



Monthly Board Meeting
Minutes
January 23, 2024
South Licking Watershed
Conservancy District

The South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Board of Supervisors met at 6 p.m. at 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	Zoom Attendees	Zoom Attendees
Daniel Blatter	Kyle Seitz	Britney Stuller	Miles Hebert
Kevin Elder	Matt Bauman	Gabbie Greene	Sarah Warner
Linda Nicodemus	Jeremy Osborne	Matt O'Donnell	Rome Marinelli
		Kristy Hawthorne	

I. Kevin Elder called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. 2024 Reorganization~ Duties

a. Chair-

Daniel Blatter moved to nominate Kevin Elder as Chair. Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Vice Chair-

Kevin Elder moved to nominate Daniel Blatter as Vice Chair. Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Secretary/Treasurer-

Linda Nicodemus moved to nominate Britney Stuller as Secretary/Treasurer. Daniel Blatter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Comments

VI. Minutes from November 28, 2023, and the Annual Meeting

Linda Nicodemus moved to accept the minutes from November 28, 2023 with requested changes, and the Annual Meeting Daniel Blatter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Treasurer's Report

- a. **Financials for November 2023 & December 2023:** Directors went over and discussed financial reports.

Daniel Blatter moved to accept the financial reports from November 2023 & December 2023. Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **2024 Budget**
 - i. Licking Commissioners- approved budget request
 - ii. Fairfield Commissioners- approved budget request
 - iii. Perry Commissioners- update
 - 1. Linda Nicodemus still trying to get in contact with the Commissioner

VIII. Old Business

- a. **USACE 208 Snagging & Clearing Grant-**
 - i. Approve cost share payment for feasibility study

Linda Nicodemus moved to approve the cost share of \$94,000.00 for the 208 Snagging & Clearing feasibility study. Daniel Blatter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Silver Jackets-**
 - i. 2D Model transfer
 - 1. Waiting on the model
 - 2. Kyle discussed the process for record requests

- c. **MWCD PWM Grant- Raccoon Creek Flood Study-**
 - i. RFP- Draft RFP; review committee, rubric- motion to approve

Linda Nicodemus moved to approve the RFP and timeline for the Raccoon Creek Flood Study. Daniel Blatter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Watershed Update

- a. **Licking County SWCD (Kristy Hawthorne & Kyle Seitz)-**
 - i. Fairfield/Licking Quality Testing: results for 2023 around Buckeye Lake- Kyle
 - 1. Kyle presented information on the Buckeye Lake water quality testing
 - 2. He went over the results and stated more data is needed
 - ii. Grosse Brothers Wetland 319 Project- Perry SWCD closed out 319 Grant; Licking to apply for remaining funds
 - 1. Kristy discussed the project Perry County was overseeing. She went over the regulations required to finish the H&H study.
 - 2. Perry County has asked Licking Soil & Water to take over.
 - 3. Licking will apply for the remaining funds to complete the project
 - 4. Kristy stated she reached out to H2Ohio Wetland Grant Program for the additional costs and they stated they would cover those costs. Will need a proposal to complete contract.
 - 5. Fall 2024 could be the start of construction if the additional requirements are completed.
 - iii. Lancer Petition Ditch- update

1. Will know more after the hearing Thursday at the Commissioners
- iv. Lancer Ditch e coli investigation
 1. Kyle stated samples were taken from upstream and downstream
 2. There was a low count at Grosse Brothers location and a high count near the School
 3. There was a meeting on site with the school superintendent to help find the source of the e coli.
 4. Kyle stated they will be checking for leakage in the sewer lines.
 - v. OEPA/ODNR Central Ohio Water Study
 1. Kristy went over the study.
 2. Inventory of surface and subsurface water to figure out capacity for large manufacturing and housing
 3. There is a 29-page RFP
 4. Kristy stated the study covered a 15-county area
 5. Licking Soil & Water is “ground zero” and will begin first and finish by 12/31/2024
 6. Updated 208 report required to process water and sewer treatment plants
- X. Fairfield County SWCD (Jonathan Ferbrache)-**
- a. Fairfield County is currently reviewing their County-wide Floodplain Regulations and will schedule and publish hearings in the near future with the Commissioners.
 - b. Following the completion of that process the discussion on the north Walnut Township area, specifically impacting the South Fork Licking River area, will begin again. Inquiries should be sent to the Regional Planning Commission directly.
- XI. Perry County SWCD (David Snider)-**
- a. It would appear that Licking SWCD will be the principal sponsor for the Grosse Brothers 319 treatment wetland going forward. I believe they intend to construct it this fall. (discussed under Licking County updates)
 - b. The Honey Creek 319 streambank stabilization grant is almost ready for signatures. We are waiting on landowner approval of a construction easement. Designs can. Egin shortly thereafter with an optimistic construction period of fall of 2024, but more likely 2025.
- XII. New Business**
- a. Discussion on start times for meetings. Kristy stated with the time Soil & Water staff were putting in, it would be more convenient to start earlier, possibly during business hours.
- XIII. Motion to adjourn:**
- Daniel Blatter moved to adjourn at 7:22 pm, Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
- XIV. Next Regular Meeting: March 26, 2024 at 6pm**

Special Meeting: February 20, 2024 at 3pm

Respectfully submitted, /

Britney Stuller, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Elder, Chair SLWCD

Linda Nicodemus, Director SLWCD