



Monthly Board Meeting July 9, 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	Chad Amos
Ron Thompson	Britney Stuller	Deirdre Wise		Jeff Bates	John Williams
Rodney Tornes	Joe Jarvis	Harley Kirkingburg-zoom		Mamie Hollenbaek	Jonathan Ferbrache
Seth Dobbelaer	Kyle Seitz	Nick Garavuso			
Kim Byce- zoom	Abbie Hogue	Briana Hodgson			
	Taylor Coy	Jenna Baer			
	Joseph Platt				

*struck out= absent

Ron Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Kristy Hawthorne- Fostering Sustainable Behavior Conference

- a. Hawthorne discussed the conference and went over the “Barriers to Behavioral Change” session she attended.
- b. Hawthorne went over handout and used “Using a Rain Barrel” as an example for the lesson.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Johnathan Ferbrache (Fairfield SWCD):** discussed Regional Meat Processing Grant. Stated 11 Farm Bureaus are backing the grant.
 - It would be for \$125,000.00 and matched
 - Stated there is just no dairy in Fairfield County and 90% of meat birds are in Muskingum County.
 - Hawthorne recommended LCSWCD contribute \$1,000.00 if the grant is approved.

Ron Thompson moved to approve contributing \$1,000.00 to Fairfield SWCD’s Regional Meat Processing project if their grant is approved; Bill Goodman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **John Williams (Liberty University):**
 - John introduced himself and stated he is working on his doctoral
 - Discussed the agrarian demand with farms and growing demographic
- c. **Hawthorne: Union Township-**
 - Asking for LOS from Commissioners
 - Discussion with Carolyn Carnes (Union Twp PA)
 - Table until FEMA or ODOT projects are completed
- d. **Staff discussed team report**

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of June 18, 2024 Board Meeting
- b. Special Fund Financial Report- June
- c. District Fund Financial Report- June
- d. Aged Receivables Report
- e. Cash Disbursements Report- July
- f. Leave Balance Financial Obligation Report- ~~11,12~~
- g. Overtime/Comp Time- listed on Cash Disbursement
- h. Special Fund line item transfer
- i. CDAR Renewal- August

Bill Goodman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a-h for June/July 2024; Rodney Tornes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board has decided to shop around for the CDAR renewal for a better rate.

Bill Goodman moved to withdraw motion; Rodney Tornes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Goodman moved to approve the Consent Agenda without CDAR renewal included. Rodney Tornes seconded. Motion carried unimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS-

- a. **FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant-** Commissioners assigned Soil & Water as the grant's agent. RFQ has been finalized and on website. Legal ad will run July 10th.
 - \$328,000.00 budget
 - August 13th is the deadline to submit RFQs
 - Open at beginning of next board meeting.
- b. **Equipment Purchase-** Discussion regarding drone for surveying purposes
 - **Drone-**
 1. \$26,243.21
 2. J. Ferbrache discussed the use in Fairfield SWCD and the benefits
 3. Suggested working with Chad and Nikki at Fairfield SWCD
 4. Could assist with FP annual monitoring.
 5. Discussed which fund (Special or District) it should come out of.
 - **Work phones for KH and LN-**
 1. Hawthorne and Nicodemus discussed the need for a designated work cell phone
 - a. Phone price is under Hawthorne's limit

V. NEW BUSINESS-

- a. **Corporate Sustainability Goal funding-** 2024 pilot corporate funding round: winning just over \$1million to fund an 11-acre
 - Banded Brothers Wetland in Kirkersville on Feeder Canal
 - \$1.89 million budget, which would cover building it and maintenance
 - More info to come.

VI. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a. NRCS Report- DC Joe Koehler- written report provided
 - Discussed report
 - EQIP contract written with a total obligation of \$1 million

- b. District Report- Kristy Hawthorne
 - Urban Program update- Linda Nicodemus
 1. Discussed the FedEx-Scannell property final walk through. Still need 5 things to complete.
 2. VanNess property- Issues in stream from Intel
 - a. Working with landowner
 3. Nicodemus discussed working with Licking PA, Bryce on an MOU with TRC and the Engineer's office
 4. Working on Stormwater Management Program changes
 5. Caldo Concrete- Nicodemus discussed issues they were having with them
 - District Update- Kristy Hawthorne
 1. Strategic Planning update
 - a. Draft Strategic Plan sent
 - b. Byce will assist in looking it over
 - c. Byce suggested Dobbelaer assist
 2. Harvey Solar: MOU for funds to clear debris from Otter Fork watershed- initial discussion
 - a. Update to MOU, Hawthorne discussed the changes but stated we are still in the waiting period.
 3. Invitation to provide input on Planning Director search
 - a. Hawthorne asked to provide input
 4. ODA Farmland Preservation Advisory Meeting and 2024 funding
 - a. Hawthorne discussed what ODA is funding
 - b. Would like to supplement with CDAR or Money Market that was dedicated to supplement/assist with funds.
 5. Hawthorne discussed email with Representative Claggett
 - a. EPA Hearing Tuesday, Hawthorne will provide public comment
- c. Budget Committee- Chair Goodman –
 - Audit completed, no exceptions found, no follow up meeting requested
- d. Grant Sub-Committee- Chair Dobbelaer & Byce –
 - Video from Hopewell Commons Condo Association
- e. Policy/Personnel Committee- Chair Tornes –
 - Administrative Assistant & AmeriCorps member advertised
 1. AmeriCorps contract- contract shared and discussed

Rodney Tornes moved to approve entering into AmeriCorp contract with Franklin SWCD; Bill Goodman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Nominating Committee- Chair Byce –

- g. Board & Associate Board member reports

Bill Goodman moved to adjourn at 6:54 pm, Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Operations Coordinator LCSWCD

Ron Thompson, Chair LCSWCD

Bill Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer LCSWCD