



# The Wave

Spring 2024

## SWOWEA Section Meeting Thursday, 21 March 2024

*Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.*

1615 OH-131

Milford, OH 45150

Time	Presentation Title
9:00am – 11:30am	<b>Xylem Facility Tour:</b> OWEA-XXXXX-XX 1.0 hrs Meet in the front parking lot of the Xylem Facility at 9:00 a.m. Wear proper footwear for a walking tour. No hardhats or safety vests required. Various tour groups will be organized and staggered each 15-30 minutes.
<b>Registration:</b> 11:30 am – 12:00	<b>The Golf Club at Stonelick Hills</b> 3155 Sherilyn Lane, Batavia, Ohio 45103
<b>Lunch: 12:00</b>	Stonelick Hills Backyard Cookout: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Metts with pasta salad, potato chips, and chocolate chip cookies.
<b>Business Meeting:</b> 12:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Business Meeting</b> Kevin Stilwell, PE, SWOWEA President
<b>Technical Sessions:</b>	
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	<b>What Happens When Capital Planning Isn't Fast Enough – Dayton Lucille Pump Station</b> Tiffany Snyder, PE (Dayton); Katie Mueller (RA Consultants); & Evan Mowery (Xylem) OWEA- XXXXXX-XX 0.75 hrs
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Large Diameter Pipe Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation</b> Sean O'Rourke, PE & Dave Ebbeler, PE OWEA- XXXXXX-XX 0.75 hrs
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Break &amp; Door Prizes</b>
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Post-Op Surgery (In the Utility Sense): A Trenchless, Systematic Approach to I&amp;I Mitigation – Post Construction</b> Mike Moore & James Kratochvil (Tele-Vac) OWEA- XXXXXX-XX 1.00 hrs
3:45 pm	<b>Closing Statement</b>

# Directions

**Pre-register by March 14, 2024, [www.ohiowea.org](http://www.ohiowea.org).** Pre-registration fees are \$35 members, \$45 non-members, \$5 students (w/ID). Walk-ins - \$45 members, \$55 non-members.

Contact: Christopher Zdinak, SWOWEA Treasurer at [christopher.zdinak@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:christopher.zdinak@cincinnati-oh.gov) or (513) 321-0571.

Credit card payment is available through [www.ohiowea.org](http://www.ohiowea.org) only. Meeting is free for new members with paid membership application. Please honor your reservation with payment if unable to attend.

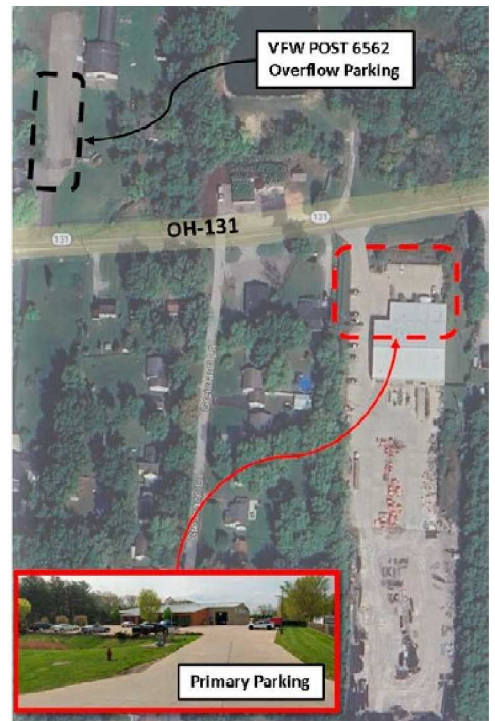
## Directions to Facility Tour From I-275:

- Travel to Exit 57 on I-275 E or W, for OH-28;
- Turn Left onto OH-28 E, continue for ~1.3-miles;
- Take the Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Rd S exit;
- Merge onto Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Rd S;
- Turn left onto OH-131 E, continue for ~2.3-miles;
- Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. is located on the right.
- **Parking available in the frontage of the facility or across street at VFW Post 6562. See right for parking map and information.**



## Directions to Stonelick Hills from Xylem Facility Tour:

- Continue east on OH-131 E for ~1.8-miles;
- Turn right onto OH-132 S, continue for ~4.1-miles;
- Turn right onto US-50 W, continue for ~1.7-miles;
- Entrance to the Golf Club at Stonelick Hills will be on your right, follow local signage for location of event space
- **Parking available on site**



## Primary Parking Location:

- Primary Parking at Xylem Solutions USA, Inc. at 1615 OH-131, Milford, OH 45150.
- Parking available in frontage of facility. Parking shall be first come first serve.

## Overflow Parking Location:

- Overflow Parking at VFW Post 6562, at 1596 OH-131, Milford, OH 45150.
- Confine parking to the front portion of the VFW paved lot. No parking shall be allowable in the gravel portion.
- Travel by foot ~500 feet east on OH-131 from the VFW paved lot to the Xylem Facility Tour. **EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE WALKING ON OH-131. WATCH FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.**



# President's Corner

I hope everyone has been enjoying their winter so far. Between the temps bouncing back and forth its hard to keep track of what season it actually is. I know I'm looking forward to the spring where we switch from one kids sport to another.

## Happenings

Congratulations to Future Finishes, the 2024 Industrial Waste Committee's Karl G. Voelkel award winner. Robert Hunsucker had a great presentation at the Industrial Waste Seminar on the improvements their facility has made to get back into compliance with the city of Hamilton. I also want to thank the Industrial Waste Committee for putting on another great event. It is always well attended and the technical sessions are a great opportunity to learn.

Our March Section Meeting touring Xylem's facility in Milford is quickly approaching. Please register for the tour. After the tour we will have our Section Meeting, lunch and technical sessions at Stonelick Hills. At the business meeting after lunch, the nominating committee will present the candidate for the 3rd Year Director position. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, and at the May Section meeting the new 3rd Year Director will be voted in.

## Future Events

Please put a place holder in your calendar for our May Section Meeting which will be held around May 16, 2024. More details and a concrete date will be published in the very near future. If you are interested in hosting, please let an EC member know.

On February 29th we will have a YP Event at the Hamilton Treatment Plant. Tim McLelland will be presenting on the challenges and opportunities associated with a collaborative approach to Source Water Protection efforts by multiple public water systems and two private companies. One contact hour will be offered for this event.

On March 13th the OEPA ARC Workshop will be held at Hazen and Sawyer's office in Cincinnati. 3 contact hours will be available for attendees. Please see the OWEA website for more information.

## Help Needed

We are always looking volunteers to join our different committees. If you are interested please reach out to me or one of our other EC members and we will help point you in the direction that you want!

Water for updates sent out via email and the Wave. Please be sure to check the website as well at <https://southwestowea.org/>.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Thanks,  
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# Committee Reports

## Industrial Waste Committee

The 34th Industrial Waste Seminar was held on January 25, 2024, at the Manor House in Mason, Ohio. Thanks to all who made the Seminar a success! About 130 people attended the seminar, representing industry, utilities, manufacturer's representatives, and consultants. Sixteen exhibitors provided opportunities to discuss products and services relevant to the wastewater industry. The seminar was also supported by six sponsors. And, as usual, the food was good and plentiful.



The Karl G. Voelkel award was presented to Future Finishes located in Hamilton, Ohio. Future Finishes has effectively addressed environmental issues despite the expense and time required for this accomplishment. Improvements to the facility, including monitoring and control systems, have resulted in a more efficient pretreatment process. Future Finishes exhibits a passion for "doing the right thing" and has consistently met their Industrial Discharge Permit requirements.

Seven presentations provided information on a variety of subjects and included:

- "Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water Update" by Tom Lipp and Rob Zimmer, Ohio EPA.
- "Industrial Wastewater: Technology Overview" by Marty Hanka, Hanka Associates.
- "WWTPs and the Renewable Fuel Standard" by Bruce Smith, USEPA.
- "Make the Most of Your Budget with the Latest in Lamella Clarifiers" by Dave Wilson, BL Anderson.
- "Future Finishes Water Treatment Improvements" by Robert Hunsucker, Future Finishes.
- "Industrial Discharge Monitoring using Smart Sensors and Data Platforms" by John Abrera, Stantec.
- "Choosing the Right Blower" by Matt Cultice, Atlas Copco.



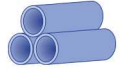
Pictured above: Robert Hunsucker from Future Finishes accepting the Karl G. Voelkel award from Sharon Vaughn.

A total of 5.0 contact hours were provided.

The success of the Industrial Waste Seminar can be attributed to many individuals, including the Industrial Waste Committee members, SWOWEA Executive Committee members, presenters, exhibitors, and sponsors. Thank you all!

The IWC is beginning the process of planning next year's Industrial Waste Seminar to be held on January 23, 2025. We are looking for presenters, exhibitors, and a Karl G. Voelkel Industry Award winner. So, if you are interested in presenting or exhibiting, or know an industry that exemplifies and embraces environmental awareness, please contact Jeff Frechtling at [jeff.frechtling@bcohio.gov](mailto:jeff.frechtling@bcohio.gov) or Barb Swafford at [bswafford@zoomtown.com](mailto:bswafford@zoomtown.com)

## Collections System Committee



We hope everyone can come out and support SWOWEA at the March 2024 Section meeting, which as always will have a Collection Systems theme! We will start with tours of the Xylem Solutions USA facility in Milford, followed by lunch and the SWOWEA business meeting at The Golf Club at Stonelick Hills. We then have on tap several technical sessions covering various collection systems topics. Please refer to the event flyer on the OWEA calendar for additional information.

On October 12 of last year, the first of many local Southwest Collection System Hands-On Workshops was hosted by MSDGC at their Wastewater Collections Galbraith Road facility in Cincinnati. We would like to thank the 50 or so wastewater professionals in attendance and hope they found the information enlightening and informative.

Additionally, the State Collections System Committee is working diligently reviewing abstracts to set the program for the upcoming annual statewide single day conference in Dublin, Ohio on May 21, 2024. We anticipate having a variety of collection systems topics to fill the day for attendees from around the State.

A special "shout out" and thank you to Adam Athmer for all his past leadership on the Collection Systems Committee as I succeed him in the Chairman role. His guidance has been, and will be, much appreciated by me.

As always, if you have any recommendations for presentation topics or suggestions of future workshops needs, feel free to reach out to me ([stevedonovan62@gmail.com](mailto:stevedonovan62@gmail.com) 614-309-0251).

Remember...no pipes, no plants!

Steve Donovan

## Lab Analysis Committee

We are in the works planning our next Lab Meeting, to be held by the City of Fairfield. We do have 2 presenters so far that have confirmed. There will be a lab and plant tour followed by 1 or 2 presenters. Jim Davis is assisting to make sure that everything gets set up. The meeting should be either in April or May, additional information will be available soon.



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