

Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 11, 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 August 11, 2026. In attendance were David Kuhn, Mark Keber, and John Motter, Directors; Wendy Yunker, General Manager; Emilee Rankin, Secretary/Treasurer; Kurt Warnimont, Maintenance Manager; Jim Weaner, Legal Counsel; Steve Wilson, Project Manager (via phone); and Adam Hoff, Engineer.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 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 July along with the CD tracking were approved as mailed. Motion was made by John to approve the financials. Seconded by Mark. Yeas 3.

Re-Appropriation of Accounts: Wendy informed the Directors that an account needed re-appropriated for 2026.

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

Resolution 2416
To Amend 2026 Receipts/Appropriations

<u>Acct#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Add'l Approp</u>	<u>Total Approp</u>
10-04-01	Engineering	\$11,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$15,000.00

Mark seconded the motion, Yeas 3.

Hoff Consulting Engineering Services Contract: Adam presented the Board with a contract for general engineering support in relation to various projects and plan reviews, All services shall be invoiced based upon an hourly rate of \$135.00 per hour through CY2027. Mileage expense will be invoiced based upon the allowable IRS rate (currently \$0.725/mile) and all direct expenses will be invoiced at direct cost, without markup. Discussion was made to increase this years contract amount by \$4,000.00 and prepare for an amount next year of \$7,500.00.

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

Resolution 2417
To Amend and Accept General Engineering Contract
With Hoff Consulting Services, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to amend and accept the contract with Hoff Consulting Services, LLC with an increase of \$4,000.00 for 2026 year. And an estimate of \$7,500.00 for the 2027 year.

Mark seconded the motion, Yeas 3.

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

Upper Blanchard – NS Bridge

- NS received bids on July 14. Three bids were received. NS gave the 3 bidders until July 31 to present their best and final bid. After reviewing the best and final results, the contract will be awarded to Kramer North America for their original bid amount.
- The Columbia Gas pipeline relocation is complete.

Upper Blanchard – Hydraulic Improvements Phase 1

- FEMA has until September 6 to issue the Letter of Final Determination for the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Once the Letter is issued, a FEMA required 4-1/2 month public appeal period will begin. If no appeals are filed, the LOMR will become official shortly after the appeal period has ended.

Upper Blanchard – Additional Hydraulic Improvements

- A pre-construction meeting was held on August 5. Construction may be delayed due to the requirement that trees not be removed before September 30.
- Helms estimates they will deliver 1,000 to 1,300 tons of solid waste daily to Hancock County Landfill. The County has received permission from Ohio EPA to increase the total daily tonnage that can be received. Fees to be charged by the Landfill for the solid waste were not included in the bid and will be negotiated with the County Commissioners and added to the construction as a change order. The fees will be paid through the FEMA grant.

Upper Blanchard – Eagle Creek

- A pre-construction meeting will be held on August 25. Mobilization will begin that week.
- A date for the Groundbreaking ceremony is still being finalized.
- Trying to schedule a follow up meeting with John Larbus regarding flowage easement on his properties at the corner of CR 40 and CR 75.
- A meeting with Camp Berry to discuss the flowage easement agreement will be held on August 28.
- CNI/Independents Fiber Network owns an existing fiber optic line within the right of way of TR 49. The original plan was to keep this line in service and relocate a portion of it into the new dam embankment. After discussion with CNI at the site, it was determined the preferred alternative would be to relocate the line completely outside the flood basin footprint. CNI has requested reimbursement for a portion of the cost of relocation. A request will be submitted to Ohio EMA to determine if FEMA funds can be used for the reimbursement.
- A date for the next Planning Advisory Committee has not been scheduled.

Norfolk Southern Bench Widening

- Excavation of material beneath and adjacent to the NS bridge on the north bank of the River will be bid as a separate project when the bridge is completed. This project is eligible for the use of FEMA funds.

Upper Blanchard – Funding

- FEMA funds for the flood basin need to be directly related to the dam embankment, spillway, and exterior and interior drainage. State grant funds can be used for the remaining costs. Our plan will be to use all of the FEMA funds that can be justified.
- If any grant funds remain at the conclusion of the projects they will need to be returned to FEMA and the State, unless other flood mitigation related suggestions for the use of the funds are identified. A Scope of Work for these suggestions would need to be approved by FEMA or the State before the funds could be spent.

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- A Teams meeting was held with Bockrath and ODOT District 1 on August 6. It appears the issues have been resolved with the boundary survey have been resolved. Bockrath will submit a final survey plat.

Little Auglaize River Update: Wendy reported Kedar Army paid the court for the judgment. The court will then disperse the money to us. Spraying and mowing are ongoing.

Grassy Creek and Schaller Ditch Update: Wendy stated that she attended a meeting with ODOT on access to the Diversion Channel. They are looking into more options. Harbor town South plans are being revised.

St. Joseph River Update: Kurt reported that he floated 5 miles last week. And all the rain is going to cause more log jams.

Legal Counsel Update: Jim stated he reviewed and signed off on contracts. And plans to stay on as legal counsel until the annual court meeting in 2027 minimum.

General Manager Report:

- Returned boxes that were rented from Emerge and put away all paper copies of files that were scanned electronically
- Met with Adam and Dave to discuss the diamond interchange and MWCD access then had a Teams meeting with ODOT to discuss
- Met with City of Perrysburg officials and Feller Finch engineer to discuss Harbor Town Homes South plans and concerns
- FRA update meeting
- Inspected Grassy Creek Diversion Channel and Schaller Ditch
- Gathered signatures on contracts with Helms and Miller Brothers, sent out completed forms
- Renewed Kurt and Todd's spray license for 2027 – Connor needs to recertify his hours before we can renew his license
- Mowed the office lawn and pulled weeds
- 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:

- Continue summer spraying along streams, 81.5 miles completed (Paulding/Putnam County areas near completion)
- Mowed flats along Dog Creek
- Continue mowing town yards in Van Wert
- Brush cutting back berms where necessary (very few places due to spraying back berms with spray rig)
- Removed dirt off berm where new crossing was put it on Hoaglin Creek
- Logjam inspection on St. Joseph River, 5 miles recently Canoeed and logjams marked

Meeting dates 2026: September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

Adjournment: John moved for adjournment at 9:44 a.m. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.

David Kuhn, President

Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.

**Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
Audit Committee Meeting
August 11, 2026**

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Audit Committee met in regular session at the District Office at 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, Ohio, on August 11, 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 9:45 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 10:02 a.m.

David Kuhn, President

Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.