

## Minutes

### South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

January 17, 2017 (Tuesday) at 6 pm.

Hebron Municipal Complex  
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

Call to Order by Chairman Dan Blatter at 6:04 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Dan Blatter and Linda Nicodemus

Visitors – Union Township Trustee John Slater, Union Township Administrator Paula Greene, Licking County Planning and Development Director Gerald Newton and David Straub, USGS (United States Geological Survey) Hydrologist.

2017 Organization- Linda made a motion to keep the duties the same as last year with Dan as the Chair and Linda as Secretary/Treasurer leaving the Vice Chair to the third Director when one is found. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved

Visitor's comments:

Mr. Slater asked how long the Director's had been meeting? Dan stated that the Conservancy Court re-established the District on September 11, 2015 and the meetings began January of 2016. Some of the items that needed to be gathered like the records, plans, and maps and some of those were found by the county planning office and some at the Licking County Soil & Water building. We were also directed to find another director and we were hoping they would be from one of the other counties in the watershed. We have sent request to Fairfield County Soil & Water and Perry County Soil & Water. Finding another director to commit to the district has been challenging. Mr. Slater said that he might be able to get the word out to help find someone. Then we decided to contact all the entities within the watershed and inform them that we are active and wanting to find any issues within the watershed that need to be addressed. Thankfully Mr. Newton sent Brad Mercer from County Planning to a meeting two months ago and he compiled addresses and information for the email list we have today. We are also trying to get our district back on the National list of active Conservancy Districts. Funding mechanisms are important and the Muskingum Watershed has been very helpful to us and they are the district are collecting funds for themselves.

Mr. Newton stated that the Buckeye Lake is a major part of the watershed and the majority of the watershed is in Licking County. We need to come together and partner to get funding from the Muskingum Conservancy District to fund projects here. Mr. Newton stated that he had been serving on the Buckeye Lake Committee and reviewing plans that we could return the feeder to its proper design and function. He feels this would be a solution to a myriad of issues. Maybe even have a year around summer pool. David Straub from USGS gave an update on what he had found and information discussed at prior meeting. David discussed the USGS's interest in placing gauges help in the analysis to of data. They want to put gauges on the feeder and Jonathan Creek to see what is flowing into and out of the lake. They have several monitors throughout the watershed that will help track the depth, speed and temperature. They are all accessible for us to view on their website.

Minutes – December 20, 2016– Dan and Linda discussed a few clarifications and corrections and then Dan made a motion to approve them with the corrections and Linda seconded. Both voted in favor

Treasurer's Report - \$2,055.55 checking account balance but the check had not cleared for the Legal Advertisement for the Annual meeting of the Conservancy Court The Annual Meeting of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District before the Conservancy Court at the Licking County Courthouse on December 16, 2016.

#### Old Business

- a. Finding another Director – Dan has not heard from Fairfield County Judge Richard Berens regarding someone who might be interested. Mr. Slater stated that he might know of some people that would be interested. Would we want a list or would we like him to ask them first to see if they are interested. Linda stated to please ask them first and then we will know they are interested before we call. Mr. Newton asked what type or qualifications for the position. Dan stated that it would be nice if they live in the watershed and had some basic knowledge and interest in water. They will have to be approved by the Conservancy Court. We have to recommend someone to them and then they approve and swear them in.
- b. Feeder Ditch – Dan stated that the County Engineer is proposing replacing a bridge over the feeder and they have made suggestions one being a culvert. He stated that with the dam being repaired we feel that this would be a good time to begin planning to repair the feeder ditch and return it to its original design. We feel it would improve the water quality and reduce flooding. Mr. Slater stated that some areas had been purposely changed by local landowners because the feeder wasn't properly maintained and different areas were overflowing. Mr. Slater stated that the bridge would be maintained but now they are talking about a duel box culvert. Will the duel box culverts impede the flow? The box culvert will reduce the flow and we need to ask someone who works there to discuss some of the concerns and possible plans to repair it. Mr. Newton stated that he would have a conversation with the Engineer.
- c. Log Jam north of SR 40 & south of Ridgley Tract Road – Linda stated that Mr. Barton has given us permission to go onto his property and get pictures. Mr. Newton stated that he would speak to Mr. Fortune about using the drone to video the area.

#### New Business

- a. Open

Motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Linda Nicodemus