

Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
July 14, 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 July 14, 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); Adam Hoff, Engineer; Derek Dalton and Mackenzie Wachob, Stantec; Tony Burger, Miller Brothers Construction.

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

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

Upper Blanchard River Update: Steve Wilson reported on the following items via phone:

Upper Blanchard – NS Bridge

- NS has extended the bid date from July 7 to July 14 at noon. Bid results will be shared with the Board as soon as possible.
- The Columbia Gas pipeline relocation is nearly complete. The existing gas line is closer to the tracks than originally thought. More shoring had to be installed to protect the track during the connection of the new gas line to the existing.

Upper Blanchard – Hydraulic Improvements Phase 1

- The Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) has been fully reviewed by FEMA. The process will be in a FEMA required public appeal period starting in September which will last until mid-January. If no appeals are filed, the LOMR will become official shortly after the appeal period has ended.

Upper Blanchard – Additional Hydraulic Improvements

- Bids were received on June 30. Helms and Sons submitted the low bid at \$3,699,040. Recommendation for award is provided by Stantec. Request the Board authorize award of the contract and further authorize Wendy to execute the Notice of Award.

Award bid: After discussion, a motion was made by John to approve the following resolution.

Resolution 2414
To Accept Additional Hydraulic Improvement
Bid From Helms and Sons

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to award the bid to Helms and Sons, the lowest bidder at \$3,699,040.00, to construct the Additional Hydraulic Improvement. Authorizing Wendy to sign.

Mark seconded the motion, Yeas 3.

- Helms will prepare an estimate of the daily tonnage of solid waste to be delivered to Hancock County Landfill. The County will then seek an exemption from Ohio EPA to increase the total daily tonnage that can be received at the Landfill to accommodate Helms' expectations. 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 can be paid through the FEMA grant. Currently expecting to haul 55-60 truckloads a day with 15-20 tons per load.

Upper Blanchard – Eagle Creek

- Bids were received on June 30. Miller Brothers Construction submitted the low bid at \$32,075,000. The review of qualifications statements indicates an acceptable level of experience. Recommendation for award is provided by Stantec. Request the Board authorize award of the contract and further authorize Wendy to execute the Notice of Award.

Award bid: After discussion, a motion was made by David to approve the following resolution.

Resolution 2415

To Accept Eagle Creek

Bid From Miller Brothers Construction

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District move to award the bid to Miller Brothers Construction, the lowest bidder at \$32,075,000.00, to construct the Eagle Creek Basin. Authorizing Wendy to sign.

Mark seconded the motion, Yeas 3.

- 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.
- Still working with Camp Berry on a flowage easement agreement.
- 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. ODNR is reviewing this request to determine if State Grant funds could be used for the reimbursement.
- A date for the next Planning Advisory Committee has not been scheduled.
- Assuming contract award and execution go smoothly, a groundbreaking ceremony may be set for late August, early September.

Norfolk Southern Bench Widening

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

Upper Blanchard – Funding

- Ohio EMA made a cursory review of the bids received for the Additional Benching and Flood Basin. Their initial conclusion is that all costs within the bid for the Additional Benching can be covered by the FEMA grant. The 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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- Still waiting on a final resolution to this.

Little Auglaize River Update: Wendy reported on Dog Creek a culvert was replaced, a log removed, and rip rap was done at a site. She has been working with Jim Weaner and Scott Gordon on the Army Sherrif sale. Currently 43 miles have been sprayed.

Grassy Creek and Schaller Ditch Update: Wendy stated the Federal Highway denied ODOT an access gate. After discussion with Adam Hoff, the Directors would like Wendy to discuss the possibility of ODOT obtaining an easement off Helen Dr. instead of the proposed plan of pulling off State Route 23. The second mowing was done by the contractor.

St. Joseph River Update: Wendy reported the contractor has removed 11 more logjams.

Legal Counsel Update: Jim stated he has been reviewing the ODOT property in wood county. Reviewed 2 contracts for awards. And he is still waiting on Scott Gordon for the Kedar case.

General Manager Report:

- Spoke with landowner on GC diversion channel requesting to plant trees on the edge of his property
- Attended various meetings regarding updates for the NFS bridge replacement
- Attended pre bid meetings in Findlay
- Attended the Maumee River Advisory Council Meeting in Grand Rapids
- Reinvested CDARS for June
- Cleaned up trash along Grassy Creek Diversion Channel
- Posted Annual Report notice in the paper as required
- Returned Bid Bonds to contractors
- Helped maintenance men with lawn care/reseeding

- Worked with ODOT to come to an agreement about maintenance access sites on the Grassy Creek Diversion Channel
- Working with Scott Gordon to follow through with the sheriff sale in hopes to collect the money owed to MWCD
- Stream inspections from the road and checking in with maintenance men weekly for updates
- 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:

- Had 3 flat tires on the spray truck at one time. Could only repair 2, had to purchase 1 new tire
- Continuing spraying
- Used John Deere tractor to mow Stream Banks through City of Vanwert along Town Creek
- Continuing to mow town area yards
- Took dump trailer to get new tires, the ones on it were getting really worn and cracked
- Showing Contractor repair areas, weather permitting.
- Talked to a Landowner on Town Creek about some trees down
- Logjam Inspections on the St. Joe River has begun
- Inspected Grassy Creek and Schaller Ditch areas in Perrysburg

Meeting dates 2026: August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

Adjournment: John moved for adjournment at 9:30 a.m. Mark seconded. Yeas 3.

David Kuhn, President

Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.

**Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
Audit Committee Meeting
July 14, 2026**

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Audit Committee met in regular session at the District Office at 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, Ohio, on July 14, 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 9:33 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 9:58 a.m.

David Kuhn, President

Emilee Rankin, Sec/Treas.