

December 2019 Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

December 9, 2019, at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex

934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Chairman Dan Blatter called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Directors: Dan Blatter and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors present: David Straub (USGS), Denise Brooks (Licking County SWCD), Matt Bauman (BLT), Sebastian Teas (BL watershed coordinator), David Snider (Perry SWCD), Kevin Elder.

Approve Minutes of November 11, 2019 meeting: Linda Moved to approve minutes as written, Dan seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Linda reported a November 29, 2019 balance of \$1,583.92

Encumbrances of \$142.80 for upcoming Annual Meeting notices,

Leaving an unencumbered balance of \$1,441.12

Motion to approve Treasurers Report with a date correction, and that this report is to be a part of the Annual Report, made by Dan, seconded by Linda, motion carried.

Old Business

- a. Log jam removal – Denise Brooks gave an update on its status: 1) to re-name the work necessary to “Stream Restoration Project” which includes debris removal and stream bank stabilization. Denise accompanied consultants to the site to revisit its condition, the resulting design concept includes a plan to restore sinuosity to the stream, better utilize the floodplain, and stabilize stream banks where necessary. Cost estimate is \$910,000 without land acquisition or other land rights. Approximate project length of 1900 feet. (consultants: Gresham Smith & Partners, and Wallace Pancher Group) Next steps to determine land acquisition costs and funding sources. NRAC resource advisory council may be looking for such a project site. May involve Clean Ohio funds or other OPWC assistance, MWCD grants, or Capital Improvement Projects.
- b. Feeder Channel – Dan has received no reports, though it is reported a draft is said to be “near” and we hope to have something by year-end.
- c. Heath Bank Erosion – Linda discussed apparent work at the site and has contacted Army Corps for requirements of their (Heath's) permit.
- d. Watershed Plan – waiting on Presidential Budget to be signed.
- e. Proposed stream maintenance from Kirkersville – Newark – Denise suggests determining a recommended annual stream maintenance amount. City of Newark allocates \$30,000 per year, for example. Discussion acknowledged many trees down in the rivers, with more anticipated in the future (ash trees). We also recognize a backlog of maintenance needed.
- f. Buckeye Lake Region Storm Water issue – discussion involved potential assessments of ODOT and ODNR; petition ditch law seems straight-forward.

Other means had been discussed by BLT (Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow) & others to form some sort of District to address drainage problems in the north Buckeye Lake area (Conservancy District, sub-conservancy district, sewer & water district, other drainage district.) Most of the “problems” are said to have resulted from ODNR’s prohibition of drainage into Buckeye Lake. The discussion: BLT seems to want to package the projects that are known and is searching for ways to obtain funding.

New Business

- a. Annual Report – Linda has the records and financial report completed. Discussion between Dan & Linda took place regarding the annual report. Work proceeded to write the annual report to be presented to the Conservancy Court at the Annual Meeting on December 19, 2019.

Linda moved to accept the annual report as written with corrections and to present it to the Court at the Annual Meeting, Dan seconded, motion carried.

Next Meeting: **Annual Meeting, Licking Co. Court House, 2pm December 19, 2019.**

Next Regular Meeting: 6pm on January 13, 2020, at the Hebron Municipal Complex.

Motion to adjourn at 9:19 pm

Approved on _____, 2020

Linda Nicodemus