

Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

June 10, 2019, at 6 pm.
Hebron Municipal Complex
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Chairman Dan Blatter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Directors: Dan Blatter, Bob Cumbow, and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors present: Matt Bauman, Joe Hart, Denise Brooks, Boris Slogar

Approve May 13, 2019 Minutes: Bob moved to approve minutes as written, Linda 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Linda reports interest income of \$0.01 and no expenses leaving an April 30 balance of \$1,583.86. There were no questions, Blatter declared Treasurers Report approved.

Bob Cumbow introduced Mr. Boris Slogar, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) Engineer, to speak to us about funding mechanisms available to conservancy districts.

Mr. Slogar spoke of his involvement with MWCD including work to form a sub-district and reconstitute a sub-district. Below are a few of his comments:

He brought to our attention a 1995 paper documenting the planning process of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District. He will get us a copy of that report.

SLWCD Identified problem (flooding), official plan to address problem (adopted 1981).

Projects are paid for by a Capital assessment is made to build the project (to fund/pay for over a period of time) derived by the apportionment of benefits, direct and indirect. Benefits must outweigh cost. Assessment methods are flexible. Community support is needed.

Funding can include grants, which can buy-down the cost of a project reducing capital assessment amounts needed.

Projects can be phased.

Mr. Slogar gave examples of other conservancy district projects and their funding sources.

We can have access to MWCD grant funds for regional flood reduction within their jurisdiction boundary.

A flood mitigation strategy needs to be developed to have an efficient result. These can include hydraulics, floodplains (storage), take advantage of topography (structural) i.e. detention, levies, floodwalls.

MWCD would want to work with us regarding assessments should SLWCD be in that position. Districts can overlap.

Sub-districts: a conservancy district can become a sub-district, but sub-district cannot become an individual conservancy district.

Pos. = MWCD has many employees and many support resources.

Neg. = some loss of control (though a separate Conservancy Court remains)

Old Business

- a. Log Jam removal—no funds for past work, keep applying to MWCD.
- b. Feeder channel maintenance—ODNR will have another meeting to discuss, outlet remediation will not be done until assessment is complete. It is thought that ODNR intends to review the entire length.
- c. Heath Bank Erosion—no report
- d. Watershed Plan/Assessment – USACOE—Baumann reports that ODNR will send a letter
- e. Use of MS4 Regulations—no response from out attorney; Bob will wait until the attorney response to meet with Millersport. Specific means to implement by a Conservancy District is unknown—we need to have specifics. County is slow to respond to violations. Villages do not have to rely on county and can address violations immediately.
- f. Conservancy Court & funding—discussed during Mr. Slogar’s presentation.
- g. Proposed stream maintenance, Kirkersville to Newark—MCWD has limited funding but application should be made.

New Business

- a. Watershed coordinator – early word is that LCSWCD that did not get a grant.

Next Meeting: **July, 8, 2019, 6pm at same location.**

Motion to adjourn by Bob Cumbow, 2nd by Linda; motion carried; adjourned at 8:32pm.

Approved on _____, 20--

Linda Nicodemus

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