



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes November 23, 2021

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

The South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Board of Supervisors met at 6 p.m. at the Hebron Municipal Complex in the library, 934 W Main Street, Hebron Oh 43025. Zoom was available for staff and public to attend.

Those present in person and Zoom were:

| Directors: Roll Call | Public/Guests | |
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| Daniel Blatter | Commissioner David Levacy | Miles Hebert |
| Linda Nicodemus | Kristy Hawthorne | Jen Bowman |
| | Sebastian Teas | Nicole Kirchner |
| | David Straub | |

Those absent/excused were: Kevin Elder

- I. **Chair Blatter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call**
- IV. **Visitors**
- V. **Minutes-** September 28, 2021 & October 26, 2021
Linda Nicodemus moved to approve the minutes for September 28, 2021 and October 26, 2021. Daniel Blatter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Treasurer’s Report-** Director Nicodemus discussed the treasurer’s report for the month of October.
Dan Blatter moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October. Linda Nicodemus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. **Watershed Updates**
 - **BRIC Funding-** Kristy Hawthorne discussed MS Consultants meeting with the Commissioners and presenting them the 2D model showing a 100-year flood plain. She then described the two phases that will take place- 1st phase will be for the continued modeling, engineering and easement purchases in 2022. 2nd

phase will be for the implementation of the project in December 2022. Kristy went on to describe the project in more detail.

- **Licking County Soil & Water-** Kristy Hawthorne stated the ODNR H2Ohio Wetland Grant was not funded. Hawthorne will meet to discuss the scoring process and why we weren't funded so we can strengthen future applications. Kyle Seitz is transitioning to the Watershed Specialist position.
- **Fairfield County Soil & Water-** Commissioner Levacy stated they provided Walnut Township with a \$400,000 grant to study on North bank for flood control. Also met with ODNR to ask about discharging into South Fork spillway. They then found a landowner with more access to discharge.
- **Perry County Soil & Water-** Sebastian discussed finalizing their contract with MAD Scientists Associates for the 319 Wetland. They decided to meet December 3 to show engineers what they are dealing with in person. Sebastian stated he did algae testing at the lake and has determined the aerators are working. There was a decrease in algae levels in the areas with aerators. They will continue to test these areas for the next 4 years. Sebastian discussed taking a group on a tour of Brooks Park and educated them on the wetland.
- **Buckeye Lake Watershed:** Commissioner Levacy stated the Watershed Coordinator position runs out in June of 2022, so they are looking for a grant to keep Sebastian on board.
- **Silver Jacket- South Licking Watershed project:** Linda Nicodemus spoke with JoAnn Combs with Army Corp. The Silver Jacket project has started and Ashley Stevens will be heading that up and prioritize debris fields. Linda discussed the ODOT meeting. Kenneth Woodward with Army Corp, who heads up Huntington Branch, discussed 208 funding, which is debris removal funding. Linda stated they are interested in that funding and they started facilitating the process to apply. We received the funding first try. First \$100 thousand comes from Army Corp and then 50/50 up to \$500 thousand out of their pocket. Silver Jackets are now speeding up to prioritize so the 208 will know where to start. Linda said she gave Sebastian and Kyle as the contacts.

Kristy Hawthorne stated the stream restoration project was removed from the BRIC Grant application so she and Jared Knerr will have discussions with Ken Oswalt about funds for that project.

Linda stated they will be going for the bigger blockages or anything that can affect the public (culverts, bridges, water quality, etc.).

Kevin Elder mentioned that having piping through the Feeder Canal for dewatering to remove sediment would be helpful in gaining better water quality.

- **New Website- Wendy Hollinger- slwcd.org** Linda, Miles and Wendy met to discuss a map. Linda would like something different on the main page of the

website. Miles is going to put a map together with boundaries and identify streams and villages. It will be similar to the Muskingum County Watershed's webpage. There will be a more detailed second map with the HUCs, hydrography, etc.

- **Miles Hebert-** Discussed updating the 1980s watershed plan. Looking to set up a meeting to get all watersheds involved early. Linda stated she will work on getting a meeting set up with the core group.
- **9-Element Plan-** Jen Bowman and Nicole Kirchner- Jen discussed submitting Bell Run Southfork Licking River NPSIS Plan to the Ohio EPA. She stated it was sent to Kristy, Linda, Sebastian and Fairfield County. They have received edits/comments back. Jen is holding a meeting to go over the provided edits/comments. Once that is updated, the draft would be resubmitted to EPA for one final review and then sent to USEPA for final approval.

Jen got the sewer lines for South Licking area to look at the sewer areas. Still waiting for responses from Buckeye Lake and Kirkersville. It helps find the critical sewage areas. Home sewage treatment systems are not mapped, so Jen stated they will look at inverse areas to find septic systems.

Bloody Run Project- Jen stated the first round of sampling has been completed. 2 Students will be collecting data until completion. They will have pre and post construction samples.

VIII. New Business

- a. Annual Conservancy Court- Friday, December 17th at 2 p.m.**
- b. 2022 Budget and County funding support-** Dan Blatter discussed him and Kristy meeting the Licking County Commissioners to discuss funding. Kristy stated approval should be in December and final budget will be sent out in March.

Dan also met with the Fairfield County Administrator to request annual funding.

Perry County is not ready to fund quite yet. They are hoping to have their SWCD provide the funding.

- c. Annual Report-** Dan Blatter discussed needing the Annual Report redone. Dan stated he will discuss more via email and have it for the Annual Meeting.
- d. 2022 Meeting Schedule:** Meetings will continue to be the 4th Tuesday of every month. Linda suggested varying the locations to allow more public to attend.

IX. Motion to adjourn:

Linda Nicodemus moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., Dan Blatter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Next Meeting: December 28, 2021 at Hebron Municipal Complex- 934 W Main Street, Hebron Oh 43025- Linda suggested canceling the December meeting.
Linda moved to cancel the December meeting. Dan Blatter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Administrative Assistant LCSWCD

Daniel Blatter, Chair SLWCD

Linda Nicodemus, Secretary/Treasurer SLWCD