



Monthly Board Meeting

April 11, 2023

The Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at 4:00 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
Bill Goodman	Kristy Hawthorne	Linda Nicodemus	Joe Koehler	Jeff Baker
Ron Thompson	Britney Stuller	Deirdre Wetmore		Jeff Bates
Rodney Tornes	Joe Jarvis	Harley Kirkingburg		Mamie Hollenback
Seth Dobbelaer	Kyle Seitz	Nick Garavuso		
Kim Byce	Brent Dennis (Zoom)	Briana Hodgson		

Absent: Rodney Tornes, Ron Thompson, Mamie Hollenback, Jeff Baker

Chair Dobbelaer called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Center for Watershed Protection conference- Kristy & Linda
 1. Kristy & Linda discussed the classes they took and how they are looking at implementing some of the things they learned.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & STAFF REPORTS

- a. Staff discussed District Highlights

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of March 14, 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

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Solar Developments-
 1. Union Ridge (Harrison Township)-
 - a. No updates
 2. Open Roads Renewables (Hartford Township)-
 - a. Hawthorne went over a timeframe update

b. FEMA Grant Update

1. No updates

c. South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Projects

1. No updates

d. Intel

1. No updates

V. NEW BUSINESS-

- a. Authorizing participation in 2023 Clean Ohio Local Agriculture Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP)

Bill Goodman moved to approve the 2023 LAEPP Agreement, Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. City of Newark MOU update

Kim Byce moved to approve the updated City of Newark Stormwater MOU agreement for \$20,000.00/year starting January 2024 through March 2026, Bill Goodman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. NRCS Report- DC Joe Koehler

- Joe went over monthly report
 1. 11 EQIP contracts were signed and obligated for approximately \$176,000.00
 - a. 5 more to go for around another \$30,000.00
 2. 3 CSP applications that are in the process of being ranked
 3. Joe discussed Brent's help with working on waterways

b. District Report- Kristy Hawthorne

- Urban Program update- Linda Nicodemus
 1. Post Construction inspection updates
 - a. Linda stated they are working on letters to go out to developers that have not had their stormwater post inspections
 2. Outfall monitoring update
 - a. Linda discussed Nick and Harley going out to monitor outfalls. Stated they are making headway.
 3. Concrete and asphalt plant update
 - a. Linda and Kristy stated the plans have been rejected but the concrete plant could potentially continue without the asphalt plant
 4. Settlement
 - a. Kristy discussed the class action lawsuit that our Soil & Water received a settlement from. Our district received about \$27,000.00 that is matchable.
 5. JEO Consulting
 - a. Kristy and Linda went over the need for a consultant to review/update the county sediment, erosion & stormwater regulations. They then went over the proposal from JEO Consultants

Bill Goodman moved to approve the JEO Consultant proposal for \$8,060.00, Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- District Update- Kristy Hawthorne

1. Tree Sale/Spring events
 - a. Hawthorne discussed the tree sale and went over all the upcoming events
2. Farmland Preservation application cancelled
 - a. UPDATE- application has been reinstated with grounds of better communication and making deadlines
- c. Building/Equipment/Safety Committee- Chair Goodman-
 1. No updates
- d. Budget Committee- Chair Thompson-
 - Form 11 Review
 1. Tabled until next month
- e. Grant Sub-Committee- Chair Thompson-
 1. 2023 Application open in April; deadline in September
 2. Application live on website: <https://lickingswcd.com/what-we-do/conservation-mini-grants.html>
- f. Program Committee- Chair Byce-
 - Annual Plan of Work
- g. Policy/Personnel Committee- Chair Goodman-
 - Outreach Coordinator/Stormwater Educator position
 1. Will be offering Abigail Hogue the position
 - NEW MORPC Intern- Ethan Koch offer, internship program to run May 9- August 11.

Bill Goodman moved to approve hiring Ethan Koch as a MORPC intern at \$16.00/hour, Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Nominating Committee- Chair Thompson-
 - Candidate Information Form- sent to board to review
 - Forms due to the Committee August 5, 2023
- i. Legislative Committee- Chair Goodman-
 - State Budget Discussion
 1. House proposed cutting state matched funds
 - OFSWCD- potential day at the Statehouse for select Districts, May 17th
 1. Hawthorne to attend
- j. Board & Associate Board member reports
 - Jeff Bates discussed the GIS meeting with Kyle, Joe, Linda. Waiting on proposal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- See attached

Kim Byce moved to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Bill Goodman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Administrative Assistant LCSWCD

Seth Dobbelaer, Chair LCSWCD

Bill Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer LCSWCD