



Monthly Board Meeting December 14, 2022

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	NRCS Staff	Associate Board
Bill Goodman	Kristy Hawthorne	Joe Koehler	Jeff Bates
Ron Thompson	Britney Stuller		
Mamie Hollenback	Joe Jarvis		
Seth Dobbelaer	Kyle Seitz		
Kim Byce	Brent Dennis		
Rodney Tornes(elect)	Briana Hodgson		
	Linda Nicodemus		

Absent: Jeff Baker

Chair Dobbelaer called the meeting to order at 4:27 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
 - a. Officer Election & Committee appointments in January
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**
 - a. Staff discussed District Highlights
- III. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Minutes of November 16, 2022 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- periods 21 & 22
 - g. OT- listed on Cash Disbursement Report

Bill Goodman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a-g for December 2022 Ron Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Solar Developments-**
 - **Union Ridge (Harrison Township)-**
 - 1. No update
 - **Open Roads Renewables (Hartford Township)- Currently “on hold”**

1. Contracts with Open Roads Renewables to review and discuss

- a. Soil & Water has been asked to be the escrow account holder for the good neighbor agreements for four landowners. Would like to schedule a meeting with the landowners who have a Good Neighbor Agreement to understand what their expectations are for us as the escrow holder.
- b. MOU for services – SWPPP review, soil testing, water quality testing. With the Appeal of the approval of certificate, everything is on hold.

b. FEMA BRIC Grant Update

- Application coming along. OEMA has been helpful in working through the process. OEMA application due to National EMA by January 27th.
1. DPA Hawthorne distributed and discussed a grant diagram that was introduced to LCSWCD by EMH&T. She explained the work would cost approximately \$1-2 million.

c. South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Projects

- The supersized debris field at South Fork Dairy was November 18th, Bill, Ron and Kim attended. The state of the site and land use was discussed.
- On December 2nd, the SLWCD Directors had a Special Meeting for a Flood Study update. Bill & Rodney attended. A written report provided by EMH&T was distributed. Rodney and Bill provided an overview.
- Raccoon Creek Debris Field Study – The Section 208 Grant has been approved for the next step. If approved, \$500K would be available to help remove jams/snags.

d. H2Ohio Wetlands Grant

- No updates
- Deadline for 2023 applications is expected to be July 1st.

e. Intel

- Central Ohio Water Group- Environmental Foundations contracted with national and international businesses moving into the area have been in contact with the Nature Conservancy looking for projects in the Scioto watershed. Kristy has reached out to Foundations directly as well as continued to be part of the group conversation.
- Raccoon Creek Watershed Advocacy Group –Interest in creating a “friends” group has been discussed. An email list serv was created. To request to be added to the list, email walc+admins@gaggle.email

f. Ag for Tomorrow- Discussions with Farm Bureau

- No updates

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business

VI. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a. NRCS Report- DC Joe Koehler

- Joe discussed all the new contracts and projects being worked on.

b. District Report- Kristy Hawthorne

- Urban Program update- Linda Nicodemus
 - a. Linda provided an update on the inspections and workload.

- b. Kristy and Linda discussed the need to have a Landowner's Information Meeting in January to update the landowners in the main stem of the South Fork watershed on all projects and studies underway.
 - 2. Violation Tracking
 - a. Nicodemus discussed a tanker spill that was full of magnesium that had to be watched as it was close to a wetland and stream.
 - b. The OEPA and concerned citizens have been sending us complaints.
 - 3. MCM 5- Post Construction Inspections~ contract for services
 - a. Kristy and Linda discussed the need to contract out to review the this required control measure. Hawthorne provided a scope of work and quote from JEO Consultants for \$4,999.00 to assist with bringing the program into compliance.

Mamie Hollenback moved to approve the MCM 5 contract with JEO Consultants for \$4,999.00. Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- District Update- Kristy Hawthorne
 - 1. Tree Sale- Hawthorne stated nursery orders are complete and dates have been set. Order sheet/ descriptions have also been updated and ready to go.
 - 2. LAEPP approved local sponsor for 2023. Pre-application deadline is January 20th.
 - 3. Licking County Township Association meeting is our opportunity to meet with all 25 townships at one time. The meeting is scheduled for January 7th.
- c. Building/Equipment/Safety Committee- Chair Goodman-
 - Kristy is looking at alternative office space since we OSU is still occupying the office off the small conference room. Options include satellite offices in the MS4 communities for Urban Technicians and options for utilizing the small conference room.
- d. Budget Committee- Chair Thompson-
 - Soil & Water is on the Commissioner's schedule on December 15th at 12:30 pm. This will be a quarterly update as well as answer any questions about the submitted budget.
- e. Grant Sub-Committee- Chair Thompson-
 - No updates
- f. Program Committee- Chair Byce-
 - The Board and staff provided thoughts on the Annual Banquet.
- g. Policy/Personnel Committee- Chair Hollenback-
 - Linda provided an update on the Urban Technician interviews and candidates.
 - The Team Evaluations will be completed prior to the January Board Meeting.
- h. Nominating Committee- Chair Byce-
 - No updates
- i. Legislative Committee- Chair Goodman-
 - No updates
- j. Board & Associate Board member reports

- k. Hawthorne discussed closing the office at noon on Friday, December 23rd and Friday December 30th. The board agreed to close on December 23rd and close at noon on December 30th.

Kim Byce moved to approve closing the office on Friday, December 23rd and closing at noon on Friday, December 30th. Mamie Hollenback seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

****Board has agreed to change the days of the board meetings from the 2nd Wednesday of every month to the 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning in January.**

Upcoming Meetings/Important Dates announced:

SWCD on Commissioner's Agenda: December 15th at 2:30pm, Administration Building

SLWCD Annual Meeting/Conservancy Court: December 16th at 2pm, Downtown Courthouse on the square

South Fork Watershed landowners meeting: January 4th at 11am, Pizza Cottage in Buckeye Lake

2023 OFSWCD Annual Partnership meeting: February 20-22nd, Columbus Renaissance Downtown

2023 NACD Annual Meeting Feb 11-15 in New Orleans – Kristy, Britney & Seth registered

2023 Center for Watershed Protection National Conference in San Diego, California April 24th-27th

Mamie Hollenback moved to adjourn at 5:46 pm. Bill Goodman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Administrative Assistant LCSWCD

Seth Dobbelaer, Chair LCSWCD

Bill Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer LCSWCD