



Monthly Board Meeting

April 2, 2024

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- zoom	Michelle White- zoom
Ron Thompson	Britney Stuller	Deirdre Wise		Jeff Bates- zoom	Dominique Jakobowski- zoom
Rodney Tornes	Joe Jarvis	Harley Kirkingburg		Mamie Hollenback	
Seth Dobbelaer	Kyle Seitz	Nick Garavuso			
Kim Byce	Abbie Hogue	Briana Hodgson			
	Taylor Coy	Jenna Baer			

Chair Ron Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-** Blue Owl Emporium & Mushroom Inoculation
 - a. Staff discussed the visit and explained the process of inoculating logs.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Written report provided and staff discussed district team report
- III. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Minutes of March 12, 2024 Board Meeting
 - b. Special Fund Financial Report- February
 - c. District Fund Financial Report- February
 - d. Aged Receivables Report
 - e. Cash Disbursements Report- March
 - f. Leave Balance Financial Obligation Report- 4
 - g. Overtime/Comp Time approval- listed on Cash Disbursement Report
 - h. 2023 Cash Basis

Bill Goodman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a-h for March/April 2024, Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. OLD BUSINESS-**
 - a. **Kane Learning-** Strategic Planning retreat notes and setting goals
 - Discussion between Board and Kane Learning. Went over mission statement, vision statement and values.
 - 1. Kane went over each item and board made recommendations for changes.

- b. **Grosse Brothers Wetland: 319 Grant approved, H2Ohio Grant for engineer needs to process through TRC- contract with consultant-** motion to approve
 - Kristy discussed the funding for the project. Stated H2Ohio will cover the engineer process.
 - Contract discussed

Kim Byce moved to approve to enter into the contract once approved by the prosecuting attorney with Environmental Design Group for \$35,491.00 for the engineering part of the Grosse Brothers project, Rodney Tornes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS-

- a. **MyFarms “seat”-** designate Kristy Hawthorne & Tayler Coy as signers- motion to approve

Rodney Tornes moved to designate Kristy & Tayler as signers in MyFarms, Bill Goodman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a. **NRCS Report- DC Joe Koehler- written report provided**

- Joe discussed the report, stated Carlton & Mike have been working through EQIP applications
- CSP payments have been made

- b. **District Report-**

- **Urban Program update- Linda Nicodemus**

- 1. **2023 OEPA Annual Report**

- a. Report submitted by the April 1st deadline
- b. Linda discussed the growth that has been shown through the program
- c. Linda stated it was very difficult getting the information she needed from partners and she is looking for ways to simplify the process.

- 2. **Buckeye Valley BIA**

- a. Linda discussed joining the BIA and stated she and Joe attended the Spring Meeting as vendors.

- **District Update- Kristy Hawthorne**

- 1. **Raccoon Creek Flood Study**

- a. Kristy discussed the progress since the RFPs and stated HDR Engineering Firm was chosen for the \$250,000.00 project.

- 2. **USEPA 9-Element Plan update**

- a. It is moving forward and will be completed by June 30th deadline.

- c. **Budget Committee- Chair Goodman – no report**

- d. **Grant Sub-Committee- Chair Dobbelaer & Byce – no report**

- e. **Policy/Personnel Committee- Chair Tornes -**

- The Board feels it is important to build capacity by creating depth in organizational chart with management positions to help with the workload. The topic was tabled at until draft job descriptions can be completed and the budget reviewed.

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- f. **Nominating Committee- Chair Byce –**

- 2 Board positions will be on the ballot this year. Britney will work on election timeline for an October election timeframe.

g. Board & Associate Board member reports- no new updates

Kim Byce moved to adjourn at 6:20 pm, Rodney Tornes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Administrative Assistant LCSWCD

Ron Thompson, Chair LCSWCD

Bill Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer LCSWCD