

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LICKING COUNTY,

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IN THE MATTER OF:

OLIVIA C. PARKINSON
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SOUTH LICKING WATERSHED
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Case No. 68 CV 54569

ORDER

This matter came on before this Conservancy Court for the Annual Meeting of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District, on December 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

The Directors of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District attended. The Directors at the time the Annual Meeting commenced were Dan Blatter, Linda Nicodemus and Kevin Elder who was appointed to fill the vacancy since last year's annual report. Legal counsel for the District, Brian C. Reed, was also in attendance.

The Directors then presented for approval by the Court their written Annual Report for the time period December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020. The Report's principle author, Dan Blatter discussed the Report at length. Linda Nicodemus made additional comments about the meetings and developments of the SLWCD.

Attached hereto as Attachment "A" is a sheet signed by those in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The Court solicited comments from those in attendance. The Court made a record of the meeting. The topics discussed at the meeting included: the continued presence of a significant log jam located on the South Fork of the Licking River that restricts the downstream flow of water. The Directors discussed the need for funding to remove the log jam and discussed the estimated fees to accomplish that work. A "Stream Restoration Plan" was discussed and consultants have estimated the cost at \$910,000.

There was discussion about the MWCD meeting held earlier in the year and the learning opportunities that meeting presented including considering “sub-districts” and other methods to mitigate flooding.

The District has been in communication with the Army Corps of Engineers and submitted a Letter of Intent requesting Section 179 Watershed Assessment. An additional Letter of Intent for Section 208 program to address clearing and snagging for flood control as well as a request for FPMS (flood program management service). These programs can provide up to \$100,000.00 of Army Corps work then cost share basis beyond that amount.

The Directors discussed the North Buckeye Lake Drainage Improvement Project as well as the Kirkersville Feeder Assessment Report. The Directors also discussed the allocation of funds from the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, which was appreciated.

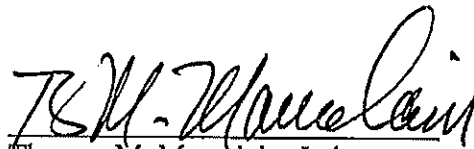
There was discussion about a large flood event that occurred in the District on March 20, 2020, which negatively affected the area. Another flood event occurred in May near Buckeye Lake and at Granville.

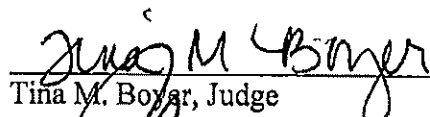
The Directors continued to discuss the need for funding and Linda Nicodemus discussed a draft budget. The Board discussed plans to move forward towards adoption of the recently revised Licking County NPDES Phase II Storm water Management Program (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System – MS4) for District. The 19080’s Watershed Plan remains in need of update.

There appearing to be no further matters for consideration before the Court and District, the Annual Meeting was then concluded and adjourned.

Being satisfied with the contents of the Annual Report, the Court hereby approves the same and has directed counsel to file the Report with the Clerk of Courts.

It is so **ORDERED**.


Thomas M. Marcelain, Judge


Tina M. Boyer, Judge


Richard E. Berens, Judge

cc: Directors of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District
Brian C. Reed, Esq.