

**IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
SOUTH LICKING WATERSHED  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**Case No. 68 CV 54569**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TO THE COURT**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 16, 2016**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Daniel Blatter, President  
Linda Nicodemus, Secretary/Treasurer  
(Position Vacant)**

1. Directors Daniel Blatter and Linda Nicodemus served as members of the Board of Directors of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District (Conservancy District) throughout the 2016 calendar year. The third director's position remains vacant.
2. Brian Reed and Christopher Meyer served as legal counsel.
3. The Directors held 11 regular business meetings during the period covered by this report.
4. Joe Koehler was the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist providing assistance to the Conservancy District. Scott Jerome, NRCS Planning Engineer, has served as Project Engineer.
5. The regularly scheduled meeting night of the Conservancy District was the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. The meetings are held at the Village of Hebron Municipal Complex, 934 West Main St., Hebron, Ohio 43025.
6. Conservancy District records were transferred from the offices of the Licking County Planning Department to Director Blatter during the year.

### **DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

Daniel Blatter and Linda Nicodemus were appointed as directors by the Court and given the Oath of Office on September, 11, 2015. One seat on the Board of Directors is currently vacant.

Since the Natural Resources Conservation Service (hereafter NRCS) had determined that the proposed by pass channel is not feasible due to challenges with the soil types, the pace of activity by the SLWCD has continued to be slowed. No new alternatives for flood damage reduction have been developed by NRCS since last determined in 2010. The remaining flood mitigation alternatives of 2010 were acknowledged.

It was learned that the Conservancy District was not included in the USDA-NRCS December 2015 Report to Congress and request for Federal (PL-566) funding due to its inactivity since 2010.

The Directors identified government entities included within the Conservancy District with the intent to involve them in a review and restatement of flood reduction priorities. Directors met with the executive director/secretary of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), John Hoopingarner, during one regular meeting to learn of potential opportunities for cooperation with the MWCD. The MWCD collects funds from the Licking County portion of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District and one goal is to identify flood reduction opportunities for which we could apply to MWCD for funding.

There were NO significant flood events during 2016 that had an impact the South Licking Watershed.

Attempts to identify a qualified and interested individual to serve as Conservancy District Director, preferably from Fairfield or Perry counties, have been unsuccessful so far.

**RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS**

Pursuant to statute, minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors have been reduced to writing and are recorded in a three ring binder marked as the official minutes of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District. The Directors prepare monthly financial reports for approval. The records and accounts remain open for public inspection by appointment. A financial report covering the reporting period is a part of this report. The funds of the Conservancy District are currently on deposit with the Park National Bank. A representative of the Auditor of State reviewed our records for 2005 and decided not to do an audit because of the limited account activity. No other auditing activity has occurred since then.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The regular monthly meetings that were held in 2016 by the Board of Directors were open to the public. During the reporting period, members of the public attended these regular monthly meetings.

This Annual Report is respectfully submitted by:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
SOUTH LICKING WATERSHED  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

DATED: December 16, 2016

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Daniel Blatter

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Linda Nicodemus

This report was prepared by:

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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
SOUTH LICKING WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
January 29, 2016 – November 30, 2016**

**ASSETS**

**Checking Account**

Balance as of January 29, 2016	\$2,160.73
Interest Receipts:	
February – November	.20
Deposits:	
February – November	0
Disbursements:	
Media Network of Central Ohio – Monthly meeting Advertisement	105.40
Bank Balance – November 30, 2016	<u>\$2,055.53</u>
Encumbrances- unpaid	
Media Network of Central Ohio- Lancaster Gazette	\$60.40
Newark Advocate	\$71.32
APG Media of Ohio	<u>\$33.40</u>
Total Encumbrances	\$165.12
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,890.41</u></u>