



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes January 25, 2022

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

The South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Board of Supervisors met at 6 p.m. at the Hebron Municipal Complex, 934 W Main Street, Hebron Oh 43025. Zoom was available for staff and public to attend.

Those present in person and Zoom were:

Directors: Roll Call	Public/Guests	Zoom Attendees
Daniel Blatter	Matt Baumann	Britney Stuller
Kevin Elder	Dutch/ River Rangers	Kristy Hawthorne
Linda Nicodemus	Terry Fischer	Kyle Seitz
		Barbara Bebout
		Miles Hebert
		Sabastian Teas
		August Froehlich
		Wendy Hollinger

- I. **Chair Blatter called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call**
- IV. **2022 Organization/ Duties**
 - a. **Chair: Dan Blatter moved to nominate Kevin Elder as Chair. Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - Kevin Elder assumes the Chair position for the remainder of the meeting.
 - b. **Vice Chair: Kevin Elder moved to nominate Dan Blatter as Vice Chair. Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - c. **Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Nicodemus moved to nominate Britney Stuller as Secretary/Treasurer. Kevin Elder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

V. **Visitors**

VI. **Conservancy Court Annual Meeting- December 17, 2021**

VII. **Minutes from November 17, 2021-** Minutes were unavailable but will be ready for February board meeting.

VIII. **Treasurer's Report-** Treasurer's report for December and January will be available at the February board meeting.

IX. **Resolution 2022-01- A resolution pertaining to administrative address information for the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District**

Dan Blatter moved to approve the Resolution 2022-01 to make Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District, 771 East Main Street Newark, OH 43055, the administrative address for South Licking Watershed Conservancy District. Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

X. **Old Business**

a. **Watershed plan update/revision- Proposed Hydraulic Plan**

- **Request for Letters of Interest, qualifications & proposal-** Dan distributed information and discussed the Hydraulic Plan proposal and needing formal letters of interest, statement of qualifications, and proposals for professional services for the Flood Damage Reduction Planning Study RFP. The contract will be approved at the February 22nd meeting. Linda discussed the timelines/deadlines and stated they will need to advertise January 28th-February 14th. Applications will need gathered and scanned to the board by February 15th to look over contracts and have one ready for approval.

Ad will be posted in the Newark advocate and SLWCD.org webpage.

Dan Blatter moved to make a post to request for Formal Letters of Interest, Statement of Qualifications, and Proposals for Professional Services for the Flood Damage Reduction Planning Study. Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b. **Watershed Update**

- **Fairfield SWCD (Johnathan Ferbrache)-** Linda received a letter from Johnathan stating they had received 5 engineering firm letters of interest for the North Walnut Township Stormwater Conveyance Study. They are ranking them this week and interviews will follow.
- **LCSWCD (Kristy Hawthorne & Kyle Seitz)-** Kristy Hawthorne and Kyle Seitz met with the H2Ohio Grant committee to discuss how to improve our next grant application. She stated the application for Kirkersville wetland was not picked last year. This year the deadline for the application has moved from September to April/May.
- **Perry SWCD (David Snider/ Sabastian Teas) and Buckeye Lake Watershed (Sabastian Teas)-** Sebastian stated they had done site walk throughs and are 30-50% done with the design. It is projected to be completed this summer.

Sabastian discussed the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs- stated NRCS has funding for water quality projects.

Sabastian also discussed the aerator projects. Stated the Yacht Club was successful in decreasing algae. They are working on getting baseline reports for Fairfield Beach and Crystal Beach. They will then bring in aerators.

- c. **Funding/Project update- Silver Jackets and Army Corps Section 208-** Dan Blatter discussed looking into budget approvals. Licking County Commissioners will meet in March to finalize budgets, so SLWCD will know after if their request was approved. Sebastian Teas will get in touch with the Perry County Soil & Water to see where we stand on funding from them. Dan stated he will be meeting with the Commissioners to discuss budget.

Linda stated there is a meeting January 26th at 9:30am at MS Consultants with Boris and Kari, along with other watersheds to help coordinate funding.

- d. **Website Update (Wendy Hollinger)-** Wendy stated Firespring will be refunding 2 months for being unavailable. Wendy stated she is looking to add a mission statement, more information, how to volunteer and update the logo. She stated she will work with Kristy Hawthorne and Britney Stuller.

XI. New Business

- a. **Bike Buckeye Lake- North Shore of Maple Bay Trail and Boardwalk project-** Terry Fischer introduced himself and discussed his Bike Buckeye Lake project mission and key initiatives. He displayed maps to show the areas in which he would like to create bike paths for safer travels. He called Maple Bay Marsh Trail the “lungs of the lake”. He feels creating paths around Mill Dam and Christland Hills will get riders off of dangerous roads. The paths would be in areas that would also create a set up for education. Terry discussed acquiring land for more trails and a boardwalk. He would like to eventually connect the paths (circumnavigate). He also stated they would like to add a large wetland. He stated they are looking into grants from NRAC, ODNR, Dawes, H2Ohio, TAP & Clean Ohio. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$3,771,000.00 for the trail and \$2,277,000.00 for the total restoration.
- b. **Intel Project-** Kevin Elder discussed the new Intel project. Stated it is 95% in South Fork. It will be using a significant amount of water, so he suggested checking the stormwater plan and regulations.

XII. Motion to adjourn:

Dan Blatter moved to adjourn at 7:04 p.m., Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Next Meeting: February 22, 2022, 6pm at Hebron Municipal Complex- 934 W Main Street, Hebron Oh 43025- may be looking into other locations to give other individuals the opportunity to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Elder, Chair SLWCD

Linda Nicodemus, Board SLWCD