

# Minutes

## South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

February 21, 2017 (Tuesday) at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex ~ 934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Call to Order by Chairman Dan Blatter

Stand for the Pledge

Roll Call – Directors: Dan Blatter and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors - James Endsley (Jersey Township Trustee), Stephen Mayer (New Albany Planner), Jeff Martin (H.W. Martin & Son Co.) and David Straub (USGS - Hydrologist)

Approve Minutes – January 17, 2017 – Dan read the minutes and found a few corrections. He then made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections and Linda seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – The treasures report was skipped since the statement had not been received.

Dan asked if there were any visitors that would like to comment.

David Straub stated the Muskingum watershed does pay for a part of the water monitoring gauges along with Newark and Licking County. He hasn't heard any more about the gauges on Buckeye Lake. That's an ODNR project and they are not ready for those yet, but we are still working with them.

Jeff Martin said he had nothing.

Stephen Mayer stated that he was attending to learn more about the district and share information.

Jim Endsley stated that they are concerned about the watershed and how the tax assessments are being used. Dan explained that the assessment go to Muskingum Watershed District. The South Licking Watershed Conservancy District was reinstated to help identify problems within the watershed and facilitate conversations with the Muskingum Watershed, County Commissioners and other local entities to find solution. They have fulltime staff including engineering that can help the entire watershed. He also asked Dan about county ditches and if there are any funding mechanism to help. Dan said that the County has funds budgeted for petition ditches. Jim would like information to post at the township building. Linda stated that she sent some things out to him after their phone call this afternoon. Jim stated that the Jug Street improvements will add more stormwater faster into the watershed. MS4 stormwater control measures should be required for the development. That should help some but the construction and expansion of the roadways will add to the impervious surfaces. Constructing open grass ditches are better than underground tile.

Old Business

- a. Finding another Director – Dan has not heard from Fairfield County Judge Richard Berens regarding someone who might be interested or Mr. Slater had stated that he might know of some people that would be interested. Dan stated that it would be nice if they live in the watershed and had some basic knowledge and interest in water. They will have to be approved by the Conservancy Court. We have to recommend someone to them and then they approve and swear them in. We are focusing on keeping the water flowing properly with proper maintenance and helping prevent flooding. Dan then explained the history of the previous South Licking Watershed Conservancy District bypass channel project. It wasn't feasible due to the foundation for the dike wouldn't be stable and the soil in the area wasn't able to retain the water. ODNR completed the Channel

widening project from the spillover dam to the South Fork Licking river and removed a large logjam south of SR 40 about 200' from the end of the project. This has helped.

- b. Feeder Ditch – Dan and Jeff Martin explained the feeder ditches original purpose to feed the Ohio Erie Canal. Jeff stated that from their farm to the lake it flows properly but before that it is going into different area as some of the control devises have been broken. Linda asked Jeff if there was a possibility of scheduling a meeting out there with several local officials to help raise awareness. He stated that if it could be scheduled before the crops are planted it would be easy to access everything.
- c. Log Jam north of SR 40 & south of Ridgley Tract Road – Linda stated that Mr. Barton has given us permission to go onto his property and has scheduled going out on February 24th with Dave Medley the Hebron Street Superintendent.

#### New Business

- a. Licking County Soil & Water – multi project proposal – Denise Brooks was unable to attend so this will be dropped until she can attend the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm

Next Meeting: **March 21, 2017 -- 6pm** – Linda stated that she will be on vacation that week and unless another director is found there will not be a quorum for this meeting and it will be cancelled.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Linda Nicodemus