

Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

September 19, 2017 (Tuesday) at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex

934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Chairman Dan Blatter called the meeting to order 6:12 pm.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Directors: Dan Blatter and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors present: John Geller, Heath Water Superintendent, Dave Straub, USGS and Denise Brooks, Licking County Soil & Water Director.

Approve Minutes – August 15, 2017 - Dan made a motion to approve and Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - \$1,923.97 – Dan made a motion to approve as submitted and Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business

- a. Director – Dan had a conversation Attorney Brian Reed who said no problems known for either candidate. So, Dan will contact them both. The email about directors from Reed to be given to Linda for the record.

Dan asked to move down the agenda to new business and the Heath erosion issue and everyone agreed.

New Business

- a. Heath – South Fork Licking River erosion: John Geller, Director of Utilities for the City of Heath discussed the problem at their well field property located along the South Fork. The City purchased a 25 acre well field in the mid-90s. They recently purchased the property on the north side of the river. Maps shared: show a loss of 3+ acres to erosion, appears the loss accelerated last 4-5 years. He is concerned that it was accelerated due to the river widening near Buckeye Lake. The weather was discussed and that climate seems to be changing with more rainfall. Army Corps of Engineers estimates the cost to repair at \$400K+. The loss of 5-10 ft. per year from the bank with the cause still undetermined affects their ability to utilize the well field. The property is just after the junction of Ramp Creek into the South Fork and right at the junction where Hog Run enters. John Geller stated that the City would like to find a funding mechanism to reinforce or stabilize the bank. David Straub with USGS discussed a few possible funding possibilities. Denise Brooks, Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District Director, suggested look into 319 grants (EPA) and that there are grant with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. He will look into these and thanked everyone for their help.

Old Business

- b. Log jam north of SR 40 – Denise Brooks stated that the scope is expanding and she has been receiving emails with the interest in the project growing. Buckeye Lake community is very interested with the possible addition of their stormwater into the South Fork. She also discussed the amount of increase in the impervious areas around our watershed from all the communities upstream like Pataskala,

Etna and other areas also contributes but what amount is unknown. The project could possibly get funds from Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, Army Corps of Engineer and the Emergency Management Agency. David Straub discussed some of the history of USGS and ODNR's past involvement. He would also like to see drone video that Linda will get for him. Support is growing, project planning and development continues.

- c. Licking County River – up September 9, 2017 – Denise stated that the event had its largest participation ever with the area of Newark, Granville, Hebron, Heath, Pataskala, Utica, Madison Twp., Hanover Twp., Union Twp., and Dawes Arboretum in Licking Twp. The sponsorship increased as well as the amount of waterways being cleaned. The program has more people being trained in first aid, safety and canoeing. With the County EMA and Sheriff's involvement she feels the public safety has grown more effective. She expects the event to continue to grow and develop. The Poster contest is going on now in all the area schools with the winning poster used in all the advertising next year and the winners schools get a donation for either science or art class.

New Business

- b. Silver Jackets – David Straub is a member of the Silver Jackets - The Ohio Silver Jackets is an implementation sub-team of the State of Ohio Mitigation Team, which is dedicated to creating a collective environment that brings together federal, state, local and other stakeholders to address the state's flood risk management priorities. They meet quarterly and Dave will ask about presenting the logjam project to the group.

Ohio Silver Jackets Partners:

Economic Development Administration

Federal Emergency Management Agency

NOAA's National Weather Service

Miami Conservancy District

USDA Natural Resources conservation Service, Ohio

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Ohio Emergency Management Agency

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Great Lakes and Ohio River Division

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Ohio

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

- c. Annual Report and meeting – Linda discussed that the meeting of the Conservancy Court needs to be scheduled and the she will begin working on the Annual Report.

Next Meeting: **October 17, 2017 -- 6pm**

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm

Approved on _____, 2017

Linda Nicodemus