

OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION

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Chair Joseph Harrison, Jr., Presiding

Call to Order

Chair Joe Harrison, Jr. called the 243rd meeting of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission to order at 9:01 A.M., Thursday, October 9, 2025.

Chair Harrison asked Jason Heath to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum Call

Commissioner Lou Wallace certified that a quorum was present (see Roster of Attendance, page 10).

Report of the Chair

Commission Chair Harrison welcomed everyone to Covington, Kentucky. He recognized new Commissioners and Proxies - Jeremy Bandy, John Webb, Clint Woods and Kevin Halloran. He then asked outgoing Chair David Flannery to join him to present him with a gift as outgoing Chair. He thanked him for his outstanding leadership. Commissioner Flannery thanked everyone. He then presented Resolution 6-25 for retiring Commissioner Proxy Scott Mandirola.

Chair Harrison then asked Jason Heath, ORSANCO's Technical Programs Director, to join him to present Resolution 7-25 for his retirement.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Flannery, second by Commissioner Potesta and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 6-25 as presented.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Harrison, second by Commissioner Conroe and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 7-25 as presented.

Chair Harrison took a moment to thank Executive Director Sam Dinkins, staff, Commission members and all committees for preparing and organizing these meetings. He looks forward to working with everyone during the next year.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Sam Dinkins reported on a very busy and rewarding time - the mega sweep held the previous Saturday, the River Roots Festival, the cruise on Natchez Steamboat and multiple committee meetings. He thanked everyone for their help and support. He welcomed Jeff Hurst as the new Chair of the Technical Committee. Scott Mandirola will be missed with his retirement.

He has been in his new role as Executive Director for almost one year. The year was full of changes, one of the more significant changes being Jason Heath's retirement. Jason has been with ORSANCO since 1989 and made tremendous contributions to all aspects of the Technical programs. We are still working out the details on how Jason's retirement will impact the staff structure and will keep the Commission apprised of any staff realignments.

ORSANCO finally received the FY25 106 grant from EPA which was nearly a \$1.5 million dollar grant. The grant was \$2,000 less than the FY24 grant, so a minor reduction. We also received approval of the FY25 EPA monitoring initiative grant, a much smaller grant received each year for special projects in the amount of \$66,000. We applied for a congressional direct spending funding opportunity through Senator Capito's office. This was a similar request we had made previously to former Senator Sherrod Brown's office to replace Organic Detection System equipment. The Sherrod Brown grant was approved and we are actively working to replace some of those units on Ohio. Unfortunately our request we made through West Virginia was not approved and will not be advanced for funding consideration. We will reevaluate next spring whether or not to apply for additional congressional direct spending opportunity.

ORSANCO hosted a mega Ohio River Sweep event which included numerous local sites in the Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and southeast Indiana stretch of the river. There were also numerous sites along the full length of the river. He gave a special thanks to Annette and her staff including Rachel, Elizabeth and Nick. Some 500 people came out to cleanup the river, so kudos to all the site coordinators, volunteers that came to clean up trash and all the corporate sponsors. It was a tremendous success. Life Below the Waterline, our mobile aquarium, will be on display as part of America's River Roots Festival. He thanked all the staff that will be working throughout the weekend during the festival.

Director Dinkins also provided an update on the Ohio River Restoration legislation. A new updated version of the legislation will come out any day. Congressman McGarvey and Congresswoman Houchin first introduced the legislation in December 2024. The legislative language was modified and anticipated to be reintroduced to Congress in the coming weeks. The current government shutdown may play a factor. Of note, the revised language includes authorization for \$350 million per year for a 5-year period and would be up for renewal after that. The legislation now calls for the creation of an advisory council which would be created to develop, implement and update the restoration program. The council will include representatives from all basin states, all tribes in the basin, and ORSANCO is also mentioned as a council member. The new language would make interstate entities (such as ORSANCO) eligible for grant funding. That was a request we made through the special resolution adopted by the Commission in May. We also requested that the legislation include a stronger role for the states to develop, implement and update that plan and that is exactly what they have done through the creation of the advisory council. They have not yet added a general authorization for ORSANCO to receive monies directly from EPA for administration of any activities associated with the restoration program. The Commission will continue to have dialogue on this and continue to develop language and ideas on how to approach that issue.

All Commissioners should have received the current annual report. You should have received an e-mail request for preference of delivering this to each Governor of the states and the President for Federal Commissioners. Please let us know if you prefer to hand deliver, or have ORSANCO distribute the report on your behalf.

Permit Reviews

Staff received and reviewed 5 NPDES permits (1 draft, 1 modifications, 3 finals) to ensure compliance with provisions of ORSANCO's Pollution Control Standards. The reviews were completed in accordance with the established PCS Implementation Procedures.

No issues were identified with the permits reviewed which include the following:

1. Ohio Valley Electric Corp, Kyger Creek Station (OH0005282) at ORM 260
2. First Trust Centre, Inc. (KY0111627) at ORM 603.9
3. Duke Energy Indiana, LLC –Gallagher Generating Station (IN0002798) at ORM 610
4. Kosmos Cement Company, LLC, (KY0001210) at ORM 627.3
5. Illinois American Water-Rosiclare-STP (IL0034207) at ORM 891.5

Action on Minutes

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Wallace, second by Commissioner Branin and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the 242nd meeting of the Commission, be adopted as presented.

Report of the Treasurer

Commissioner Lou Wallace, provided the following report:

A Treasurer's report as of June 30, 2025 has been provided for this meeting.

The report indicates a balance of \$648,208 in accounts receivable due the Commission. The balance represents \$448,823 due from federal sources, \$37,300 due from signatory states, and \$162,084 due from other sources.

Additionally, the report indicates receipts of \$2,863,529 plus carryover of \$3,917,794 totaling \$6,781,323 through the end of June 2025. Of that amount \$4,099,146 was expended on programs, leaving \$2,682,177 available for the continuation of ORSANCO's programs.

Report of the Technical Committee

The Technical Committee convened for its 239th meeting over the last two days. All eight states, two federal agencies, and five advisory committees were present. The committee recognized Kevin Halloran with Pennsylvania DEP, and Scott Mandirola, West Virginia DEP (retired) and former TEC Chair, for their service, and welcomed new member Christine Phillips with Pennsylvania DEP, Jeremy Bandy with West Virginia DEP, and Krystina Garabis who is the new chair of the Power Industry Advisory Committee.

Tuesday Tour of Thomas More Biology Field Station

Yesterday afternoon, TEC members, Commissioners and staff toured the Thomas More University Biology Field Station, along the Ohio River in Kentucky, about 18 miles upstream from here. They are located in the former site of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Lock and Dam 35, which was a wicket dam, and later replaced with the current system. The facility supports freshwater biology research, as well as a training and learning center for university students, as well as programs supporting public education. It is also part of ORSANCO's Organic Detection System which houses a gas chromatograph and delivers Ohio River water to the unit. A special thanks for hosting us to Dr. Chris Lorentz, Thomas More University Professor, and Director of the Biology Field Station, and Molly Williams, Field Station Manager, and also for their support of ORSANCO's ODS continuous monitoring station.

MSDGC's PFAS Action Plan: Credibility Where it Counts and Strategic PFAS Work

Prior to the field station tour, Scott Bessler, with the Municipal Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, presented on MSD's PFAS Action Plan to understand the sources, transport, and fate of PFAS in their collection and treatment systems. Results of the studies should inform strategies to minimize PFAS coming into and leaving their system. One interesting finding of the study is that wastewater oxidation treatment processes may increase PFAS levels.

Long-term Analysis of Water Quality Trends in ORSANCO's Bimonthly and Clean Metals Constituents

Riley Lanfear, ORSANCO staff, presented interim results of a fifteen year trends analysis on ORSANCO's bimonthly and metals water quality data. Suitable data for trends analyses were determined using sensitivity tests on non-detect substitution methods and flow normalization. The Seasonal Kendall test was used to determine presence of positive or negative trends at each parameter and monitoring station from 2009-2024 using concentration data and flows from the Ohio River HEC-RAS Community Model. Many water chemistry and clean metals parameters were found to be decreasing on a basin-wide basis. There were several parameters with increasing trends on a basin-wide basis, most notably temperature.

There is still work to be completed including a final report, so TEC will continue to receive reports on this topic until complete.

ORSANCO Monitoring Strategy Review

Jason Heath, ORSANCO staff, reported on activities of the Monitoring Strategy Committee. The committee has met on July 31 to review all of ORSANCO's monitoring programs, and begin discussions on identifying efficiencies that would not affect the information needs of ORSANCO's partners. A survey for this purpose was sent to the committee, and staff has received responses from all six mainstem states and some advisory committees. A summary of survey responses was presented to TEC. In follow up, a detailed summary of responses will be provided to the Monitoring Strategy Committee for further consideration and development of specific recommendations that would be presented to TEC and the Commission prior to any action being taken.

Source Water Protection and Emergency Response Programs Update

Lila Ziolkowski reported that staff attended Source Water Protection meetings for USEPA Region 3, and assisted the Ohio River Source Water Alliance (ORSWA) with a boat survey to view potential contaminant sources in the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati zone of critical concern (appx 25 miles upstream of intakes). Staff also participated in the Mississippi River Watershed Partnership (MRWP)-a new collaboration aimed at addressing a variety of concerns and impacts to the Mississippi River watershed. MRWP hopes to continue to have ORSANCO's input for addressing water quality and spill discharge issues at the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

Staff was also asked to participate in Emergency Response functional training exercises for Marathon Petroleum in Huntington WV and Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) at the new Purina Facility in Batavia, OH and real time field testing an emergency response data input platform in Owensboro, KY. Staff is preparing to re-convene the Ohio River Focus group meetings (first in-person since COVID) starting with the Cincinnati area Focus group in November. These meetings were a platform for different emergency response partners within a geographic sub-area to get together become familiar with each other prior to a significant event or disaster.

For the Senator Brown Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Grant, USEPA approved ORSANCO's grant amendment to use a portion of the funding to acquire a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Analyzer (current system is obsolete) and to obtain a new boat. The original grant proposal allocated funds for GCMS station at Portsmouth, OH; however, this site is currently undergoing extensive capital improvements and their laboratory is inaccessible at times, so putting a new GCMS system at that site is not practical, so staff proposed to use funding for this site to further enhance rapid response surveillance capabilities and sustain more imminent program needs. ORSANCO has until the end of the calendar year to expend the grant award of \$688,000.

Staff received training on the portable GCMS and will begin pilot testing and field deployment testing. Staff received the research lab GCMS unit and waiting for an install and training date. This system will replace the current system at ORSANCO.

Regarding the Commission's Organics Detection System (ODS), there were no reports of significant detections from the ODS since last TEC meeting.

Biological Programs Update

Ryan Argo reported that probabilistic biological surveys were completed in three Ohio River pools this field season. Three biological field crew leaders have left ORSANCO recently, one position has been refilled with Erin Linko, while there are plans to fill another position early next year. He also reported that ORSANCO will be kicking off the 305b data assessment process, with results and a report at the February TEC meeting.

Water Quality Monitoring Programs Update

Greg Youngstrom, ORSANCO staff, presented an update on the status of Monitoring and Assessment programs. Along with routine sampling at the 6 largest CSO communities, the Contact Recreation program provided support for Paddlefest, The Great Ohio River Swim, and River Sweep events. Additionally, the real-time bacteria monitoring project funded by a WV 604b grant will continue until the end of this season.

The Hypoxia Task Force Coordinating Committee met in Washington DC September 22 and 23. Primary discussion points were the upcoming Task Force meeting in December and the announcement of progress on the interim goal of reducing nitrogen and phosphorus by 20% by 2025.

ORSANCO staff investigated multiple reports of harmful algae blooms. A bloom was identified in the Smithland pool in August. Microcystin toxin was present at levels below the recreation advisory levels throughout the pool.

In September, a bloom was identified in the Racine pool. Microcystin was present above the recreation advisory level at 2 locations. Follow-up sampling found the bloom had quickly dissipated and toxin concentrations were below the advisory level.

Report of the Program & Finance Committee

Commissioner Conroe, Committee Chair, gave the following report:

He acknowledged Brewster Rhoads and thanked him for attending. The Program & Finance Committee had an extraordinary meeting last week in regards to budgeting and status of funds. The FY25 funds came forward just in time and the FY26 looks encouraging. They will concentrate on monitoring that because it is critical that Commissioners be kept abreast of funding as we move forward to develop FY26 budgeting. We discussed contingency planning given the lag in reimbursements that occurs from time to time. We are recommending to the Commission that we establish a line of credit that we have no expectation of using at this point in time, but we want to be prepared if we have to if reimbursements are slow coming. Therefore, he is recommending on behalf of the Committee that the Commission authorize staff to move forward with obtaining a line of credit for the Commission in the amount of \$600,000. This will take some time and the Program & Finance Committee will follow-up at the February Commission meeting with details and parameters as to how the credit line may be utilized. At this point, we think it is important to get the line of credit in place and then should we have an extraordinary unexpected need to use it, we could call a special commission action to do so if we cannot wait until February. We certainly believe at this point there is no reason not to be able to wait until February. We are in solid financial condition and have good reserves. Therefore, Commissioner Conroe moved the Commission authorize staff to move forward with obtaining a line of credit in the amount not to exceed \$600,000 which is the amount of reserves on hand to back up the credit.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Conroe, second by Commissioner Flannery and unanimously carried, that the Commission authorize staff to move forward with obtaining a line of credit not to exceed \$600,000 to be secured by the current reserve funds, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Conroe also noted that the organization is going through an accounting software change from one vendor to another, cloud based, and will save us annual operating funds for licensing and will increase staff's availability to utilize financial reports. The current system is awkward and time consuming.

Ohio River Way National Trail Designation Guest Presentation

Forest Clevenger, Ohio River Way, provided a guest presentation on the Ohio River Way National Trail which was officially designated as a National Water Trail earlier this year. The Ohio River Way Trail connects communities across Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio and accounts for 308 miles. He presented key projects they are working on.

Report of the Water Users Advisory Committee (WUAC)

Peter Goodmann for Committee Chair, Chris Bobay, presented the following report:

- Good participation of utility stakeholders which is improving and the WUAC is very much trying to host topical meetings that add value for those stakeholders

Ohio River Algae Bloom Update

- The ORSANCO team discussed recent algae bloom activities in the Ohio River,
 - No extant blooms this season but very high water temps provided an ecosystem ripe for blooms and taste and odor issues.
 - Significant bloom at Hockingport with 294,000 cells per mL, primarily microcystis.
- Transitioning from the Elisa method to the Cast Cube system for rapid detection, with delivery expected in November.
- Plans to expand story map documentation to better track and display algae trends and results.

Monitoring Strategy Cost-Saving Survey

- Discussed a monitoring strategy questionnaire aimed at identifying potential cost-saving opportunities without compromising essential data needs.

PFAS Monitoring and Treatment Strategies

- The meeting focused on PFAS monitoring and compliance issues, particularly regarding recent elevated levels of Gen X and PFOA in the river.
- Louisville Water and GCWW provided data about PFAS occurrences to plaintiffs in a Clean Water Act citizen suit against Chemours, these utilities are not parties to the litigation.
- Discussed current monitoring efforts, with Louisville implementing both external lab testing and internal LCMS testing, which provides faster results but only weekly samples.
- Highlighted the need for better communication about PFAS findings/trends; discussed if parties are interested in having a regular means of communication for PFAS results, such as an email chain, or a story map similar to how the HAB response was done.
 - ORSANCO will discuss options and will try to be the liaison for communication amongst water utilities.
- Discussed sharing more info re potential treatment strategies,

Water Quality Monitoring and Treatment

- Discussed seasonal water-quality monitoring and treatment, including challenges with ongoing taste and odor issues, particularly MIB levels.
- Shared updates on monitoring protocols including PFAS testing, algae monitoring, and carbon treatment strategies.
- Facility-specific updates from Pittsburgh Water, GCWW, Louisville, Evansville, and other locations, with most reporting elevated taste and odor levels but no significant HAB events.
 - Louisville Water is for 2nd consecutive year @ x2 PAC budget due to MIB issues.
- Next meeting was scheduled for January 27-28, 2026, and Chris
- Upcoming corrosion control and Partnership for Safe Water conferences on December 9 in Louisville.

Report of the Public Information Advisory Committee

Committee Chair, Betsy Mallison Bialosky, reported the following:

PIACO met to discuss vacancies on the committee. There are vacancies from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and the committee will work on filling those in 2026.

The committee also discussed logistics on moving the River Sweep back to a one day event to capitalize on press and a new collaborative committee that unites PIACO, PIOs and emergency response managers to align with Technical Committee priorities including putting together background materials, fact sheets and releases on the key issues. This item is a priority and we will be pursuing it in 2026.

Staff gave an update on activities. This year there have been over 5,051 Sweep volunteers which have collected over 154.6 tons of trash and 382 tires over 154 river miles. 10,587 people were reached through 16 programs in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. The RiverReach program has added 4 new events, and the RiverWatch program has added two new schools. There were also ten community events that reached over 10,244 people. The annual report has been completed and is ready for distribution.

Report of the Watershed Organizations Advisory Committee (WOAC)

Heather Hulton VanTassel, Committee Chair, presented the following report:

We recognize and understand ORSANCO's need to reduce sampling and monitoring due to budget constraints. However, ORSANCO's primary operations focus on monitoring programs to check for pollutants and toxins that may interfere with specific uses of the river, and reducing sampling efforts can drastically impact that ability. We recommend that ORSANCO dive deeper into their sampling and monitoring data to determine where redundancies are (same results regardless of timing and geographic location) and reduce redundancies rather than whole sampling programs. We also recommend that ORSANCO take a lead on reaching out to and working with nonprofits, watershed groups, universities, and other data-collecting entities to compile the suite of data of all entities to supplement and improve upon the monitoring efforts of ORSANCO. This could provide multiple benefits by providing necessary monitoring data to ORSANCO while creating a collective database of water quality data across the basin for interested stakeholders.

The watershed organization's advisory committee would also like to make recommendations regarding the Environmental Justice work of ORSANCO. We recommend that ORSANCO not reduce any monitoring or education efforts that are currently taking place in and around EJ communities. Removing any programming or monitoring will only further reduce the access to information and services that these communities desperately need.

We also request that ORSANCO recognize their ability to use monitoring data for good outcomes to protect the basin. ORSANCO completed an extensive PFAS monitoring effort, and it would be unfortunate if there were no efforts for source identification. ORSANCO is poised to work with industries across the basin, and source identification could help ORSANCO to work with facilities to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, PFAS discharges. While there are currently no set limits, it is clear that action needs to be taken, and ORSANCO can work with industries to create best management practices to prevent PFAS discharges into the basin - a drinking water source for our shared communities of more than 5 million people.

Furthermore, some watershed organizations are actively working to reduce PFAS in their communities, and ORSANCO can utilize their partners to be more effective for this effort. For example, WV Rivers is working with WVDEP and impacted communities. Together, they are holding community meetings to hear the voices of the community on action plans on 11 water systems with high PFAS levels to work together for solutions. Finally, as a group of watershed organizations, we overwhelmingly support a restoration plan to the Ohio River Basin, particularly one that emphasizes ecological restoration and pollution and harm prevention. We cannot restore the basin without preventing industrial pollution from entering our waterways.

We understand that these recommendations take resources and staff time, but we believe they are possible and necessary. Thank you for the time and opportunity to provide these remarks from the Watershed Organizations Advisory Committee.

Report of the Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works Advisory Committee (POTW)

Reese Johnson, Committee Chair, presented the following report:

The most recent POTW Advisory Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025. ORSANCO hosted a virtual meeting and representatives from SD1 of Northern Kentucky, Cincinnati MSD, and Louisville MSD participated virtually.

Our primary agenda item was to discuss the Monitoring Strategy Questionnaire recently distributed by ORSANCO. ORSANCO staff member Jason Heath provided an overview of the questionnaire, which aims to identify which monitoring programs are of greatest (and least) value to the respondents. Northern Kentucky SD1 had already submitted a response, and Cincinnati MSD and Louisville MSD committed to reviewing and submitting their own following the meeting. Jason emphasized the need for diverse responses, particularly from water users, to inform the monitoring strategy. Jason clarified that staff would not make decisions about cutting sites without thorough vetting through the Monitoring Strategy Committee, addressing concerns from some stakeholders. POTWs represented on the call universally agreed that ORSANCO's bacterial and contact recreation-related monitoring was of most importance to our sector and we encourage continuation of this fundamental work.

The committee also got an update on ORSANCO's Water Quality Monitoring Program. ORSANCO staff member Greg Youngstrom provided an update on algae monitoring activities in the Ohio River basin. He discussed a recent workshop on algae identification methods, which involved collaboration with several water utilities including Louisville Water and Cincinnati Water. Greg also shared findings from a benthic harmful algae study with EPA, which detected unexpected toxins in the Ohio River. He reported on harmful algae bloom issues near Huntington, West Virginia, and mentioned ongoing monitoring efforts upstream of the Cincinnati area. ORSANCO staff member Stacey Cochran provided an update on water quality monitoring methods, including the use of the Colilert method, Proteus instrument, and Fluidion Alert 1. She discussed the performance and limitations of each method, noting that the Proteus instrument had some significant issues. It seems like that technology may not be suitable for the riverine environment. Stacey also mentioned discrepancies between Fluidion and Colilert data for total coliform, though E. coli results correlated well with expected levels. She plans to present a more comprehensive update at the February Technical meeting after analyzing all 7 months of data.

Before adjourning, the committee briefly explored two topics of growing interest in our sector. First, Cincinnati MSD shared there have been discussions in Ohio around a new approach to wet weather water quality standards which would shift from measuring total overflow volume to a limited number of annual activations, similar to discussions in Kentucky. Staff agreed to investigate whether other states are pursuing similar changes, as this could benefit from basin-wide coordination. Second, Louisville MSD raised the concern of sewer rate increases not being sufficient to meet the capital improvement needs of the utility. Other utilities shared similar concerns and this will likely be a topic for our next meeting in January 2026.

Report of the Industry Advisory Committee

Kathy Beckett, Committee Chair, gave the following report:

The Industry Advisory Committee has been meeting virtually. The group has been working to expand the roster of the committee to include industry sectors not represented (rail industry) and others. Existing committee members have reached out to express interest in engaging more actively in the committee. We engage in reviewing regular outreach to update on the work of ORSANCO and its community-based activities. I look forward to reporting on the site visit to the Thomas More University Biology Field Station that included the organics detection monitoring system. That was an informative visit and we appreciate the opportunity.

Queen of Clean Guest Presentation

Rick Jansen, Lawrence-Scioto Solid Waste District, provided a guest presentation on the Queen of Clean, a 30-foot barge with a crane that will be used up and down the Ohio River doing cleanups.

Upcoming Meetings

Chair Flannery noted the following schedule for upcoming Commission meetings:

- February 10-12, 2026 – Covington, Kentucky
- June 9-11, 2026 – French Lick, Indiana
- October 6-8, 2026 – TBD

Adjournment

The 243rd meeting of the Commission was adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

Minutes approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lou Ann Jensen-Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lou Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer

Prepared by Staff

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE
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Commissioners

Illinois	James Jennings Toby Frevert
Indiana	Clint Woods Joseph Harrison, Jr.
Kentucky	John Lyons (PROXY for Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman) John Webb (PROXY for Secretary Rebecca Goodman)
New York	Michael Wilson Douglas Conroe Karen Stainbrook – virtual
Ohio	John Hoopingarner Holly Christmann
Pennsylvania	Jason Minnich (PROXY for Secretary Jessica Shirley) – virtual Bruce Herschlag Kevin Halloran – virtual
West Virginia	David Flannery Ron Potesta Jeremy Bandy (PROXY for Secretary Harold Ward)
Virginia	Jeffrey Hurst (PROXY for Michael Rolband) Lou Wallace Tommy Branin
Federal	Tom FitzGerald – virtual George Elmaraghy
Legal Counsel	Aaron Herzig
<u>Executive Director</u>	Sam Dinkins

Staff

Alexis Brandenburg, Stacey Cochran, Tracey Edmonds (virtual), Nick Guthier, Jason Heath, Riley Lanfear (virtual), Adam Scott, Annette Shumard, Jamie Tsiominas, Bob Wehmeier, Greg Youngstrom, Lila Ziolkowski

Guests

Duke Adams	PADEP (virtual)
Kathy Beckett	IAC
Dylan Bentley	Lawrence County Commissioners
Betsy Mallison Bialosky	PIACO
Forest Clevenger	Ohio River Way
Bill Dingus	Lawrence Economic Development Corporation
Peter Goodmann	Louisville Water Company
Jon Horn	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Rick Jansen	Lawrence-Scioto Solid Waste District
Reese Johnson	POTW
Brewster Rhoads	Ohio River Way
Charlise Robinson	West Virginia Rivers (virtual)
Jerry Schulte	
Heather Hulton VanTassel	WOAC (virtual)

RESOLUTION 6-25

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

SCOTT MANDIROLA

WHEREAS: Scott Mandirola has served as a Commissioner Proxy and Technical Committee member to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission from 2011 to 2025, and Chair of the Technical Committee from 2022 to 2025, representing the State of West Virginia, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Mandirola has provided faithful and diligent service to the Commission serving on numerous Committees; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Mandirola actively worked to help advance the Commission's goals, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Mandirola directed West Virginia state grant funding towards ORSANCO's mission to provide valuable water quality monitoring information to the states, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Mandirola has earned the esteem and friendship of his fellow Commissioners, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Mandirola has devoted his career to protecting the precious natural resources of the State of West Virginia while serving as the Deputy Cabinet Secretary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Commissioners of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission express their heartfelt gratitude for Scott Mandirola's service, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RESOLUTION 7-25

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

JASON HEATH

WHEREAS: Jason Heath has provided dedicated service from February 27, 1989 to October 31, 2025 to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, and

WHEREAS: It is the intention of the Commission to recognize Jason Heath for his distinguished record of service and his effective use of knowledge and experience to commendably and to the very best of his ability serve the Commission, its partners and citizens of the Ohio River Basin, and

WHEREAS: During his 36-year career, Jason contributed greatly to many water quality programs and initiatives including creating ORSANCO's first Geographic Information System platform, developing and operating the Commission's time-of-travel spill model, responding to numerous spills and harmful algal bloom events, overseeing the Ohio River Watershed Pollutant Reduction Program, serving as the Director of Technical Programs and staff liaison to ORSANCO's Technical Committee, and

WHEREAS: Jason has earned the esteem and friendship of Commissioners, numerous committee members, and his fellow staff members, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Commissioners of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission express their heartfelt gratitude to Jason Heath for his dedicated service, and extends best wishes to Jason for success in all his future endeavors.