



Monthly Board Meeting

June 13, 2023

The Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at 4:30 p.m. at the Ag Service Center- 771 E. Main St., Newark, OH 43055

Those present were:

Supervisors	District Staff	District Staff	NRCS	Associate Board	Guests
Bill Goodman	Kristy Hawthorne	Linda Nicodemus	Joe Koehler	Jeff Baker	Dan Orr
Ron Thompson	Britney Stuller	Deirdre Wetmore		Jeff Bates	Jan Orr
Rodney Tornes	Joe Jarvis	Harley Kirkingburg		Mamie Hollenback	Jeff Carr
Seth Dobbelaer	Kyle Seitz	Nick Garavuso			
Kim Byce	Brent Dennis	Briana Hodgson			
	Ethan Koch	Abbie Hogue			

Absent: Deirdre Wetmore, Abbie Hogue, Mamie Hollenback

Chair Dobbelaer called the meeting to order at 4:29 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT- OEPA proposal for Package Sewer Plants to speed up development in Licking, Knox & Delaware Counties.

- a. Jeff Carr discussed the proposal for the package sewer plant
 - Shared example pictures of package sewer plants and explained how they work.
 - Went over cost of plant and operation and how the plant would be operated.
 - Discussed plans and the pros and cons of a package sewer plant.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & STAFF REPORTS

- a. Staff discussed District Highlights
- b. Guest, Dan Orr, discussed working with urban team and stated what a great job they had done helping him with his property.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of May 9, 2023 Board Meeting
- b. Special Fund Financial Report
- c. District Fund Financial Report
- d. Aged Receivables Report
- e. Cash Disbursements Report
- f. Leave Balance Financial Obligation Report- 6, 7 & 8
- g. Overtime/Comp Time approval- listed on Cash Disbursement Report

Bill Goodman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a-g for June 2023 Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Solar Developments-** Etna Township is reviewing Solar Development process, looking to ask Commissioners to be excluded from commercial solar developments
 - Hawthorne discussed that the city does not want solar but the farmers do
 - Looking to have board and staff visit Denison Solar before next board meeting

- 1. Union Ridge (Harrison Township)-**
 - a.** 9-Element Plan submitted to OEPA for review per our contract with Leeward

- 2. Open Roads Renewables (Hartford Township)-**
 - a.** Save Hartford has gotten development moved to Supreme Court

- b. FEMA Grant Update**
 - 1.** Applications selected for further review- SLWCD- Flood Mitigation- Project Scoping
 - a.** Should hear in the next week or two

- c. South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Projects**
 - 1.** Raccoon Creek Debris Field Study, Snagging & Clearing Grant- cost share need for modeling
 - a.** FEMA will cover the first \$100,000.00, will still need approximately \$80,000.00
 - b.** Possible \$500,000.00 snagging/clearing grant
 - c.** Discussed the MWCD grant

 - 2.** Flood Study- 2D Model complete- presentation to Commissioners June 15th at 11:15am
Flood study wrapping up- presentation at SLWCD monthly meeting, June 27th at 6pm

- d. Central Ohio Water Group- Tech Companies Sustainability projects**
 - 1.** Global Tech company direct conversation with us about water quality projects and River Round Up
 - a.** Port Authority could be a potential 65-acre wetland

V. NEW BUSINESS-

- a. NACD Summer Meeting-** Goodman request to attend, motion needed to approve travel expenses

Kim Byce moved to approve Bill Goodman attending the 2023 NACD Summer meeting, Ron Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Asphalt Plant**

- Hawthorne distributed and discussed information sheet
 - 1.** Stated there was no zoning permit
 - 2.** Violations with FEMA
 - a.** Required to go back to 1980's flood plain
 - 3.** Construction plans are on hold
 - 4.** Health department now involved for illegal dumping on site

VI. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. NRCS Report- DC Joe Koehler

- Joe discussed report
 1. Wrapping up EQIP
 2. CSP applications are still being ranked
 3. Brent Dennis is still working on and checking waterways
- Joe stated they have a new summer intern

b. District Report- Kristy Hawthorne

- Urban Program update- Linda Nicodemus
 1. Discussed meeting with Etna partners and elected officials, will be meeting with Union Township next week
 2. NPDES invoices have been sent out, working on updating fee spreadsheet for next year
- GIS Consulting Contract
 1. Linda discussed hiring Annie to train staff on GIS

Ron Thompson moved to approve the GIS Consulting Contract. Rodney Tornes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- District Update- Kristy Hawthorne- updates throughout the meeting

c. Building/Equipment/Safety Committee- Chair Goodman-

- Garage Door opener repair
- Need for additional vehicle for urban work
 1. Hawthorne discussed we are still looking for a new urban vehicle. Working on lower priced options

d. Budget Committee- Chair Thompson-

- Form 11 Review, motion needed to approve

Bill Goodman moved to approve the 2023 Form 11, Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Transfer of Funds, motion needed to approve

Rodney Tornes moved to approve the Budget transfer (\$2,000.00 from training to supplies, \$1,000.00 from training to travel & \$2,000.00 from ad/printing to board member expense), Ron Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Grant Sub-Committee- Chair Thompson-

- Denison grants request to change projects/owner
 1. Stuller discussed all Denison grant recipients withdrew. Professor request to keep Granville Public Library project. Board agreed to deny request and suggest Granville Public Library apply for their own grant.

f. Program Committee- Chair Byce-

- Annual Plan of Work, motion needed to approve

Kim Byce moved to approve the 2023 Annual Plan of Work, Ron Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Policy/Personnel Committee- Chair Goodman-

- Outreach Coordinator/Stormwater Educator position
 1. Abbie Hogue, motion needed to approve new hire

Ron Thompson moved to approve hiring Abbie Hogue as the new Outreach Coordinator/Stormwater Educator at \$20.00/hour, Rodney Tornes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Central Ohio AmeriCorps Program- grant approved from ServeOhio. Next steps for LCSWCD to have an AmeriCorps person this fall
 1. Looking at October as start time for intern
 2. Cost of approximately \$9,000.00 for intern
- Urban Technician job descriptions- draft for review
 1. Linda distributed and discussed new job descriptions for Stormwater Specialist I & II
 2. Linda also discussed goals and timeline for urban team
- Work from Home policy- tabled until next month

h. Nominating Committee- Chair Thompson-

- Candidate needs for 2023- up for re-election: Goodman, Byce
 1. Will need 3 candidates
- Tornes resignation at end of 2023
 1. Hawthorne discussed the process of replacing Tornes position
- Forms due to Committee August 5th, 2023

i. Legislative Committee- Chair Goodman-

- State Budget Discussion
 1. Hawthorne discussed budget cuts

j. Board & Associate Board member reports

- Jeff Baker discussed River Round Up and assisting with lead at the Grove by the River

Kim Byce moved to adjourn at 6:41 pm, Rodney Tornes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Administrative Assistant LCSWCD

Seth Dobbelaer, Chair LCSWCD

Bill Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer LCSWCD