Conservancy District

Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2026

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 April 7, 2026. In attendance were David Kuhn, Mark Keber, and John Motter, Directors; Wendy Yunker, General Manager; Emilee Rankin, Secretary/Treasurer; Kurt Warnimont, Maintenance Manager; and Jim Weaner, Legal Counsel.

President David Kuhn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were approved as mailed. Motion was made by Mark to accept the minutes. Seconded by John. Yeas 3.

Approval of Financial Reports: The financial report for March along with the CD tracking were approved as mailed. Motion was made by John to accept the financials. Seconded by Mark. Yeas 3.

Medical Mutual Renewal: Wendy informed the Directors that Medical Mutual is up for renewal with a 20.6% increase from last year. She discussed how she had checked into switching carriers, but the increase could be closer to 30%. After discussion a motion was made by David to renew the insurance with the current plan. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.

Upper Blanchard River Update: Wendy reported for Steve Wilson on the following items:

Upper Blanchard – Funding

- The FEMA grant has been approved but official announcement continues to be delayed by the partial government shutdown.

Upper Blanchard – NS Bridge

- Work Agreement with NS has been finalized
- Do not have an estimated bid date; NS will be contracting with AECOM in the next 2 weeks to provide bidding services and construction management; will learn more on the schedule after AECOM is officially on board.
- The Columbia Gas pipeline relocation has been delayed and is scheduled to start on May 24.
- Now that the NS bridge Work Agreement is complete, we will begin to finalize the separate Work Agreement for the benching beneath the new bridge.

Wendy also informed the Directors that James Routson called concerned about the NS bridge widening, that it could cause issues downstream. Mr. Routson informed Wendy that he has spoken with Steve Wilson about his concerns and has tried to reach out to Stantec but is not satisfied with the responses. Wendy informed Steve Wilson and he stated he would reach out to him again to discuss the concerns.

Upper Blanchard – Hydraulic Improvements Phase 1

- The Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) has been formally submitted to FEMA. Stantec has responded to the initial list of review comments.

Upper Blanchard – Additional Hydraulic Improvements

- Waiting for approval of the FEMA grant to begin the bidding process.

Upper Blanchard – Eagle Creek

- Had a good meeting with John Larbus regarding flowage easement on his properties at the corner of CR 40 and CR 75. Working on a purchase agreement.
- Still working with Camp Berry on a flowage easement agreement.
- A date for the next Planning Advisory Committee has not been scheduled.
- Waiting for approval of the FEMA grant to begin the bidding process.

John Motter asked legal counsel about whether we should be putting no trespassing signs along the acreage to prevent people from entering. After discussing it, and past experiences, it was decided that at this point it would not be necessary/beneficial.

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- The field work requested by ODOT has been completed. Bockrath is adjusting the survey plat and will re-submit to ODOT this week.

Little Auglaize River Update: Wendy stated road to road stream inspections are done. There are many pipe replacements that will need done on Maddox Creek (number somewhere in the teens). She updated the Directors on the Judgement Entry received for the Kedar Army case. If he still refuses to pay, the next step will be proceeding with the foreclosure.

Grassy Creek and Schaller Ditch Update: Wendy stated that we received an e-mail about a trash complaint along Grassy Creek. Kurt did go out to check into it. The fence is doing its job to prevent the bulk of trash from getting into the creek, but with so many nearby restaurants leaving dumpster bins open the trash will continue to be an issue. We still have not been able to secure an easement to Helen Drive so ODOT will be informed to move forward with the federal highway for access.

St. Joseph River Update: Wendy stated the contractor has pulled 94 log jams and is done working on the river as of now. If the recent storms did more damage, there is still room in the budget to be able to send contractors back out if needed.

Legal Counsel Update: Jim stated he has still been working obtaining an easement to Helen Drive from Mr. Stearns.

General Manager Report:

- Mailed out the 2025Annual Reports to conservancy court judges – 8 rsvps
- Reserved Sweetwater for the luncheon after court hearing
- Ordered golf gifts for Schmenk's retirement basket
- Recorded the last Van Wert miscellaneous assessment payment
- Received first half payments from all 7 counties
- Uploaded 4 of the counties payment files but will need to get with Steve Jay to reprogram the other 3 counties.
- Went through filing cabinets and boxed up the files to be scanned in for electronic copies

- Continuing to work with Scott Gordon for court case against Army's
- Continuing to update ODOT on the Padmnbah request for an easement on Helen Dr.
- Pulled weeds around the office, mowed and sprayed for ants
- Stream inspections from the road and checking in with maintenance men weekly for updates
- Reinvested five CDARS that matured in March/April
- All invoices are paid up to date with supporting vouchers filed
- Check our bank accounts daily to verify their balance matches our balance

Maintenance Report:

- Stream inspections near completion
- Serviced John Deere tractor, office mower and JD gator
- Removed trees (6) from streams as found during inspection
- Ordered and received chemicals for 2026 spray season
- Inspected Grassy Creek/Schaller Ditch areas-
- mended fence where had previously been joined together, found large hole in middle of Helen Drive, asked our local Contractor to place Plastic Barrel, and yellow flagging around this area for public safety
- District snowplow returned to cold storage in Van Wert
- Inspected St. Joe River areas for logjams from bridges and roads where river can be seen
- Replaced office doorknob

Meeting dates 2026: May 1 (Court), June 9, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

Adjournment: John moved for adjournment at 9:34 a.m. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.

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David Kuhn, President

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Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
Audit Committee Meeting
April 7, 2026

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Audit Committee met in regular session at the District Office at 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, Ohio, on April 7, 2026. In attendance David Kuhn, Mark Keber, and John Motter Directors; Wendy J. Yunker, General Manager; Emilee Rankin, Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Weaner, Legal Counsel.

David called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Emilee 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.

John moved to adjourn the Audit Committee meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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David Kuhn, President

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Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.