

Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

April 8, 2019 at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Chairman Dan Blatter called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Directors: Bob Cumbow, Dan Blatter and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors present: David Straub, Matt Bauman, Claire Donley, Denise Brooks, Joe Hart

Approve Minutes of March 11, 2019 meeting: Bob moved to approve the minutes as amended, Linda seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Linda reported a balance of \$1583.83 after no expenses and 1 cent interest income. There were no questions; Dan declared Treasurer's Report approved as read.

Old Business

- a. Log Jam—Linda stated she had spoken with Boris at MWCD who said there are additional grant monies available for stream debris removal, grants are competitive; also, additional log jam removal grant monies can be applied for money additional to what is already obligated).
- b. Feeder—Matt commented that ODNR has \$400,000 budgeted to improve the Fairfield section of the Feeder; also, ODNR has awarded \$400,000 to a firm to inventory and evaluate the entire Feeder.
- c. Heath stream bank erosion—No updates are known, but it is believed the project is on-going.
- d. Watershed Plan – no new communication with ACOE. Matt had contacted legislators with no meaningful response.
- e. MS4 regulation acceptance/adoption – Some areas have obtained OEPA exemption for MS4 regulations but the SLWCD would still like to apply these regulations to CD portions in Fairfield and Perry; we want feed-back from those areas regarding acceptance to those regulations. Claire Donley is coordinating information for both Fairfield and Perry Counties.
- f. Conservancy Court and funding—Bob points out significant portions of our CD are also within MWCD and already paying assessments. Can or would different assessments amounts be charged to those in or out of MWCD? We need to better learn about funds collected by MWCD from the area in the SLWCD.
- g. Lancers Ditch—the petition has been appealed so it is on hold until action is taken by Court of Common Pleas.

New Business

- a. Stream maintenance Kirkersville to Newark—Linda talked to Boris (MWCD) who stated there is a pool of money available for that. Debris removal & stream bank stabilization along the long stretch of the South Fork. Denise said she would be working on this.

- b. Update/Install new river gauges—local EMA is working on the hazard mitigation plan renewal. Discussed present gauge locations and possible additions to the network. Discussed Buckeye Lake gauge locations. Dave Straub asked for a list of locations where we would like gauges. Gauges are costly to install and for annual operation. (Buckeye Lake Gauge has been relocated next to the automatic gate.) Claire asked for likely gauge locations; responses: Honey Creek, Murphy’s Run, Ramp Creek, Dutch Run, Moscow Bridge, Irvingwick,--looking for MWCD to contribute.
- c. Application for watershed coordinator grant—LCSWCD will be applying and would like a letter of support, including a dollar amount for in-kind assistance we can provide. This letter was sent before our last meeting and has been provided.
- d. SB 2 has been introduced in the Ohio legislature to provide money for watershed work, this work to be done by SWCDs

Next Meeting: **May 13, 2019, 6pm, same location.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm

Approved on _____, 20--

Linda Nicodemus

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