

Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

January 8, 2018 (Tuesday) at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Call to Order by Chairman Dan Blatter at 6:06 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Dan Blatter, Bob Cumbow and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors – Jeff Martin and Matt Baumann

2018 Organization-

Linda Nicodemus nominated Dan Blatter for the position of Chair and Bob Cumbow seconded the nomination. Linda made a motion to close nominations and Bob seconded. Linda made a motion to appoint Dan Blatter as Chair and Bob seconded the motion passed.

Linda Nicodemus nominated Bob Cumbow for the position of Vice Chair and Dan Blatter seconded the nomination. Linda made a motion to close nominations and Dan seconded. Linda made a motion to appoint Bob Cumbow as Vice Chair and Dan seconded the motion passed.

Bob Cumbow nominated Linda Nicodemus for the position of Secretary/Treasurer and Dan Blatter seconded the nomination. Bob made a motion to close nominations and Dan seconded. Bob made a motion to appoint Linda Nicodemus as Secretary/Treasurer and Dan seconded the motion passed.

Visitor's comments: Matt Baumann of Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow – He stated that they are trying to get a budget item to Ohio Legislators to perform work on outlet end of the Feeder. They learned money could be available from State to do work and decided to try to get the first mile addressed. Some proposals have been made and discussed, but the main work being planned by the State is in lower end of the feeder just before it enters Buckeye Lake. The full scope of States proposal is still unclear. Other work to be done is the rock to be added at Mud Island to reduce erosion.

Fairfield SWCD is researching source of erosion into creek (Murphy's Run) that enters lake near Brooks Park it's been especially bad last 2 years every time it rains. Jeff Martin suggested cropping patterns different in last few years increasing runoff & erosion, late seasons so were few cover crops.

Section 319 grant money available – looking for water quality project a watershed group for Buckeye Lake 2030 meeting next week which, includes Mike Fornataro, Miles Hebert & others. Mike would like the Directors to attend. Section 319 is federal money though passed thru OEPA;

Issues at the Deep Cut – with flow back to Buckeye Lake at Millersport but, was intended to flow out of the lake. Its block downstream had been dredges several times in the past.

Dan stated that the feeder project has been one of Conservancy districts concerns since just after we were reestablished. We want to have the feeder completely repaired. There are many problems including diversion to county ditch at the weir on The VanBuren property.

Minutes – December 15, 2017 Annual Meeting– Dan stated that Attorney Brian Reed will send us the official meeting minutes from the Conservancy Court.

Dan moved to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2017 as submitted and Linda seconded. All voted in favor and it passed.

Treasurer's Report - \$1,924.05 checking account balance but the check had not cleared for the Legal Advertisement for the Annual meeting of the Conservancy Court the Annual Meeting of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District before the Conservancy Court at the Licking County Courthouse on December 15, 2017.

Old Business

- a. Feeder Ditch – Feeder (previously discussed in by visitor comments) ; Dan had talked with Mark Van Buren about tile under feeder, but was not willing to repair tile (though that is the means for his field's drainage) Dan will investigate if Pigeon Swamp Ditch fund can be used for repairs as that ditch is damaged due feeder problems. Has also stated that there had been damage to feeder berm during the July '17 flooding event. Too much sediment load accumulation in section of feeder below weir. A second waste weir is just upstream of swamp road—remnants remain. Low head dam at Kirkersville is still in place, though not functional.
- b. Log Jam – removal under way –a picture was shared – work has stopped due to cold weather & high water; work is to remove log jam to allow flow thru newer channel, (began 8th of Dec.) May need to add work pads to continue or wait into spring. Denise will let us know... but we will need to plan for additional work (next year or two) beyond present short-term scope.
- c. South Fork bank erosion at Heath vicinity of Hog Run – Dan stated review of older aerials showed much erosion has occurred over the several years. Heath is looking for funding sources to arrest erosion. Heath has, purchased additional property.

New Business

- a. An email from Jonathan Ferbrache to setup work day. There has not been any done in the past, but would be appropriate. Bob will contact Jonathan to proceed with such a work day.
- b. Bob will check about ODNR funding – if money is in “that” fund. To cleanout Feeder.
- c. Question for Buckeye Lake 2030 – Dan are they working on the storm drainage issue? Fairfield Co engineer investigating drainage outside of Buckeye Lake dam, several hundred acres farmland and homes. Dave Levacy, Fairfield County Commissioner is very interested. They intend to outlet into the Feeder, but Lateral A is considered as another outlet possibility, but that flows directly to South Fork.

Motion to adjourn at 7:26 PM

Approved on February 12, 2018 at 6 pm

Linda Nicodemus