

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District met in regular session at the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District office in Defiance, Ohio, on January 16, 2018. In attendance were Richard Ricker and Mark Moats, Directors; Clark L. Army, General Manager; Wendy Yunker, Sec/Treas; Steve Wilson, Engineer and Project Manager; Adam Hoff, Stantec; Mark Gazarek, Hancock County Commissioner; David Blatnik, State Government affairs Manager for Marathon Petroleum Corporation; Denise Grant, Reporter for The Findlay Courier, Doug Jenkins, Reporter for WFIN and the following concerned citizens: Steve Cramer, Paul Craw, Richard Kirk, Ginger Sampson, Sharron Dunbar, Linda Bishop Mary Ann LaRoche, Kathy Goecka and Vanessa Vandale.

Chairman Richard Ricker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Election of Officers: After discussion, Mark moved to keep Dick Ricker as Chairman and George Ropp as vice-chairman. Dick seconded, Yeas 2.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved as mailed. Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Dick. Yeas 2.

Financial Reports: The financial reports for August along with the CD tracking were approved as mailed. Wendy informed the Directors of the changes with OPERS concerning the spouses of retired rehired OPERS members. Jim explained that the healthcare allowance for spouses has discontinued and MWCD may reimburse that amount, same as we have been for the retired rehired OPERS members. Motion was made by Mark to approve financial reports and to reimburse the healthcare allowance for the retiree and spouse. Motion seconded by Dick. Yeas 2.

Adoption of Resolution: Motion was made by Dick to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2199

To Approve Bridge, Ditch and Drainage Plans

Be It Resolved, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District accept the information submitted as having no variance with any plans of the District, on bridge and ditch improvements by counties, as follows:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BRIDGE/DITCH</u>	<u>DATE FILED</u>
Van Wert	Jefferson Street Bridge Replacement	11/10/17
Wood	Doug Pratt Ditch No. 2481	9/29/17

Putnam	Leipsic Raw Water Intake	10/2/17
Wood	Gerald Moser Single Ditch Improvement Project No. 2480	12/20/17

Mark seconded the motion. Yeas 2.

Perrysburg Fire Station Water Retention Outlet Structure: Lynn informed the Directors that MWCD engineer, Dave Kuhn, had also reviewed plans for the new Perrysburg Fire Station since the overflow water will be drained into Grassy Creek. Dave submitted his written opinion that there will be no adverse effects on MWCD's waterways. Mark move to approve the Fire Stations plans, seconded by Dick. Yeas 2.

Meeting Notice Ruling: After doing some research, Lynn stated that per the Ohio Sunshine Laws pertaining to regular meeting notices, our meeting postings will be posted in The Defiance Crescent News since our meetings are held in Defiance and Defiance is MWCD's county of origin.

Blanchard River Watershed Partnership Renewal Donation: After discussion, Mark moved to donate \$50 to the BRWP as in previous years. Dick seconded. Yeas 2.

Little Auglaize River Update: Lynn went over the 2017 Pipes installed, riprap placed, stream repairs made and other work that has been done in the Little Auglaize Watershed.

St. Joseph River Update: Lynn informed the Directors that the contractor for the log jam removal in the St. Joseph river has not completed the work for this year and suggests that the District looks for other contractors for assistance.

Grassy Creek Update: Lynn stated that with the wet Springs, we may need to add a fourth mowing to Grassy Creek to keep up with the rapid growth of vegetation along our stream in the Grassy Creek Watershed.

Lower Blanchard River Update: Steve Wilson stated he is no longer going to be working as a sole proprietor, he will be now working as FrostbiteFalls, LLC and presented the Directors with a new contractor for 2018-2019. After review, Mark moved to accept the contract, seconded by Dick. Yeas 2. Steve Wilson stated the appeals court land rights litigation decided in MWCD's favor so now the case is back in Judge Brogans Putnam County Common Pleas court to decide if we will be going to trial or what the next steps will be.

Upper Blanchard River Update: Adam, from Stantec Engineering Firm, discussed invoice #15 submitted by Stantec in the amount of \$77,173.62. After review, Mark moved to pay the invoice and the motion was seconded by Dick. Yeas 2. Adam stated that initial contact has been made with Norfolk Southern. There will be a public Information meeting held in Findlay on January 24th regarding the Hydrological Improvements. Adam informed the Directors that the bid opening had taken place for the Phase I – Tree clearing contract for downtown Findlay. H & H land clearing came in as the lowest bid and Stantec has checked their credentials. Adam recommended awarding the bid to them.

Adoption of Resolution: After discussion, Motion was made by Mark to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2200
To Approve the MOA and Present the Notice of Award
to H & H Land Clearing for Phase I

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approved the MOA with Hancock County Commissioners and the City of Findlay regarding the payments and terms for the Tree Clearing Project in Findlay. Directors authorize Lynn to sign the Notice of Award contract to H & H Land Clearing.

Dick seconded the motion. Yeas 3.

Linda Bishop addressed the Directors with a Letter to the Editor she had written concerning the Upper Blanchard activities and presented a poster board presentation with other Letter to the Editor articles for review.

Approval for Storage Facility Rental Renewal: Lynn stated the original lease agreement with Dasher Rentals is due for renewal February 1. Mark moved to sign another 2-year lease agreement with Dasher Rentals with the terms to remain the same. Dick seconded. Yeas 2.

Legal Counsel Update: Jim informed the Directors that both court cases that were in the appeals court were decided in MWCD's favor. He has a meeting set up with Judge Schmenk to go over the annual conservancy court agenda.

General Manager Report: Lynn reported he has been working on the year-end appropriations and maintenance info for the annual report. He has signed off on year-end financials. Lynn worked with Dave Kuhn on the Ditch and Bridge plans. Lynn has been working with the lawyers in regards to steps forward in the legal matters.

Maintenance Manager Report:

- • Driving and Inspecting along District areas, several fallen Trees cut and removed from 15' Easement and/or Waterway
- Meeting with Contractors to show them repair work assignments
- Old unused Cattle crossing slopped filled in by contractor
- Maintenance of Chainsaw, clean and sharpen chains
- Large erosion sites repaired with rock, and 18" pipe replaced, and slope repairs made on Little Auglaize river by Contractors
- 2 Equipment crossings cleaned on Town Creek and Hoaglin Creek
- 2 Fallen Trees removed from Town creek, 6 removed from Maddox Creek, 4 from Hagerman Creek, and 2 from Prairie Creek
- New Brake shoes and rotors put on District Blue Truck

Meeting dates 2017: February 13, April 10, May 4 (court mtg.), July 10, Sept 11 and Nov. 13

Adjournment: Dick moved for adjournment at 10:55 a.m. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.

Richard Ricker, Chairman

Wendy J. Yunker, Sec/Treas.

**Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
Audit Committee Meeting
January 16, 2018**

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Audit Committee met in regular session at the District Office at 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, Ohio, on January 16, 2018. In attendance were Richard Ricker and Mark Moats, Directors; Clark L. Army, General Manager and Wendy J. Yunker, Secretary/Treasurer.

Dick called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Wendy explained the financial procedures, while the committee reviewed the vouchers, bank reconciliation and financial statements to be in accordance with, and to satisfy the State Auditors checks and balances of an accounting system.

Dick moved to adjourn the Audit Committee meeting at 11:15a.m.

Richard Ricker, Director

Wendy J Yunker, Sec/Treas.