



Monthly Board Meeting

Minutes

November 25, 2025

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	Guests	Zoom Attendees
Daniel Blatter	Kyle Seitz	Percy Neff-Friel	Matt O'Donnell
Kevin Elder	Kristy Hawthorne	Rich Warren	
Linda Nicodemus	Britney Miller		

Director Daniel Blatter called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comments

- a. Rich Warren discussed manure complaints and water testing
- b. Discussion on no-fill restriction
- c. Flooding concerns

IV. Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2025

Kevin Elder moved to accept the Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2025; Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. **Financials for September & October 2025:** Directors went over and discussed financial reports and invoices.

Linda Nicodemus moved to accept the financial reports from September & October 2025; Kevin Elder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Old Business

a. Watershed Plan- Update

- i. Brian Reed, SLWCD's attorney, feels we need a consultant- referred John Hoopingarner
 1. John will send paperwork with cost breakdown
 2. John will try to attend the Conservancy Court to explain what he will be doing to help us

b. Website- Update

- i. Linda discussed email from Wendy stating the board can get emails for SLWCD that would be forwarded to their personal emails at no extra charge because it is included in the plan we currently have.

VII. Watershed Update

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

- i. FEMA Grant update- \$328k Grant

1. Hawthorne and Matt O'Donnell discussed grant. Stated we received 2D Model from ODOT on November 10th.
 2. Matt stated there were no changes from the Stakeholder meeting until November.
 3. Have until end of September to complete. That is the deadline for the grant.
 4. Top 3 consultants were selected
 5. Hawthorne wanting to bring in those consultants, GDP, V3, and ms Consultants to do a 30-minute interview to see if they can work with the budget and timeframe.
 6. Matt O'Donnell stated ODOT wanting to hold another Stakeholder meeting to discuss the ramifications of future development.
 7. Hawthorne discussed getting letters of support
- ii. Nature Conservancy Wetland Grant
1. Slim Creek Project- Hawthorne stated Burgess and Niple is working on the permitting process and initial design of the wetland treatment train
 2. Appointment with ODNR tomorrow- Natalie Foose- for additional capital funds for Kirkersville Feeder Canal area
 3. Must also stay within grant guidelines with Nature Conservancy grant
- iii. Raccoon Creek Logjam Removal Project update
1. Seitz stated they are wanting to put together a monthly meeting to discuss progress
 2. Elder discussed timeline and expenses that were previously presented.
- iv. Cristland Hills Wetland Project update
1. Grosse Brothers Wetland Project- tried to get installed with a passed on 319 Grant. Was not enough funding so after board approval, decided to close out the grant.
 2. On the day after, OEPA called with another funding source from OWDA.
 3. Will know mid-December if we are chosen to be funded.

b. Fairfield County SWCD (Jonathan Ferbrache)-

i. Email-

1. Jonathan's email was discussed



Jonathan Ferbrache
to me ▾

Fri, Nov 21, 2:43 PM (4 days ago)

Fairfield County is still working on "higher standards" for fill in the floodplain of the South Fork.

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2. Elder discussed draining improvement plan and no-fill restrictions

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

VIII. New Business

a. Annual Report draft- Daniel Blatter

- i. Board discussed report. Stated only changes needed are spelling and grammatical errors.

Kevin Elder moved to approve the Annual Report with necessary spelling and grammatical corrections; Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Annual Conservancy Court- December 19th at 2pm at the Licking County Courthouse

c. Licking SWCD MOU for services

- i. Hawthorne discussed MOU. Stated we would like to have an agreement in place for all the work between Soil & Water and the Conservancy District.
- ii. Stated this is a rough draft from another county example

IX. Motion to adjourn:

Kevin Elder moved to adjourn at 4:45 pm; Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Next Meeting: December 19, 2025 at 2:00pm at The Licking County Courthouse

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Miller, Secretary/Treasurer

Daniel Blatter, Chair SLWCD

Linda Nicodemus, Director SLWCD