Each plate sale represents a \$15.00 donation to the Lake Erie Protection Fund which is used to award grants from this Fund. Since the inception of this program in spring 1993, Ohioans have donated over \$9.0 million to the Lake Erie Protection Fund by purchasing or renewing a Lake Erie License Plate each year. On an average, each year, 20,000 license plates are displayed on Ohio vehicles which gives our citizens the opportunity to personally help preserve and protect Lake Erie and truly show how they support Lake Erie protection.

Mr. Holland presented the Grants Committee funding recommendation for three small grant projects submitted during the second quarter of State Fiscal Year 2010 in the total amount of \$44,944. Motion was made by OEPA to approve the Grants Committee recommendation and was seconded by ODA. The commission members voted all in favor and motion carried to approve the following small grant projects:

- o The Ohio State University for project entitled, “*Rapid detection of viable B. fragilis in Lake Erie*”; Project Director: Jiyoung Lee in the amount of \$14,977;
- o The University of Toledo, Dept of Environmental Sciences for project entitled, “Freshwater mussel distribution; emphasis rayed bean”; Project Director: Hans Gottgens in the amount of \$14,947; and
- o The University of Toledo – Lake Erie Center for project entitled, “Enhanced benthic algal growth from *Dreissena*”; Project Director: Christine Mayer in the amount of \$15,000.

INVITED REPORTS

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)

Ed Hammett, OLEC, provided an overview of the GLRI and the activities that have begun by the state agencies. An amount of \$475 million has been proposed for USEPA’s fiscal year 2010 budget. USEPA will provide funds to federal agencies through interagency agreements and the federal agencies will fund the states, tribes, cities, local government and non-governmental organizations through grants. Over \$250 million will be for grants of which \$75 million is for Great Lakes Legacy Act projects. Ohio is particularly interested in the \$250 million for projects; it should be noted this is not stimulus funding. The objective is to restore the Great Lakes. There are five focus areas: Toxic Substances (AOCs); Invasive Species; Nearshore Health & Nonpoint Source Pollution; Habitat & Wildlife Protection and Restoration; and Accountability, Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication and Partnerships. Ohio state agencies are working together to develop two types of project proposals: (1) Those identified as Ohio Priorities from the *Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan* (e.g. Areas of Concern, Dam Removals, and Watershed Plan Implementation) which were developed in the *LEPR* or other planning; and (2) Those projects where there are GLRI Funding Opportunities and Ohio has potential projects (e.g. Ecosystem Services, Pharmaceuticals, Recycling and E-waste.) The bottom line is that we want to find funding for our greatest needs, but we also want to make sure that we do not miss any opportunities that could be of benefit to Lake Erie. A matrix (*Ohio’s Projects for GLRI*) summarizing our project proposals is being prepared to assist in packaging and understanding our full set of project proposals and to help identify our collaboration opportunities with implementation partners, potential sources of funding, and to identify the relationship of our proposals to the GLRI and Ohio plans for Lake Erie. As this information is developed and the USEPA RFP is released, a report will be provided to the Commission members.

Algal Bloom Update

Dr. Tom Bridgeman from UT's Lake Erie Center provided an algal bloom update on what is happening in Lake Erie and began with background information on the problem. It was reported that there are hundreds of species of algae in Lake Erie of which many are beneficial. Algae feed fish and with no algae, there would be no fish. But, too much algae and too much of the wrong algae creates problems. The three most problematic algae are *Microcystis*, *Cladophora* and *Lyngbia Wollei*. *Microcystis* is causing the most problems and produces microcystin which can damage the liver, create an allergic rash, and can raise the water pH that damages fish. On an average, the economic cost to the City of Toledo is \$3,000-\$4,000 a day when there is a huge algal bloom. The *Lyngbia Wollei* is found in mats that colonize and peel off the bottom of the lake and can end up anywhere in huge mats growing along the shoreline. Two hundred metric tons of *Lyngbia Wollei* has been found along the shoreline. Projects are underway to study the ecology of the algae about why, where and when they bloom. The Lake Erie Protection Fund has funded grant projects in 2004 and 2005 and also jointly with Ohio Sea Grant in 2007 and 2009. The findings have shown that blooms form near the mouth of the Maumee River, largely due to agriculture in the area, wherein nutrients on the land go into the Lake and form the algae. Discharge from the Maumee River, rain and loadings with monthly discharge of SRP (Soluble Reactive Phosphorus) flows bring in nutrients. A second project is taking place that will assess the role of the turbine river blooms using some molecular techniques. The hypothesis is that with high suspended sediment, algae are slow growing in sunlight. However, it has been found that as soon as water becomes turbid, *Microcystis* would take hold giving it the advantage over other types of algae.

Ohio Lake Erie Commission ~ Office Report

Ed Hammett, OLEC, presented the Commission Office Report on the following projects and programs:

Ohio's Coastweeks 2009 (September 12-21, 2009) - 15 cleanups took place this year which included the Annual Clean Your Streams event with eight sites in northwest Ohio and is the largest attended cleanup event. The other locations included: Maumee Bay State Park; Walnut Beach in Ashtabula; Mentor Marsh & Mentor Lagoons; Old Woman Creek NERR in Huron; Rockefeller Lagoon in Cleveland; Sheldon Marsh Barrier Beach in Huron; East Harbor State Park; Edgewater Beach in Cleveland; Magee Marsh in Oak Harbor; Euclid Beach; Brunswick Stream Cleanup; Wildwood State Park in Cuyahoga County; Mentor Marsh Nature Preserve, Put-In-Bay Harbor. A results report will be given at the December OLEC meeting.

Balanced Growth Program

It was reported that all four of the initial watersheds have completed the process of developing a Balanced Growth Watershed Plan. The program is now going statewide and the RFP (Request for Proposals) is out for additional projects. It was also reported that the new Balanced Growth website was launched and was coordinated with the release of the RFP. The "draft" Balanced Growth Strategy has been posted at the website and is currently under review by the member agencies of the OLEC and the Ohio Water Resources Council for future update.

Next quarterly OLEC Meeting will take place December 16, 2009 in Columbus and will be hosted by the ODOT at their headquarters - 1980 West Broad Street in Meeting Room GA.

Agency Reports

Gene Phillips, ODH, reported that the agency has finished up its Beach Monitoring Program for the season and are working through the reports by way of subcontracted agencies. The monitoring results will be posted to the website in the next few weeks. The sewage legislation (3718) has been expanded and the agency hopes to have legislation in the fall.

Bill Cody, ODOT, reported on three agency updates: (1) the environmental clearance update on the 3C rail project by October 2, 2009; (2) economic stimulus projects on highway projects (railway projects with CSX); and (3) ODOT is preparing for its long-range plan and setting up a committee to look at the Lake Erie Balanced Growth Initiative to be built into its program.

Sean Logan, ODNR, reported on the agency's biennial budget cuts and implementing changes at the Department. Although General Revenue funding has gone away, the mission has not. DNAP will continue providing functions and services for protection and those performed by Geo Survey. The Scenic Rivers program has transferred to the Division of Watercraft and has been saved due to budget cutbacks. It is appropriate that the division be housed at Watercraft. A 15th Scenic River will be designated this spring.

Michael Eckhart, ODA, reported that the Aquaculture Program has an executive director for the first time. And, the Farmland Preservation Summit will take place this coming November 5, 2009.

Gail Hesse, OEPA, reported that thanks to the success we have heard today, the State of Ohio is now taking the Balanced Growth Program statewide and hopes to fund six additional watershed plans in the Ohio River Basin in conjunction with the OLEC plans. It was also reported that algal blooms have been extremely high in Grand Lake St Mary's. The agency is working on development of nutrient water quality standards and will have drafts for release in December or January. Every two years the agency publishes an integrated report which is a requirement of the Clean Water Act which reports on the status and condition of streams and lakes. Our large river basins will achieve an 80% attainment goal. And, regarding the Gorge Dam removal, USEPA is out with their Mudpuppy performing sediment sampling to determine what type of remediation to do with the dam removal.

William Murdock, ODOD, reported the agency is developing their own strategic plan and are looking for Ohio ambassadors in an effort to connect those within the state and outside Ohio about what is good about Ohio for economic development. The meeting attendees were encouraged to go to the agency website and sign up. It was further reported that Ohio is a hub of innovation and opportunities to identify areas of redevelopment, leveraging assets, and tie our own growth areas to Balanced Growth. The Clean Ohio Assistance Fund can work with your local government up to \$300K for assistance. ODOD supports and commends the efforts of both the watersheds presented today. It is a way to accomplish our goals and the agency is looking for new ways to connect our resources to the Balance Growth Program.

Advisory Committee Reports

Edith Chase, Ohio Coastal Resource Management Project, commented on the recent Toledo Harbor Dredging Summit and was impressed with all the stakeholders that attended, discussion of issues, and their working towards a resolution. It was reported that it has been more than 20 years since the zebra mussels were discovered and now they are all over. The U.S. Coast Guard has just published the new ballast rules and it is time to start pushing an Ohio Ballast Bill. It was good work by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission on the Lake Erie Lake Bed alterations and, with the proposed wind farms offshore of Cleveland, there needs to be protection of the lake beds.

Jeff Reutter, Ohio Sea Grant College Program, thanked Old Woman Creek NERR, OLEC, and Office of Coastal Management's help with identifying projects they intend to fund for the next eight years. Ohio Sea Grant recently funded eight projects, had 192 students at Stone Lab this summer with over 12,000 visitors going through the hatchery. The Island Hope is this weekend with maintenance activities, workshop and field trip program underway. The next Twineline will feature Dr. Bridgeman's research on algal blooms ~ the more turbidity, the more *Microcystis* is successful.

Steve Davis, NRCS, reported on projects in the past year through the Western Lake Erie Basin Partnership. They established nine assistant positions and extended the time period for the projects. UT will be involved with monitoring, Toledo Botanical has a stream and upstream urban sediment project and will include developing wetlands. A project has also been funded to do a study in Swan Creek related to habitat and will be available in a GIS layer that can be used by local communities. The agency is helping the Village of Ottawa and in the Grand Lake watershed. Agreements with Heidelberg are in danger of losing the sediment data along the Maumee. We need to work together to keep that data station going.

Mary Wells, NOACA, reported that the work on the lower Black River is near completion. The City of Lorain and ODNR's plan will provide a blueprint of protecting the ecology in the Black River. And, the waterfowl have returned. District operational grants have been awarded to several watershed groups.

Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG, reported that at the last Environmental Council meeting there was a discussion of State Legislation on septic systems with endorsement to recommend Senate Bill 110. A resolution will be forwarded to the state. It was reported that water quality management plans have been undertaken since 1975 and is an important process of sewer planning. TMACOG works with 86 local governments to develop agreed sewer plans and thanked OEPA for their work on this. The Maumee Bay Task Force has been reformed as the Wolf Creek Committee. There has been a lot of work to identify sources to eliminate failed septic systems and need to find ways of putting in place wetland treatment systems along the stream. The committee is working with Maumee Bay staff to work out a final approach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Russell Bimber, citizen (Oberlin, OH), provided comments on Diamond Shamrock and redevelopment of a plant site one mile east of the Grand River in Lake County, OH. The redevelopment site is the Lakeview Bluffs development north of Painesville, OH. It was reported that the original containers holding hazardous waste in that area have failed and that contaminants can be sampled within the slurry wall. The landfill was sited as the basis for the Superfund list, but was never formally finalized on the list. Hemisphere Corporation has been allowed to redevelop this site on the least contaminated area. Diamond Shamrocks CRT (Community Relations Team) held a meeting on September 9, 2009 to discuss the site (minutes from the meeting have not been released.) Mr. Bimber provided their website <http://www.dscrt.com>. The Commission Chairman stated he will report this new information to the director of OEPA.

Earl Campbell, M.D., citizen (Toledo, OH), introduced himself and his wife as retired health professionals and wish to be good ambassadors for Ohio. Dr. Campbell stated he is concerned about toxicities in Lake Erie and are members of the Western Lake Erie Waterkeepers. He commented that the Perrysburg boat docks have been measuring phosphorus in that area. A map was presented showing 17 counties and commented that contaminants from CAFOs could get into the watershed and immune systems could be comprised.

Vickie Askins, citizen (Cygnet, OH), thanked the Commission members for their proactive efforts on Lake Erie protection and restoration. Ms. Askins commented on concerns with CAFO practices in Ohio. She referenced her comments previously presented before the Commission in 2007 and 2008 regarding ODA permitting practices and the danger of rising phosphorus levels, and not receiving a response back from the Commission. The Commission Chairman responded that the Commission is not a regulatory body and that her information has been provided to ODA. The Commission Chairman further stated that the majority of nutrient loadings are from the un-permitted farms and it is all based on the soil. There is no discharge at the permitted farms and Ohio has one of the most effective CAFO programs in the country. Michael Eckhardt, ODA, responded that the transfer of CAFO permitting rights is still in process and it is up to the General Assembly. The Commission Chairman stated her advocacy was appreciated and respected, and that we need to focus advocacy efforts to our legislators.

Cheryl Wolf-Cragen, Oberlin College (Oberlin, OH), continued the phosphorus discussion and inquired how far away we are from a comprehensive plan? Are we getting there? Michael Eckhardt, ODA, responded that there are discussions going on with the State Senate and House and that it is up to the General Assembly. Gail Hesse, OEPA and chair of the Phosphorus Task Force, stated that the total numbers are down on commercial fertilizers, but that they need to manage the inputs differently and are looking at recommended agriculture methods such as the amount being put on the land and the timing when to put it on. It was further stated we are in a new era in how we manage our lands. Dr. Jeffrey M. Reutter, Ohio Sea Grant, stated that this is more than just an Ohio issue.

Sandy Bihn, Executive Director; Western Lake Erie Waterkeeper Association and President; Toledo Lighthouse Preservation Society (Oregon, OH), commented on sediment in Toledo Harbor and the new type of algae found in Maumee Bay that is spreading into western Lake Erie [lyngbya wollei.] It was suggested that the sediment should be compared before and after the materials are dredged. Support was expressed for an eco-island pilot project from these dredged materials. Letters were provided to the Commission Chairman which included the suggestion to establish emergency nutrient load limits for western Lake Erie.

Barbara Martin, Chair; Dike 14 Nature Preserve Committee (Berea, OH), commented on the waterfront plan for Cleveland Lakefront State Park, stating it is a potential threat to the Public Trust and access to the Lake Erie shoreline. Public information is being asked for on this plan through October 26, 2009 and affects the Cleveland Lakefront marina, parking, concession, state park, fishing access areas, picnic areas, restrooms and a bikeway. The park marina is surrounded by protected areas that will be consumed by building a CDF and the marina facilities will be consumed and destroyed. Ms. Martin commented that ODNR and the Governor's office have been silent; that the State should consider the port remaining at the current location. Director Logan, ODNR, responded there are reasonable alternatives and that ODNR has not been silent and has stated publicly what the future may hold for replacement of the facility. The master plan of the park is a City Park with the State managing them. The City, County and/or Port Authority determine how and when they grow. ODNR is on the receiving end and not in the driver's seat. ODNR is cognizant that these are unique circumstances and realize that October 26 is a critical turning point.

Meeting Guests:

Dale A. Alexander, City of Broadview Heights; Vickie Askins; Sandy Bihn, WLEAW; Cherie Blair, OEPA
Amy Brennan, CRWP; Tom Bridgeman, UT – Lake Erie Center; Earl Campbell, MD; Waterkeepers Alliance; Thured M. Campbell, Waterkeepers Alliance; Ed Crawford, ODNR; Kevin Czajkowski, UT; John Daugherty, ODNR; Steve Davis, NRCS; Eric Dodrill, Erie SWCD; Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG
Wes Fahrback, Senator Voinovich's Office (Toledo, OH); Tory Gabriel, Ohio Sea Grant; Hans Gottgens, UT – Dept of Envir. Sciences; Jeff Grabarkiewicz, Lucas SWCD; David Graham, ODNR; Gloria Green, League of Women Voters/Lake Erie Basin Comm; Tom Greene, Photo Contest Winner; Ed Hammett, OLEC; Tom Henry, Reporter - The Toledo Blade; B. Holman, Erie SWCD; Steve Holland, ODNR – Office of Coastal Management; Matt Horvat, TMACOG; John Hull, Hull & Associates; Kevin Joyce, Black Swamp Conservancy; Dave Kelch, Ohio Sea Grant; Roger Knight, ODNR; John Kusnier, The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.; Sandra Kosek-Sills, ODNR – Office of Coastal Management; Dena Kraft, Photo Contest Winner; Roy Kroll, Ducks Unlimited; Ohio Lake Erie Organization Award; Martha Kudner, League of Women Voters; Dick Kudner; Cathryn Loucas, ODNR; Joe Lucente, Ohio Sea Grant; Barbara Martin; Duane Myers, Ottawa County Visitors Bureau; Gary Norcia, Medina SWCD; Gazie Rego, Sandusky, OH; Jeff Reutter, Ohio Sea Grant; Chris Riddle, OLEC; Monnie Ryan, Photo Contest Winner; Dale L. Sadowskiy, Photo Contest Winner; Fred Snyder, Ohio Lake Erie Individual Award Recipient; Nita Snyder; John Spears, Photo Contest Winner; Carol Stepien, UT – Lake Erie Center; Greg Studen, CRWP; Gildo Tori, Ducks Unlimited; Ohio Lake Erie Organization Award; Craig Trares for Jimmy Trares Photo Contest Winner; Sue Trares, for Jimmy Trares Photo Contest Winner; Jeff Van Loon, Medina SWCD; Candice Vlcek, Photo Contest Winner; Mary Wells, NOACA; James White, CRCPO; Doug Wilber; Lorie Wilber, Photo contest Winner; Cheryl Wolfe-Cragin, Oberlin College; Jill Woodyard, OLEC and Linda Zmudzinski, OLEC

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*Prepared by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission Office
on behalf of the Commission Secretary*