

## March 2021 Minutes

### *South Licking Watershed Conservancy District*

**March 8, 2021, 6 pm.**

Hebron Municipal Complex  
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Chairman Dan Blatter called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Directors: Dan (zoom), Linda (in person), Kevin (arrived 6:47pm)

Visitors present: (zoom) John Trujillo (Hebron), Julie Gwinn (ODOT), Jim Layton (Hebron), Mike Fornataro, Jen Bowman, Kristy Hawthorne (LCSWCD), Jeremy Blake (Newark), Barb Bebout, Kari Mackenbach, Jeff Martin, Sebastian Teas, B. Slater

Approve Minutes of February 8, 2021: Linda moved, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve minutes as submitted, vote: motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reports \$7,261.78 in the checking account with no checks outstanding. Dan moved to accept the report, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote: motion carried.

Jen Bowan – Director of the Voinovich School (at OU) generally work is on watershed projects. Working with Vince Messerly on baseline study at Bloody Run Swamp (by Pigeon Swamp Ditch). Works with OEPA and ODNR to get 9-element plans in place. Looks like SLWCD could use help with Bell Run/Beaver Run HUC – last study 2008, so a newer study should help. Programs involve identify problems, stake holders, plans or approaches to remedy them, to be eligible for 319 grants. Students can help identify potential projects & gather data.

Bell Run and Beaver Run HUCs appear to be the most useful to study.

Jen needs: commitments to visit the sites and commitments to meet landowners.

#### Old Business

- a. BRIC – Kari Machenbach – working to make sure everything is covered in the community hazard mitigation plan prior to the BRIC submittal. All BRIC items need to be included in the CANHMP. Kari is searching for all information that exists regarding H & H studies and all other useful studies are needed and what information is missing will be needed. Want to identify problems (in a GIS format) from Kirkersville to Newark, south including Village of Buckeye Lake and east to SR13. Funding amount is potentially “large” so we need to take advantage of the opportunity.
- b. Army Corp letter for the Secton 205 was received and accepted.
- c. Kristy Hawthorn – LCSWCD update –
  - c.a.They investigated a valid Forestry complaint. The SWCD is working with the Logging Co and Division of Forestry to remedy the issues in Bloody Run.
  - c.b.Soil & Water Conservation District has been understaffed in the past but is fully staffed at this time, so they have some carry-over. The SWCD Board offers the SLWCD a part time employee to assist the Conservancy

District. The SWCD Budget meeting with the LC Board of Commissioners can include the Conservancy District on 3/18/21.

d. Sebastian Teas – Buckeye Lake Watershed update

d.a. 9-element plan for the second HUC12 has been completed and accepted by the OEPA.

d.b. Some testing has been done that may be useful to Jen Bowman's work.

d.c. He has returned comments to OEPA regarding a 319 grant for a wetland on north side of Buckeye Lake.

New Business

a. Lancers Ditch discussion: Dan states he believes the plan will not result in any environmentally detrimental outcomes. The Conservancy District needs to respond with approval or comments within 30 days.

a.a. Kevin moves to approve Drainage Improvement plan, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote: Kevin -yes, Linda -yes, Dan -abstain, motion carried.

Other comments:

Jeff Martin – no known new debris fields. No problems if we or Planning want to do a drone flight over Martin properties.

Next Meeting: **Hebron Municipal Complex on April 12, 2021, at 6pm.**

Kevin moved to adjourn at 7:12pm, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote: motion carried.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 20--

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Linda Nicodemus

~Draft~ Summary from Zoom recording of the meeting.