

Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

May 13, 2019 at 6 pm

Hebron Municipal Complex

934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Chairman Dan Blatter called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bob Cumbow, Dan Blatter and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors present: Joe Hart, Matt Baumann, Jeff Martin, Claire Donley

Approve Minutes of April Meeting: Bob moved to approve the minutes as written, Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Linda reported a checking account balance of \$1583.85 as of April 30. There being no discussion or questions, Dan declared the report accepted.

Denise Brooks reports the following by email:

- a. She has not heard anything about the grant for the watershed coordinator.
- b. MWCD will offer a cover crop cost share program this year.
- c. MWCD is piloting a critical seeding program.
- d. She will meet with River Rangers to go over their footage (video) of streambank conditions in the South Fork watershed and discuss the stream maintenance/debris removal project.
- e. Pat Deering, Licking SWCD's Land Preservation Manager passed away. Briana Hodgson will be overseeing the Farmland Preservation Program.
- f. Licking SWCD and the Buckeye Lake Watershed Coordinator have been mapping the Harbor Hills stormwater system.
- g. Licking County & Others MS4 partners will meet May 15th for their quarterly meeting.

Old Business

- a. Log Jam removal: No update, Denise will talk with County Commissioners about another round of funding. Matt Baumann reports Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow has shared with ODNR the problems of the log jam and general flooding of the South Fork and the importance getting something done with the Army Corps, and that the Director supports the need for watershed evaluation.
- b. Feeder Channel – Maintenance: Baumann reports that ODNR verified the \$400,000 study of the Channel is under way. No completion date has been set. Baumann states he soon will be attending a meeting with ODNR about dredging where he also hopes to obtain contacts regarding various other action items being discussed.
- c. Heath Bank Erosion: Heath is continuing the process of bank stabilization as they obtain materials.
- d. Watershed Plan – US Army Corps – New Letter: Letter obtained from Jamie that requests our Letter of Intent to them be resubmitted with a current date. Linda has

prepared the letter; Bob Cumbow moved the letter be signed and resent, Linda seconded, motion carried. Dan signed the letter as chairman of the conservancy district, Linda will submit it.

- e. Use of MS4 Regulations – update: Linda attended the Storm Water Conference last week and learned MS4 regulations have been instituted by other watersheds and conservancy districts. In the case a construction site is not regulated by an MS4 (no MS4 Permit required) plans would need to come before the Conservancy District to verify compliance.
 - i. Millersport Village and Perry County Commissioners need to be contacted. Bob will contact Millersport.
 - ii. We need to contact our counsel to learn the specific steps to take to get these regulations enacted. Dan will contact Brian Reed.
 - iii. Need a map available with the HUCs of the watershed (such a GIS map should be available).
- f. Conservancy Court – funding: Bob discussed the funding issue with Boris at MWCD. Funding: 1) assessment/impose a fee – but can be only to maintain a project that is in place. There are two other means to collect funds but details are unclear. Regarding MWCD continuation of project grants for portions of the SLWCD: grants will continue so long as assessments continue to be collected from the SLWCD area.
 - i. Obtaining dedicated funding does not seem likely in the near-term so we should advise the Conservancy Court of this fact.
 - ii. An option to petition MWCD to become a sub-district still exists.
 - iii. Bob will invite Boris _____, MWCD, to attend the June meeting to explain funding options.
- g. Proposed stream maintenance from Kirkersville – Newark: (see Denise’s comments before Old Business)

New Business

- a. US 40 Walkway Enhancement – Letter of Support (Village of Hebron): SLWCD has been asked to support a lengthening of a new culvert under US 40 in order to eliminate a foot bridge that partially restricts ditch flow in large rainfall events (causing repetitive damage). Bob moved to sign the letter of support, Dan seconded. Vote: Bob-aye, Dan-aye, Linda-abstain; motion passed.
- b. Ed Parrish – questions about operation of Buckeye Lake discharge: He observed that water was flowing over the weir while only a small flow passed the regulated gate. The gate was alleged to be inoperable and the lake level had been raised.
 - i. After research and contact with ODNR we learned that the regulated gate is at its planned level and operated properly and there had been no change of weir level (Sellers Point spillway). The only reason water would flow over weir was due to precipitation—which did happen. This information was relayed to Mr. Parrish.
 - ii. ODNR had investigated the issue within two days of learning of the concern.

Next Meeting: **June 10, 2019, 6pm**

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm

Approved on _____, 20--

Linda Nicodemus

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