

Minutes

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

April 9, 2018 (Tuesday) at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Call to Order by Chairman Dan Blatter at 6:10 pm. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance.

Roll call was taken with Directors Dan Blatter, Bob Cumbow and Linda Nicodemus in attendance.

Visitors: David Straub (USGS), David Snider (Perry County Soil & Water), Denise Brooks (Licking County Soil & Water), Rick Meyers (Heath), Joe Hart (Licking Twp. Trustee)

March 12, 2018 - Regular Meeting Minutes – Bob Cumbow made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Dan Blatter seconded the motion. All vote to approve.

Treasurer's Report - \$1,741.70 at the end of March. A motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Bob Cumbow and seconded by Dan Blatter. The motion carried.

I. Old Business

- a. Feeder ditches – West Buckeye Lake Drainage Improvement – The letters of approval were sent.

Feeder Ditch: Monies were earmarked in state budget for improvements in lower reaches of feeder--it is unknown who will coordinate funding, designs and construction.

Dan had no response from Hung Thai, Engineer at ODNR, about the Feeder but had contacted ODNR Real estate division, Donna Studniarz, about feeder issues. It is a fair assumption that ODNR's requirement for the ROE indicates their ownership of the Feeder.

Dan learned that it is not appropriate to use Pigeon Swamp Ditch maintenance funds to repair the large tile under the Feeder since that tile was not a part of the original Ditch construction or restoration.

Kevin Keller has cleared many trees from the upstream feeder and wants to do other work, Dan forwarded an ODNR- ROE application to him. Most necessary work is on Van Buren property who does not want to move forward--rather, let ODNR restore feeder; Mr. Van Buren has been trying to work with them for a few years with no success.

- b. Log jam north of SR 40 mid-way to Ridgely Tract Rd – Denise Brooks: Work has not resumed due to weather and site conditions. Partial payment has been made to the contractor. \$22000 remains available for work when it resumes. The debris removed so far has made a notable improvement but much remains to be done. Access to the site is difficult.
- c. Licking River Bank erosion – City of Heath – Rick Meyers – a meeting was held including a general site study showing 5 tributaries come together in a short distance. Erosion continues at an accelerated rate. Planning/Review continues by the City & others.

- d. Conservancy work meeting – Bob Cumbow: Met with John Hoopingarner, MWCD, to learn steps we should take – [we then discussed old plan status] – the existing plan is 38 years old & obsolete. Sense of existing regulations in place, especially zoning, ask for cooperation with other entities in the watershed; we are presently powerless without a functional plan. Discussed lack of authority and lack of funding.

Bob listed a suggested sequence of actions to take:

1. Find out where we stand with the many local regulations, find out Conservancy Court's Opinion, Form stake holders to incorporate all within a plan.
2. Discussed passed assessment activities & its rejection by the Court leading to major reconsiderations of that earlier plan.
3. MWCD does collect monies from SLWCD areas that can be used in the SLWCD.
4. Discussed continuing needs and how these needs might be addressed, opposition mitigated, reach consensus though not in full agreement.

We need to know what we need to know before we can move forward.

II. New Business

- a. Log jam behind Trailer Park off of Reinhart Dr. – Joe Hart stated that he would ask his Street Department to review the area.

III. Correspondences and Director comments:

- a. Regarding Watershed Coordinator- Letter of support for watershed coordinators were sent in support of both Licking and Perry County Soil & Water Districts. Denise stated that she had a good response form the request for support letters. David Snider also had a good response.

- b. Denise discuss the Stormwater Conference in Sandusky Ohio May 9 – 11, 2018

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Nicodemus at 7:18 pm, Bob Cumbow seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: **May 14, 2018 (Monday) -- 6pm**

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Linda Nicodemus, Secretary/Treasurer