

Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

May 14, 2018 (Tuesday) at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex – Police Department Training room
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Call to Order by Chairman Dan Blatter at 6:04 pm. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance.

Roll call was taken with Directors Dan Blatter and Linda Nicodemus in attendance.

Visitors: Rick Meyers (Heath), Joe Hart (Licking Twp. Trustee), Paula Greene (Union Twp. Administrator) and Matt Baumann (Buckeye Lake 2030)

March 12, 2018 - Regular Meeting Minutes – Dan Blatter made a motion to approve the minutes with a one date change and Linda Nicodemus seconded the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - \$1,741.71 at the end of April. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dan Blatter and seconded by Linda Nicodemus the motion carried.

I. Old Business

- a. Feeder ditches – Blatter commented that he requested the 1930 era plans for Feeder renovation from ODNR; a response had been received that the request would be processed as a public information request. (It was though that obtaining those plans would allow us to better understand the differences between those designs and present conditions.)
 - i. Matt Baumann stated there was no progress toward improvements at the outlet portion of the Feeder (from monies approved in the recent State budget)
- b. Log jam north of SR 40 mid-way to Ridgely Tract Rd – Linda Nicodemus stated that she will make a presentation on May 21, 2018 at 4 pm at the Hebron Complex. She and Dave Medley (Hebron Public Works Superintendent) went out and took pictures for the presentation. The access drive on the property was very poor and difficult. Linda expressed additional concerns about excavation for additional animal waste storage near the tributary stream from the east and diversions cut to direct runoff directly into the South Fork from the oil & gas well site just southeast of the log jam (the diversion construction was said to have pushed trees into the South Fork). No log jam removal activities have taken place this year. Licking County Planning will arrange their drone to view the log jam sometime next week.
- c. Watershed Plan: supplemental water shed plan – Dan Blatter discussed draft documents from August 2009 are the most recent documents found. This supplement was not “approved”. A 2016 summary of watershed actions (included in the 2016 Annual Report to the Court) is the most recent documentation. This also summarized the existence of a number of flood reduction proposals, though public meetings to present and discuss these options are not known to have occurred.

Discussion: Development Regulations – control of storm water discharge – are determined by the individual municipalities, and the County in unincorporated

areas. Control of stormwater discharge, i.e. runoff increases due to development and needs to be regulated by the municipalities vigorously to minimize impact to the watershed downstream of developing areas. Some entities may be weak in administration of their regulations. Licking County has a large MS4 Stormwater Consortium group with several municipalities and townships represented. Denise Brooks with Licking County Soil & Water Conservation is the Director of the group.

We need to have a study completed regarding: water quality, flooding, bank erosion, to include all the tributaries for the entire watershed. We need to identify critical infrastructure within the watershed and the potential risk. Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District may be a partial funding source and maybe other grants. Once a watershed plan is implemented then funds will need to be raised to help with the projects such as what MWCD does such as Federal, State and Local funds as well as assessments.

- d. Possible log jam behind the trailer park on Rinehart Drive- Joe Hart reported permission to access South Fork at that location was denied.

II. New Business

- a. Cristland Hill Road Wetland project – Matt Baumann - Electric Company said pond/wetland would be allowed under power lines. Design is in process with goal of reducing high nitrate delivery by capture in wetland. The area was said to have been flown and photographed the in the 1930s. Several public organizations, grants and funding opportunities were discussed.
- b. Heath river erosion – Rick Meyers stated that materials being trucked & stockpiled to control stream bank erosion – in coordination/cooperation with Army COE (Huntington Office).

III. Correspondences and Director comments:

- a. No other comments

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Nicodemus at 7:18 pm, Dan Blatter seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: **June 11, 2018 (Monday) -- 6pm**

Hebron Municipal Complex 934 W. Main St. Hebron, Ohio

Linda Nicodemus, Secretary/Treasurer