



Monthly Board Meeting November 14, 2023

The Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at 4:30 p.m. at the Ag Building; 771 E. Main Street, 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 Wise		Jeff Bates
Rodney Tornes	Joe Jarvis	Harley Kirkingburg		Mamie Hollenback
Seth Dobbelaer	Kyle Seitz	Nick Garavuso		
Kim Byce	Brent Dennis	Briana Hodgson		
	Abbie Hogue			

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

I. BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS & STAFF REPORTS

- a. Written report provided

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of September 18, 2023 Board Meeting
- b. Special Fund Financial Report- September
- c. District Fund Financial Report- September
- d. Aged Receivables Report
- e. Cash Disbursements Report- October
- f. Leave Balance Financial Obligation Report- 16, 17, 18
- g. Overtime/Comp Time approval- listed on Cash Disbursement Report

Bill Goodman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a-g for September 2023 Ron Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. FEMA Grant Update

- We have officially been awarded the grant- \$328,000.00 for the 2D Model Study

b. South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Projects

- Budget will be provided for cost share for various projects
- Raccoon Creek Debris Field study, Snagging & Clearing Grant- USACE waiting for 2D Model to be completed by Silver Jackets. Feasibility study on hold and cost share has been requested.
- Flood Study- 2D Model complete- Final report has been submitted. Working through process for public record requests.

- c. **Central Ohio Water Group-** Tech Companies Sustainability projects
 - Global Tech company direct conversation with us about water quality projects and River Round Up
- d. **USGS Water Quality Monitoring Equipment & Testing-**
 - Equipment has been ordered. Bridge that the gauge is installed on is going to be replaced in 2024. Working through where the equipment will reside during construction, etc. Commissioners have committed financial help for annual testing costs.
- e. **USEPA 9-Element Grant-**
 - Awarded \$15,000.00 to complete plans for Headwaters of Raccoon Creek and Mootz Run. Requesting quotes from engineering firms. Must begin the process by December 1st and complete by June 30, 2024.

V. **NEW BUSINESS-**

VI. **COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

- a. NRCS Report- DC Joe Koehler- off through October 16th
- b. District Report- Kristy Hawthorne
 - Urban Program update- Linda Nicodemus-
 1. Written report provided
 2. Linn Concrete update
 - a. Hearing has been rescheduled for October 27th at 1:30pm
 - b. Linda discussed the issues and stated they are costing taxpayers
 - District Update- Kristy Hawthorne- how does the board want to see this presented?
 1. Written report provided- Hawthorne asked the board how they would like to see the updates in the future. They have agreed to continue with emailed updates and written reports
- c. Building/Equipment/Safety Committee- Chair Tornes-
 - Office by the small conference room is officially empty and ready for us to move in! Cubicles and 2 computer drops ordered.
- d. Budget Committee- Chair Dobbelaer-
 - Committee met October 6th, draft budget will be reviewed at meeting
 1. Request for more time to get everything in order before presenting to the board. Special meeting a possibility if not granted an extension.
- e. Grant Sub-Committee- Chair Thompson-
 - Review Committee- Ron, Bill & Megan Evans
 - 9 applications submitted for this funding round
 - Currently being reviewed and scored by the committee
- f. Program Committee- Chair Byce-
 - Kim suggested looking into Kane Learning to assist with Strategic Planning
- g. Policy/Personnel Committee- Chair Goodman-
 - Committee met on October 6th, report out

- Ag Technician position posted
- AmeriCorp member recruitment- planned start date: December
- Operations Coordinator position description

Ron Thompson moved to approve Britney Stuller's promotion to Operations Coordinator at \$24.00/hour. Kim Byce seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Updated Dress Code from County HR- move to approve for Soil & Water policy manual

Rodney Tornes moved to approve the updated dress code policy from the Licking County Human Resources Ron Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Nominating Committee- Chair Thompson-
 - Election going on through October 31st, see newsletter for voting dates/times
- i. Legislative Committee- Chair Goodman-
 - none
- j. Board & Associate Board member reports

Bill Goodman moved to adjourn at 5:29 pm, Ron Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Britney Stuller, Administrative Assistant LCSWCD

Seth Dobbelaer, Chair LCSWCD

Bill Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer LCSWCD