



Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
May 28, 2024
South Licking Watershed
Conservancy District

The South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Board of Supervisors met at 3:00 pm at the Ag Service Building: 771 E. Main Street, Newark, OH 43055. Zoom was available for staff and the public to attend.

Those present in person and Zoom were:

Directors: Roll Call	Public/Guests	Public/Guests	Zoom Attendees
Daniel Blatter	Kyle Seitz	Tatton Suter	Matt O'Donnell
Kevin Elder	Kristy Hawthorne	Jeremy Osborn	David Straub
Linda Nicodemus	Tina Yates	Jung Chen	
	Brian Reed	Dave Dicks	

Kevin Elder called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comments

- a. **Tina Yates, landowner-** Yates stated she lives in a 100-year floodplain but has had significant flooding especially after the February 2024 tornado. Looking to see what assistance there is with future maintenance. Yates also asked how the flood study helps landowners. Nicodemus stated the flood study is needed to update the 1980' Watershed Plan.

IV. Minutes from January 23, 2024

Linda Nicodemus moved to accept the minutes from March 26, 2024. Kevin Elder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. **Financials for March 2024 & April 2024:** Directors went over and discussed financial reports.

Linda Nicodemus moved to accept the financial reports from March 2024 & April 2024. Kevin Elder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Old Business

a. USACE 208 Snagging & Clearing Grant- Tatton

- i.** The grant and prioritization study were discussed
- ii.** Tatton went over the cost-share information
- iii.** Deconstruction should take 12-18 months
- iv.** Documentation that was approved at previous board meeting was signed by Brian Reed

b. Raccoon Creek Flood Study- HDR Update

- i.** There has been a kick-off meeting
- ii.** They are working on downloading the 2D model
- iii.** Need an H&H study
- iv.** Request for 1D Thornwood Crossing model, Brian Moorehead stated he would work on getting that
- v.** David Straub will also get the Raccoon Creek 1D model from USGS

VII. Watershed Update

a. Licking County SWCD (Kristy Hawthorne & Kyle Seitz)-

- i.** Grosse Brothers Wetland 319 Project-
 - 1.** H2Ohio grant money secured for engineering needed to complete stormwater regulation requirements for construction
 - 2.** EDG contracted to do H&H study
 - 3.** The 319 Wetland needs to be constructed by November 1st
- ii.** OEPA/ODNR Central Ohio Water Study
 - 1.** Hawthorne discussed the study and stated Licking County will be the first to be completed.
 - 2.** She also stated that Grow Licking County has had an inquiry for a new manufacturing company that would use 16 million gallons per day
- iii.** FEMA HMA Grant- RFP Release
 - 1.** Hawthorne stated she is working on the draft and hoping to have it out soon
- iv.** LC Foundation Grant- Unite for Nature
 - 1.** Hawthorne discussed Unite for Nature
 - a.** Looking survey with local, state and federal conservation/environmental minded groups that are working in the county
 - b.** The Licking County Foundation has granted \$11,000 to do inventory with Kane Learning and complete a SWAT analysis.
 - c.** This will give us the opportunity to understand our strength, weaknesses and opportunities, for example: who's working on air quality initiatives

b. Fairfield County SWCD (Jonathan Ferbrache)

- i.** Request for FEMA flood plain determination on feeder canal
 - 1.** Walnut Township- there are gaps in the flood maps but some of those gaps are covered in our flood study. Would like to provide a letter of support for the gap to be corrected and provide the documentation of the flood study.
 - 2.** Cost of \$75,000-\$100,000. Hoping that correcting those gaps will assist with cost.

Linda Nicodemus moved to provide a letter of support to correct the gaps in the flood maps and provide documentation from the flood study. Kevin Elder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Perry County SWCD (David Snider)- no updates

VIII. New Business

a. Firespring account- upgrading to include internal email option

- i. Hawthorne discussed the benefits of upgrading the level, stated it will cost \$70/month.

Kevin Elder moved to approve upgrading the Firespring account to the “Engaged” level hosting for \$165.00/ month; Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Motion to adjourn:

Linda Nicodemus moved to adjourn at 4:07 pm, Kevin Elder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Next Regular Meeting: July 23, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Elder, Chair SLWCD

Linda Nicodemus, Director SLWCD