

Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

February 12, 2018 (Tuesday) at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Call to Order by Chairman Dan Blatter at 6:13 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Dan Blatter, Bob Cumbow and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors – Jeff Martin, Joseph Hart (Licking Twp. Trustee), David Snider (Perry Cty. SWCD Administrator), Rick Myers (Heath Zoning Inspector), John Geller (Heath Director of Utilities), David Straub (USGS Science Chief & Supervisory Hydrologist) and Matt Baumann (Buckeye Lake 2030)

Minutes – January 8, 2018 Meeting– Dan asked if everyone had a chance to review and if there was any discussion. Dan asked for a motion to approve. Bob Cumbow made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - \$1,924.07 – Dan stated that he had not received any invoices for the Legal Advertisement for the Annual meeting.

Old Business

- a. Feeder Ditch – Met with Buckeye Lake 2030 Watershed committee. They discussed the watershed and the feeder ditch. They then asked for a letter of support for repairing and clearing part of the feeder ditch and asking for it to be added to the State Capital Improvement budget. We have sent letter to support and encourage other to do the same because repairing the feeder from Kirkersville to Buckeye Lake will improve the water quality of the lake and help with local flooding. Bob suggested that we need to work together with this group to suggest the areas of greatest need to be addressed.
- b. Log Jam – removal began December 8th, 2018 and they are about 1/3 of the way complete on the first jam. But stopped due to cold weather & high water and they are waiting until spring. Dan stated that Jared Knerr (Licking County Engineer) thought we could get together with ODOT and Commissioner to get funds to work on the older part of the jam.
- c. South Fork bank erosion at Heath vicinity of Hog Run – no new activities or information, additional acreage (66) has been purchased for addition to the future well field. They had only put a test well on the property. Army Corps of Engineer had proposed rock protection of the banks. Linda stated that John Trujillo (Newark Stormwater) has received funds for erosion control and logjam removal and has helped us with the logjam application filed. So, you can contact him for assistance. If Heath shares plans with us, we will forward them to MWCD for their comments as a start to a search for funding. John Geller stated that they plan on beginning some restoration.

New Business

- a. No new business.

Comments

Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow noted that there are funds/grants for Watershed Coordinator positions. This could be a 3 county cooperative. Thought mostly Ag related (funding by ODA).

Flood gage monitors – Dave Straub – additional monitors discussed without interest by agencies, Kirkersville gauge was repaired.

Bob attended meeting with the Fairfield County Commissioners and others for a work meeting at the Fairfield County Engineer's Office. The planned drainage designs are in process for the west bank area into the feeder. North bank stormwater drainage restriction mitigation is not being planned yet for the Buckeye Lake and Walnut Township issue along SR 360.

Joe Hart is concerned Log Jam removal does not improve flooding at Ridgely Tract Rd. Linda stated that she was told that another log jam might exist closer to Heath as well – behind subdivision down stream of RCD sales. It would be nice to get more drone footage along that area at South Fork. It would be very beneficial to view current situations.

Dave Snider asked how many parcels with in SLWCD – an estimate is 35000 in Licking County. A potential source of funding for a watershed coordinator could be very beneficial...

Bob stated that we need to put an agenda together for a work meeting. We could hold it at Hebron and need to invite a select group. Bob will put together a list of agenda items and a manageable list. We need to be pro-active & less re-active as a priority by identifying priorities funding can better be obtained.

Dan as far as funding we are not considered as an active Conservancy District by the Federal Government, so have no money Federal money allocated.

District may start with existing plans and move forward from there. Need to see what qualifies at a plan to qualify for funding.

Conservancy District would qualify for 319 grants – needing the 9-part document. USGS data is available for use.

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 PM

Approved on March 12, 2018 at 6 pm

Linda Nicodemus